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FFA Organization Values Analyzed by Professor Cox

[No finer tribute to FFA work or keener analysis of its values and aims has come to the attention of State officers than the address by Prof. E. E. Cox, principal of Slocomb High School, and delivered over Station WGAF, Dothan. We take pleasure in reprinting it below as taken from *The Wire-grass Future Farmer*, an excellent district paper.—R. E. CAMMACK.]

Any organization is of permanent value only to the extent that it serves. An organization that does not serve cannot live, but will die, and that soon. There is hope for the Future Farmers of America for they have set up a definite program of service, and I am persuaded that most of them work at the job.

The service activities of an FFA Chapter are not selfish. I would like to call your attention to the local chapter activities:

First.—The chapter cooperates with all school activities. It realizes that it is a part of the school and thus it serves the school in every way possible. Its major activities in this respect are exterior. It is especially interested in school-ground beautification. The best teaching is by example. Every school should have beautiful grounds. The Slocomb School is especially proud of its campus, and the agricultural department is due most of the credit for having them so. The FFA Chapter is the organization within that department that has these activities in charge. When in Slocomb, see the school campus.

Second.—Any organization will not live and serve without self-improvement; hence the FFA Chapter has improvement activities. It realizes that it can serve others better by self-

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Ward Chapter House



Adviser Washington (left) is pictured above with five members of the Ward FFA Chapter who "put their shoulders to the wheel" and evidenced particular interest in erection of this Chapter Camp House. Look carefully and you can see that the boys have already planted shrubbery around the house which will make the lodge most attractive next Summer. Members shown above are, left to right, Gray Speed, Canady Rew, J. C. George, Melvin Harwell, and Charles Allen. The boys will equip the house with furniture and cooking facilities. A number of the FFA's worked like Trojans on the house during the Christmas holidays. Principal C. S. English most graciously gave members a holiday to complete the house, but the boys found it necessary to employ two former FFA's, J. D. Ezell and Charles Allen, who completed the lodge.

Knows His Poultry



Phillip Bukley, Fort Payne Chapter, is shown here with a part of his flock of 38 white leghorns which averaged 76 per cent production in December. Phillip also owns a beautiful registered gilt which has been bred to a purebred male. Adviser Culver says Phillip is "doing a fine job" in project work and forsees for him a top-notch record during his next two years of agricultural study.

FFA's Now Busy Planning Practice Projects for 1937

The month of February finds hundreds of Alabama's FFA boys doing some real thinking and planning in order to be ready to launch their practice project early in the Spring.

This year's indications are that not only the number of projects will be larger, but that the quality of those carried to completion will be greatly improved.

Because of this present attention to project-planning, a glance at the 1936 accomplishments of three high-ranking FFA boys will indicate some of the profitable achievements which may be attained in FFA work.

Phillip Bukley

For example, Phillip Bukley, of the Fort Payne Chapter, planned a three-year program as follows:

1st Year: 3 acres corn, 100 White Leghorn baby chicks, 1 sow and litter, 1-acre home orchard.

2nd Year: 10 acres of corn, 150 laying hens, 2 sows and litters, home orchard continued.

3rd Year: 12 acres of corn, 250 laying hens, 2 sows and litters, more trees planted in home orchard.

During his first year Phillip made a profit of \$22 on poultry, \$16 on his sow and litter, \$62 on his corn, and \$10 on his home orchard project. Phillip says the money he made is not as valuable to him as the lessons he learned in improved farming methods. Not only that, but he points out that his projects proved that a farmer may, by wise planning, have a constant income the year-round. "In earning and spending my own money, I am enjoying life; and through these projects I have come to appreciate the freedom and security of country life," he said. "I face the future with still greater enthusiasm, because I expect to invest my money in larger projects in 1937."

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1937 Cooperative Demonstration Program

A cooperative demonstration program will be sponsored again this year by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., for the Alabama FFA Chapters under the supervision of teachers of vocational agriculture.

Full information regarding the program is carried below.

Rules and Regulations

1.—There will be a fertilizer demonstration conducted by the FFA Chapter and supervised by the teacher of vocational agriculture in every white vocational school in Alabama, provided the school makes application for the demonstration to M. H. Pearson, 517 Shepherd Bldg., Montgomery, by March 1, 1937.

2.—In the event all schools do not apply by this date, any school desiring more than one demonstration may get same provided the total demonstrations do not exceed the total number available.

3.—The demonstration must be a supervised practice project under the vocational teacher, and a copy of the production record furnished M. H. Pearson.

4.—The demonstration shall consist of 2½ acres.

5.—The demonstration may be either cotton or corn at the discretion of the teacher.

COTTON.—If cotton is used, the demonstrator agrees to furnish a minimum of 400 pounds of fertilizer per acre, containing not more than 3% nitrogen. This fertilizer is to be used on the 2½ acres at or before planting. At first dirting after chopping he agrees to side-dress 2 acres with 200 pounds Chilean Nitrate per acre, at one application, leaving ½ acre as a check which receives no side-dressing.

CORN.—For corn no fertilizer is recommended at planting. The demonstrator agrees to side-dress 2 acres with 200 pounds Chilean Nitrate per acre at one application 45 days after planting, leaving ½ acre as a check which receives no nitrate.

Whether cotton or corn is used, the check plot **MUST BE** in the center of the demonstration. If corn is used, it must not be inter-planted with a summer legume.

6.—**THE CHILEAN NITRATE EDUCATIONAL BUREAU AGREES TO:**

(a) Pay for 400 pounds Chilean Nitrate to be used on each demonstration.

(b) Furnish blank cards to vocational teachers for the purpose of conducting a field meeting and guessing contest at each demonstration where, in the opinion of the teacher, the contrast is sufficient to justify. The Executive Committee of the local FFA Chapter will be responsible for determining the winners of the guessing contest.

(c) Offer a prize of \$2 for the person guessing nearest to the actual yield of the side-dressed area and the check plot at each field meeting held.

Rules Governing The Location of The Demonstration

1.—The demonstration shall be placed alongside and adjacent to a publicly traveled road, preferably a state highway, and accurately measured by the teacher.

2.—The demonstration shall be located so that the rows will run at right angles to the road or highway as nearly as practicable, and where there are no road banks or other obstructions to prevent a good view of the field. The demonstrator agrees to erect a sign which will be furnished.

The FFA Chapter in each of the three vocational supervisors' districts having the best demonstration will be awarded a radio receiving set of standard make, the cost of each set not to exceed \$50.

The Demonstration Will Be Judged Upon The Following Basis

1.—Number of news articles placed in the local papers about the demonstration as determined by clippings submitted to M. H. Pearson and the District Supervisor 30 points

2.—Attendance at field meetings as determined by guessing cards turned in to M. H. Pearson 30 points

3.—Location of demonstration from the standpoint of roadside advertising and accessibility for conducting a field meeting 30 points

4.—For visits to the demonstration by fertilizer dealers due to the efforts of the vocational teacher, or any member of the FFA Chapter (names and address of dealers must be furnished to M. H. Pearson) — 10 points

FFA On The Air!

Right now is the time to "red circle" on your Chapter calendar the second Monday of each of the 11 remaining months in 1937. It is on these days that the National FFA Radio Programs will be on the air from coast to coast over NBC during the Farm and Home Hour, 11:30 to 12:30 p. m.

TUNE IN WAPI OR WSB

These programs may be heard over either WAPI, Birmingham, or WSB, Atlanta. If humanly possible, every Alabama FFA boy and his adviser should hear these excellent programs of valuable information and inspiration, as well as fine entertainment. Regular features include music by the United States Army Band, and the FFA Bulletin Board, with special features by clever entertainers, soloists, dramatizations, skits, playlets, music by the NBC Homesteaders Orchestra, and interviews and talks by national figures in FFA and vocational agricultural work.

The next program will be broadcast on Feb. 8, its theme being "Recreation and Social Life" in accordance with the 1937 theme of "The Farm Home". Here are other dates and themes: March 8, "Improving the Exterior"; April 12, "Providing Food"; May 10, "Good Health"; June 14, "Music"; July 12, "Rural Aids and Services"; Aug. 9, "Improving the Interior"; Sept. 13, "Schools and Instruction"; Oct. 11, "The Farm Workshop"; Nov. 8, "Light, Heat, and Power"; Dec. 13, "A Satisfying Farm Home".

And don't forget this: These programs would likewise be of great interest to the FHA girls at your school. Why not arrange for the FHA Chapter to be your guests for these broadcasts from 11:30 to 12:30 o'clock on every **SECOND MONDAY**? At any rate, be sure to call their attention to these programs.

If there is not a radio receiving set at your school, any enterprising dealer would gladly install one—either battery or AC—at your school for the program each month. It would be good advertising for him, and he, no doubt, would be glad to do this educational service.

TIP FOR A CHAPTER PROJECT: Raising of funds to secure a receiving set for the school. This has been done already by some chapters. There are radio programs almost every hour of the day and night which have distinct educational value.

Notice!

Public Speaking Entrants

The names of all FFA boys who enter the annual public speaking contest should be sent not later than February 1 to B. W. Appleton, Box 504, Montgomery, representative of the Barrett Company. Names should not be sent to W. H. Appleton, 133 Carnegie Way, N. W., Atlanta, as was indicated in the December issue. Since the first of the year W. H. Appleton has resigned his position with the Barrett Company, being succeeded by his brother, B. W. Appleton, former Walker County agent.

Has your Chapter added 10 books to the library this year?

Practice Projects

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John Ussery

Under the direction of John Ussery, who is serving as president for the second year of the Millport Chapter, and Adviser Green, the membership of this Chapter has increased from 18 to 52. But this and his ambition to become a Future Farmer this year has not prevented John from carrying the following practice project:

- 1 purebred sow.
- 1 acre cotton.
- 5 acres soybean hay.
- 2½ acres corn.
- ½ acre sweet potatoes.

In these projects he used the best methods of fertilization and cultivation and the best varieties of pure seed, according to recommendations of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn, and taught by Adviser Green, teacher of vocational agriculture.

Total value of the projects at the close of the year was \$405.60, with a net profit of \$280.71. One hundred bushels of corn was produced on two and one-half acres. "These results have convinced me that the best fertilizer for cotton is 6-8-4, and that nothing is needed for corn on ordinary soils except nitrogen.

The purebred sow was fed on a balanced ration consisting of 60 pounds of corn meal, 32 pounds shorts and 8 pounds tankage. "To John", stated Adviser Green, "project work means more than keeping records; it means taking home the things that he studies and putting them in practice."

William Bolen

A "high B" Senior II of the Magnolia Chapter is William Bolen, who has demonstrated the value of proper feeding of swine. Being captain and quarterback on his school's football team last Fall offered no greater thrill than that which he received when his purebred gilt last October won first prize and \$10 at the Magnolia Community Fair sponsored by his FFA Chapter. (See cut above.) Adviser Oakley purchased it for William as a two-months-old pig. She later farrowed.

A full feed of shelled corn and skimmed milk was used, with free access to carpet-grass pasture. Mineral mixture—equal parts slaked lime, salt and charcoal—was self-fed.

Knows His Hogs



When judges at the FFA-sponsored Magnolia Community Fair checked their records they found that the 400-lb., purebred Poland China, 11-months-old gilt (pictured as sow with her owner—William Bolen) had taken first place and the \$10 prize offered by Swift & Co. Adviser Oakley says that William plans to "grow" into the hog business with the excellent beginning he has already made.

District News

Auburn—Initiation of 16 Future Farmers was conducted by Collegiate Chapter (Ala. Poly.) on Jan. 12. Those receiving the degree are Alfred Mitchell, Millard Mullin, Bruce Whatley, Beauregard; Owen Story, Harold Pitman, Auburn; Billy Johnston, Charles Louthier, Smith Station; Wilbur High, Edwin Houlstun, Frances Tucker, Jones Blasengame, Bruce Harris, Edward Landrum, John Smith, William Longley, James Van Ausdale, Camp Hall.

Montgomery—Field day and basket ball tournament will be held at Holtville on March 2. Basket ball finals are scheduled for the evening with volley ball, horse shoes, tennis scheduled also for the afternoon. Teams from Ramer, Wetumpka, Holtville, Eclectic, and Marbury will take part in the tournament. Plans have been made to send representative to National Convention next fall.

Notice to District Advisers: Asst. State Adviser H. F. Gibson, Auburn, desires the names and addresses of all district officers, and chapters in district. If your District is NOT included in the following list, please send this information to him at once: Andalusia, Butler, Conecuh, Auburn, Clay Co., Coosa Valley, Dixie Four, Central Ala., Decatur, DeKalb, East Ala., Western Wiregrass, Muscle Shoals, North Ala., Prairie, Marion Co., Lamar Co., and Little River State Park.

Values of FFA

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improvement. This is done by holding regular meetings properly conducted, with regular programs. It also affiliates with the West Wire Grass district, and the State Association. It cooperates with the State organization in essay and public speaking contests, thus giving the individual an opportunity for self-improvement. The local Chapter engages in activities to raise money that it might spend on the department to make it more efficient and give the members a better opportunity to serve. For the past two years the local Chapter has rented land and planted it in cotton—the proceeds were spent on the department and for educational trips. These have been both profitable and enjoyable.

Third.—The Chapter has a community interest. It has used its influence and knowledge to help the farmers of the community in the Soil Conservation Program. It has helped to improve the cotton yield through the cooperation with the farmers in the securing of better and improved seed, and in the adoption of better methods of fertilizing. The Chapter has conducted terracing demonstrations; cooperated with the farmers in buying fruit trees; vaccinated hogs against cholera; and conducted a rat-poisoning campaign last Fall.

Fourth.—The chapter believes in advertising. Thus through its radio programs and news articles in local papers it places before the public its services. It's not boasting; it simply pays to advertise.

Fifth.—"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"; hence the FFA believes in recreational activities. It fosters each year a Father-Son Mother - Daughter social and makes at least one camping trip each year. It also has its teams for various games. The FFA has a well-rounded program of activities.

With the proper leadership on the part of vocational agricultural teachers, the Future Farmers of America will make themselves felt in a great way in American life. Parents of these boys should give every encouragement to them in this most important service.

Have five of your Chapter members entered the Essay Contest? February 1 is the final date! Act now, before it is too late.

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

From Pres. Wells to You---

District Awards

Since we have recognized the district as a powerful and important unit in our organization, why not allow the districts to award one of the two degrees now being given by the Chapters? Also, since the district is larger, it should award the higher of the two degrees—that of Future Farmer. This degree, of course, would be awarded only to the members recommended by the Chapters. The district could confer the degree with a much more impressive ceremony than is possible by the local unit.

Remember the Adviser

Another matter to which the Chapters composing a district should turn their attention is the payment of

their own transportation to and from district meetings. If they can arrange this with their adviser on a mileage basis, it will be most convenient. Any method the Chapter may adopt is satisfactory, so long as the adviser is remunerated for his services.

Father-Son Banquets

Every FFA Chapter in Alabama, no matter how small or how large, should sponsor a Father-Son banquet. If convenient, this banquet can be made a Father-Son Mother-Daughter affair through the cooperation of the Home Economics Club. This is a much more impressive banquet than one given by either organization alone, since it permits the girls to prepare and serve the meal, while the boys assist them and aid in preparation of the program.

Living at Home

Each chapter should spend some time on stressing the use of home-grown products by its members. We recognize the need of more "living at home" as one of the great problems which face American agriculture today.

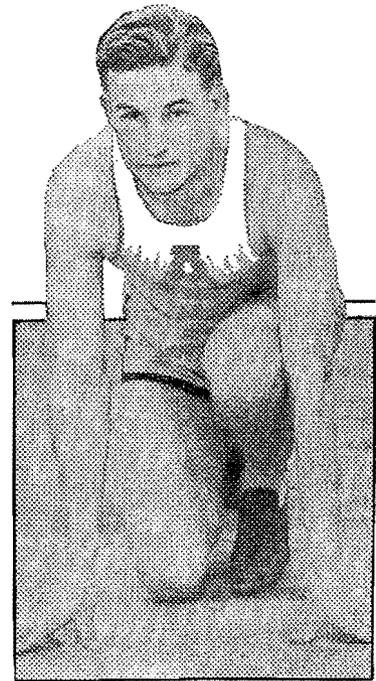
When we stop to look around us, we are surprised at what we can make and use from the very materials of which we have an abundant supply. It is by using these home-produced materials that we will be doing our part in promoting the "life abundant" for ourselves and posterity, because the utilization of them will tend to cause a sounder, well-rounded economic system on the farm.—C. W. WELLS, JR., *State Pres.*

From State Treasurer---

April 1 is the final date for the payment of \$2 by each Alabama Chapter toward defraying expenses of the State Convention. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Pete Turnham, State treasurer, and mailed to Mr. R. E. Cammack, State adviser, Montgomery. Let me urge that that this be done without fail.

We have set our membership goal this year at 3,750, an increase of 250 over 1935-36. Each member, under direction of his Adviser, should do his utmost to get 100 per cent of vocational agriculture boys enrolled in FFA work. If this is done, we will far surpass our goal.—PETE TURNHAM, *State Treasurer.*

Former FFA President



WILTON KILGORE

A former president of the Wadley FFA Chapter, Wilton Kilgore is now one of the South's foremost athletes. He was Auburn's No. 1 fullback during the past season and was recognized by many as the best all-round performer at his position in the Southeastern Conference. In addition to being an outstanding football player, Kilgore is the S. E. C. 440 champion and was undefeated in this event as a junior last season. He will defend this quarter-mile championship as captain of Auburn's 1937 track and field team.

Notice To Advisers

Beginning with this issue, an extra copy will be mailed to all Chapters to be filed by the Adviser. You are urged to keep a copy of each issue in your permanent files, and it is suggested that a manila folder would serve as a convenient means of doing this.

In the next issue it is hoped that a regular column may be started which carries news notes about successful FFA alumni. It is believed that such material will be an inspiration to present members. If you know of any former FFA boy who is now successfully engaged in farming or business, please include this information with the Chapter report. Pictures, particularly action photos, will be welcomed—especially those showing a former FFA boy engaged in successful farming.—R. E. CAMMACK.

News From The Chapters

Abbeville—Eight Future Farmers and 16 Green Hands initiated; F-S M-D banquet on Nov. 19 great success; average attendance, 32. **Albertville**—Eleven new members; operating school store; organized quartet; all members paid dues; host to Gadsden District meeting; seven ready for Future Farmer degree; held F-S banquet; presented radio program; **PLANNING TO ERECT CHAPTER HOUSE.** **Addison**—Two coons and seven squirrels bagged on Chapter hunt—members spent night in the woods; that night two members did "good turn" by preparing supper and carrying it to an old man who lived alone near scene of hunt. **Akron**—Chapter considering purchase of FFA ties and belts; activity program well underway. **Alexandria**—Chapter staged o'possum hunt; 14 new members; Davis Weaver, Leon Lom, Charlie Sides, Clyde Key, and Adviser Pirkle represented Chapter at District meeting; school-ground beautification project underway; members built table and chairs for grammar school. **Aliceville**—Rat-eradication campaign planned in cooperation with Rotary Club; held squirrel supper.

Arley—F-S banquet held in Dec.; gave play to help finance Chapter program. **Ashland**—Landscaped Methodist Church; sold shrubbery; Chapter basket ball team played Lineville at Clay County District Tournament; cooperating in staging District F-S banquet to be held here.

Athens—Made trip to Belle Mina Experiment Station; planned program for district meeting; sponsored terracing on large number of farms; built terrace drag; Chapter visited Wilson and Wheeler Dams on educational tour in Dec.—made study of fertilizer methods at Nitrate Plant No. 2, Muscle Shoals; built cabinets for shop tools; planned supervised practice projects. **Atmore**—Improving home orchards by selling fruit trees to members and farmers in community; cooperated with P. T. A. in staging exhibit at carnival—won \$5 prize; sponsored motion picture show to raise funds; sold pansy plants; made \$5 selling peanuts at football games; held annual F-S M-D barbecue with aid of FHA—attended by 250—toastmistress was FHA Pres. Melene Danziger and principal address was given by Senator Swift—others on program: Glenn Waters, Helen Pearson, James Nall, Jim Brown, pres. Lions Club; and Capt. Alva Hawke—Grace Freeman and Reporter Black named outstanding members of two clubs—entertainment for program given by Betty Lisenby and Mrs. Goldsmith's Harmonica Boys; sold 175 fruit trees to

members and farmers; plans made for landscaping City Hall. **Auburn**—Represented by Adviser Gibson and several members at District meeting; joint social planned with FHA; initiated Future Farmers; re-organized program of work.

Baker Hill—150 present at F-S M-D banquet—those on program: FHA Pres. Annie Laurie Thomas, FFA Sec. William Bush, Treas. J. W. Hartzog, Ray Houston, Willie Maude Lee, Laura Wallace Houston, and Co. Agt. Clapp—guests of honor, State Adviser R. E. Cammack and Miss Katherine Forney, state supervisor of vocational home economics; Chapter basket ball team to enter Eastern Wiregrass FFA Tournament at Abbeville. **Bear Creek**—Chapter supper and hunt attended by 27, including school faculty; candy and school supply store project progressing; plan to visit TVA phosphate plant at Sheffield. **Beauregard**—Sponsoring four-year "Go to College" Program in livestock, poultry, field crops and home orchard to the end that a boy may finance himself through college or have enterprises that will permit his entering the business of farming after he completes four years of vocational agriculture. **Belgreen**—Organized basket ball team; initiated several Future Farmers; Chapter gave quail-squirrel-rabbit stew supper.

Berry—Planted 1 1/2 acres to crimson clover, seed of which will be harvested by Chapter-built, mule-drawn stripper next Spring; good profit made last year from sale of seed from two acres of crimson clover; raised money by sale of shrubbery, soft drinks, etc.; Chapter submitted bid for landscaping Junior High School; monthly socials planned for remainder of year; landscaped two homes. **Billingsley**—John Griffin elected District president; will set out 50 Tung oil trees in community.

Blountsville—Made \$15 on beauty contest, \$10 on "sale" of turkey; 54 paid-up members—largest in State. **Blue Springs**—Sponsored highly successful Community Fair under direction of Principal J. N. Phillips and Adviser Porter—attended by several hundred visitors, including Co. Supt. P. A. McDaniel, whose address in the afternoon proved to be one of the high lights of the event; exhibits included "Ideal Farm" entered by Chapter, which won \$5-first prize; featured exhibit was that of relics—old guns, Indian tomahawks, 300-year-old pitcher, Bible printed in 1856, old spinning wheel—each school grade prepared exhibits; FHA girls sponsored exhibits of bread-making, clothing, and canning, with aid of Ladies' Club. Pruned two orchards; will enter District Basket ball

Tournament; wrote article for Wiregrass Future Farmer and mailed 80 copies.

Brilliant—Paid \$3 for Thanksgiving turkey and "sold" it for \$15.20; had part in selling \$40 order of peach and apple trees; initiated seven Green Hands; box supper and beauty contest netted \$42, which was used to finance F-S M-D banquet at which 200 were present; "sale" of Christmas turkey not so good, but we didn't lose any money; members had great time at District meeting; progressing with plans for educational tour to Washington in August. **Butler**—Chapter officers given Future Farmer initiation by Sweetwater team; prepared evening school equipment for Home Ec. Dept.; set out tree for Butler Co. Garden Club; aided Adviser Fleming in giving oyster supper at evening school meeting.

Camden—Initiated eight Green Hands; improved Chapter library, adding two shelves for books; constructing playground equipment. **Camp Hill**—With FHA, held box supper and fiddlers' convention; Chapter nursery will supply shrubbery to beautify homes of Senior II vocational students this Winter; 12 Future Farmers initiated at District meeting held with Auburn Collegiate Chapter. **Carrollton**—100 per cent attendance; candy sales netted \$8.40; aided FHA with Christmas tree; 15 entered essay contest. **Cedar Bluff**—Made \$50 this Fall from sale of soft drinks at football games; 22 paid-up members; gave 30-minute broadcast of WJBY, Gadsden; host to Gadsden District meeting; average attendance 95 per cent. **Centerville**—Aubrey Snipes, elected new vice-president; assisted with installation of lighting and erection of fence on football field; 20 members and 10 visitors, including Prof. G. H. Stacy, honorary members, attended Chapter chicken fry.

Citronelle—Saving money to establish curb market for sale of produce and vegetables grown by members, each of whom will plant one-half to one acre in vegetables. **Cold Springs**—Started nursery; established library; minstrel show planned; beautifying campus. **Collinsville**—Gave 30-minute radio program over WJBY, Gadsden; gave social with aid of FHA; Chapter represented at DeKalb District meeting by Pres. Saye, Vice-Pres. Jordan, Sec. Dobbs, and Treas. Coker.

Columbia—Taking fruit-tree orders and will sell fruit-tree spray. **Columbiana**—Helped stage exhibit at State Fair—won sixth place; landscaped home; exhibit at county fair took first; terraced farm. **Corner High**—Initiated three Green Hands; New Adviser G. W. Holmes arrived Nov. 24; all members attended chicken supper; average attendance, 18. **Curry**—Principal speakers at F-S M-D banquet were Co. Supt. A. S. Scott, members of Kiwanis Club, and Asst. Co. Agt. A. Newman; initiated

eight Green Hands; minstrel show planned to raise funds for educational tour next summer.

Danville—Shrubbery from nursery used to beautify community homes; entertained FHA; attended District meeting at Athens. **Davis-ton**—Set out 200 shrubs in nursery; organized basket ball team which won second in District FFA Tournament at New Hope and first at Wadley; initiated two Future Farmers; Pres. Ray Cotney presided at F-S M-D banquet; beautified three homes. **Dixon's Mills**—Sponsored amateur program which netted \$35 for campus beautification; gave chapel program; attended district meeting at Sweet Water. **Electic**—F-S M-D banquet attended by 35 honor guests and nearly all parents—program stressed soil conservation; joint project planned with flower garden; gave 15-minute radio program over WSFA, Montgomery.

Falkville—Turkey shoot netted \$11.50; local paper published two articles on Chapter activities; plan to carry our dads to District meeting at Danville. **Floral**—After moving into new building, Chapter busy constructing equipment for ours and Home Ec. department; planning radio program; purchase of 1,000 shrubs planned to start nursery; will landscape grounds around vocational building; installed lighting fixtures; transplanted 1,000 cabbage plants last Fall from Chapter hotbed to gardens of members. **Foley**—15 members making application for \$750 loan from Bay Minette Production Credit Association to finance 45 projects, including Irish potatoes, corn and purebred gilt; homes of members being beautified with shrubbery; F-S M-D Banquet held on Nov. 23; raising money by selling magazine subscriptions for educational tour through West next Summer—went to New York City last Summer; also raising funds by sale of vegetables from laboratory area. **Fort Payne**—More than 1,200 shrubs of 10 varieties transplanted from nursery to laboratory area—will be used next Fall to beautify homes of all members in horticulture class; work on school grounds now rewarded with beautiful green lawn—set out 400 shrubs around building; 14 Green Hands initiated; Chapter made \$60 by selling local newspaper and farm magazine subscriptions, making and selling shop articles, and selling cold drinks at football games; will organize swine corporation and buy purebred gilts; organized basket ball team. **Fyffe**—Constructed cement floor in shop; organized basket ball team and quartet; Dow Hulan made \$121.22 on 12-acre corn project and \$25.69 on two pigs; Irby Lyles made \$79.50 on sow-and-litter project; Irby Pope made \$181.15 on 3¼ bales of cotton grown on 3.2 acres; gave radio program; all members completed plans for supervised

practice projects; each member writing essay on his home farm or that of neighbor; planted shrubbery around vocational building; basketball team played four games—one game netted \$6.50.

Gaylesville—Officers attended District meeting at Albertville—Harold McCalmar appointed general chairman of activity program committee with following sub-committee chairman: Lamar Stone, Garvin Roy, and C. L. Conn (Gadsden District Pres.)—conservation program committee composed of Paul Pruitt, L. Chancellor, and H. Wood; W. Elliot, R. Baxter, and H. Dubb represented club at FFA Camp. FFA store averages \$4 per day; \$50 was made at box supper sponsored with FHA; R. Myrick announced Chapter radio program over WJBY, Gadsden—speakers were G. Medlock, R. Baxter, R. Chancellor, and Adviser Thorn—music was by FFA Band composed of B. Cavin, L. Chancellor, R. Chisolm, and the quartet composed of B. Cavin, H. Stewart, L. Gardener, assisted by Mildred Sentell and Beatrice Mosley. **Geraldine**—Initiated 18 Green Hands; host to District meeting; basketball team played two games; lost one to Fyffe; made \$8.65 on basket ball game and cake walk; gave radio program. **Glencoe**—Chapter seriously at work carrying out activity program; Chapter voted to pay only 20c annual dues rather than 5c per school month as in past; participating in District and cooperating in presentation of radio programs. **Goodwater**—FHA members guests of Chapter at social given on Hatchett Creek, included o'possum hunt and weiner roast; conducted demonstration on Fall and Winter gardens in laboratory area—some 15 vegetables now being grown—demonstrates that all-year farmers in grading school grounds; gave weiner-marshmallow roast; committee appointed to construct FFA sign on highway; cooperating with FHA in staging play; one meeting devoted to forestry discussions. **Grant**—Chapter constructing barn for dairy project; members attended terracing school conducted by Asst. Co. Agt.; production in poultry project increased from 35 to 50 per cent; host

to members from New Market, New Hope, and Riverton.

Hackleburg—Gave chicken fry with FHA—music by string band and quartet. **Hamilton**—Ten Green Hands initiated; F-S banquet held Dec. 19 with 70 plates of delicious chicken stew served to 21 fathers, their sons, and visitors—those on program were Supt. of Ed. Ross V. Ford, J. H. Mixon, Jr., F. E. Whatley, Judge W. H. Cantrell, Adviser Thornton, Rev. V. W. Hamner, L. C. Hester, Dave Davis, Olan Shotts (former FFA member)—music by J. R. Brumley and Clovis Winsett—imitations by Harrison Palmer and Joe Millican. **Hanceville**—Boys carrying out terracing programs at home farms; ordered cooperatively \$16 worth of fruit trees; shrubbery propagation begun; installed hot-water shower for football team; plan to order baby chicks cooperatively; one-variety cotton community organization under way; "for-sale-and-want-to-buy" bulletin board established; aided in organization of Cullman Co. District. **Headland**—Bedded 1,000 hardwood cuttings; 72 present at joint meeting with FHA; transplanted shrubbery around churches; made 20 book ends for library; F-S M-D banquet held; put basket ball court in condition for play and worked on baseball field.

Holly Pond—Initiated five Green Hands; set out 3,000 rooted cuttings in lab. area; profit of \$101.19 made on one-acre project; purchased complete equipment for meetings; 20 Future Farmers initiated on Jan. 20 when Chapter was host to District meeting; bedded 1,000 cuttings.

Holtville—Treated more than 1,000 peach trees for borers at 4c each; working to get power spray and feed mill for community; Chapter president attended Marbury banquet. **Houston Co. High**—Gave radio broadcast; Chapter entertained by FHA; host to District meeting.

Isabella—Pruning fruit trees in community; installed hot-water system and enlarged shower-bath facilities; represented at District meeting; planned educational tour and beautification of campus; host for District meeting; entered public speaking and essay contests. **Jackson**—Frank

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Mitchell received \$2 check from Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau for winning guessing contest—Adviser Walkley made presentation at chapel exercises; Chapter also won radio set for most outstanding demonstration in District 3; annual F-S M-D banquet planned with FHA; monthly report published in local newspaper. **Kate Duncan Smith (DAR)**—Purchased 50 white leghorn pullets which began laying in Oct.; Jersey cow donated by Mrs. Val Taylor, Uniontown; two boys take weekly turns attending to chickens and cow.

Lawrence Co. High—Five Green Hands and five Future Farmers initiated; joint social planned with FHA. **Leighton**—Sponsoring beautification programs for several rural schools; with aid of FHA raised sufficient funds to stage F-S M-D banquet in April; cooperating with Co. Supt. in placing teacher's desks in East Colbert—used desks purchased and refinished by boys; cooperating with Society for Crippled Children and Rehabilitation Division in securing physical restoration and training for defective children; cooperating with TVA in soil conservation with legumes, reforestation, terracing, and drainage. **Leroy**—10 Green Hands initiated; o'possum hunt postponed because of unfavorable weather; average attendance, 30.

Lexington—10 library books purchased; gave chicken stew Nov. 30; gave chapel program; plan to dramatize "The Green Hand" later in chapel. **Lincoln**—Gave o'possum hunt-weiner roast for FHA; participating in District; purchased ceremonial equipment; barbecue held; sponsoring one-variety cotton community—all cotton-project boys to plant DPL 11A—order placed cooperatively for five tons pure seed for boys and farmers in community—gin days planned.

Lineville—Sponsored printing entire page in local newspaper, included local pictures; seniors constructed bleachers on athletic field; 18 attended Clay Co. District meeting; 45 paid-up members; joint Christmas party held with FHA—88 attended, including Prof. A. T. East, principal; gave chapel program featuring activity program; entered District Basket Ball Tourney; committees assigned to each phase of activity program. **Lyeftion**—Aided in construction of two additional classrooms under direction of Adviser White who served as foreman—members and their fathers did construction; many shop jobs taught during the project.

McKenzie—FHA girls served refreshments at Chapter meeting; host to Butler-Concuh District meeting—music by new string band; organized basket ball team; joint Christmas party given with FHA. **Magnolia**—Sponsoring community home-orchard program—make 2c profit on trees ordered cooperatively and 5c each

for setting out. **Marbury**—Host to first meeting of Montgomery District; 2,000 lining-out stock in nursery; entering essay contest 100 per cent; increased interest in public speaking. **Marion**—Aided in stocking streams and lakes in County with more than 150,000 fish; members hope other Chapters will make use of huge fish hatchery at Marion for stocking in other parts of State; purchased and set out 300 peach trees; sponsored weiner roast with FHA; initiated five Future Farmers; Chapter enjoyed FHA party. **Midland City**—Purchased complete ceremonial equipment; 50 members enrolled; presented radio program; school-ground beautification underway. **Millerville**—Attended two District meetings; held joint social with FHA; landscaped home of member; supplied part of shrubbery to landscape Grammar School; host to District Basket Ball Tourney on Dec. 31. **Millport**—Purchased pig to be fed out with corn donated by members—pig to be slaughtered for FFA-FHA barbecue; sold 100 fruit trees to farmers; raising funds to beautify campus, including construction of concrete walks; educational tour planned; two members serving as president and secretary of District. **Milltown**—Organized Harmonica Club; basket ball team played three games; obtained and set out 150 shrubs; made trip to Auburn to obtain shrubbery seed; held F-S M-D banquet; won \$30 District prize on Arcadian Nitrate Dem.; working on lab. area fence; obtained livestock pictures for vocational building. **Moundville**—13 Green Hands initiated; candy and supply store income ahead of last year's; application submitted for National Chapter Contest, with 23 activities; string band, "The Dixie Plow Boys", organized and will play over radio.

New Brockton—Eight members started home-orchards with peach, plum, fig, pear, pecan, grape; improving campus—arranging parking space at rear of building—built campus benches; added shop equipment; set 400 shrubs in lab. area; several home orchards planted. **New Hope**—Chapter decided to buy milk cow and sell milk locally; propagation bed set with 3,000 cuttings of 10 varieties;

landscaped two homes; initiated four Green Hands; gathered corn from demonstration plot. **New Market**—Won basket ball game with New Hope at District meeting; five new members: R. Moore, B. Walker, R. Reed, J. R. Rodgers, and R. Chapman, Jr. **Notasulga**—Host to District meeting; two inspiring talks made at meetings by A. B. Hope, local banker and honorary member, who spoke on thrift, and Clifford Akin, who discussed sportsmanship; dues-collection contest proved successful; social held. **Odenville**—50 attended FFA-FHA party; \$12 made on picture show saved toward educational tour; improving campus; host to Coosa Valley District; 60, including 8 honorary members at F-S M-D banquet—speakers were W. T. McLaughlin, William Eden, Windon Edge, Hughey Peach, Ray McLaughlin, all honorary members, and Adviser Bartlett. **Orrville**—Summer trip planned to Colorado and Yellow Stone National Park—to finance trip with cotton and other crops, terracing, and pruning; repaired cement posts on campus walk; Co. Supt. J. A. Lee made honorary member; chapter and state dues paid 100 per cent. **Ozark**—Initiation team formally inducted officers of the new Elba Chapter—after ceremony FHA girls served hot chocolate and cakes; initiated nine Green Hands; submitted articles to district news letter; basket ball team organized; represented at District meeting by Adviser Langley and five members; 11 Future Farmers initiated on Jan. 4; progress made in landscaping school grounds according to plan of Landscape Specialist Fisher, of Auburn.

Pell City—192 attended first F-S M-D banquet with Dr. J. B. Hobdy, state supervisor vocational education, principal speaker—talks made by trustees and members Co. Board of Education; made profit of \$14.52 on school store during Dec.; assisted with construction of 70x90 ft. gymnasium on school grounds; FHA social planned; fencing additional land adjacent to lab. area; participating in district; landscaping school grounds; averaged two weekly articles in county papers in Nov.; gave Christmas party with FHA; sent five

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Christmas baskets to needy families; aided in installing plumbing fixtures in Home Ec. Dept.; subscribed to four magazines—purchased two new books for library; 2,400 cuttings in nursery started this year.

Phil Campbell—Purchased set of boxing gloves; elected three honorary members; host to District meeting Dec. 5—boxing matches followed; District voted to encourage boxing in Chapters. **Pine Apple**—Chapter minstrel show, "Birmingham Button Busters", added \$25.10 to treasury; Chapter spent week-end at Mr. Derby's farm at York in response to invitation extended last year when he became acquainted with members who sold hogs to him—Mr. Derby is a big live stock grower. **Pine Hill**—Staged overnight hunting trip on Alabama River; Chapter's best 1936 project was that of Van Johnson whose pig weighed 410 lbs. at 11 months and brought profit of \$27—cost \$18—sold for \$45. **Pleasant Home**—Cleared \$16 on shooting match; gave broadcast over WSFA, Montgomery; treating corn for weevils; graded school grounds; constructing sanitary facilities at school.

Ramer — Gave two 15-minute broadcasts over WSFA; purchased 60 bus. corn and 1,000 lbs. peanut meal to feed out 10 hogs for marketing next Spring—four members borrowed \$350 from PCA to finance project; gave joint social and play with FHA—play netted \$25; nine members will feed out hogs to be sold in Spring. **Ranburne** — Built athletic dressing house complete with showers; planted 2,200 shrubs; initiated two Future Farmers. **Rawls**—\$34 made on FFA-FHA play; site selected and plans made to construct Chapter cabin on Patsalaga River; host to District; 175 attended F-S M-D banquet; initiated three Green Hands; ordered 1,500 baby chicks. **Red Level**—10 members made cooperative order for 2,000 baby chicks for project work; Denzil Barrow treasurer of Thrift Club—J. C. Lunsford, secretary; 4,000 rooted shrubs in propagation beds; cooperative hog project underway. **Riverton**—Holding four meetings per month; survey made of campus drive; average attendance 29. **Rockford**—Thrift Bank started; nursery plot laid out and planned; 14 members subscribed to farm paper; sponsored play on Dec. 17 with FHA; regular deposits continuing in Thrift Bank; Judge Winston Stewart, honorary member, made inspiring address to club on organization; Summer trip planned to Washington. **Sardis** — 24 making weekly deposits of 25c to \$1 in Thrift Bank; construction of tennis court begun; attended District meeting; five Green Hands initiated; aided in rabies-control campaign. **Silas** — Sponsored social; "Do Forest Fires Pay?" was theme of one meeting; regular meetings held every two weeks. **Slocomb**—Staged rat-radi-

cation campaign; installed electric-bell system with funds from sale of cotton grown on lab. area; 20 library books causing increased reading by students; deposits being made in Thrift Bank—goal of \$100 set for year; F-S M-D Christmas party substituted for annual banquet—proved highly successful with aid of FHA; purchased 100 bus. soybean seed for local farmers at saving of 75c per bu.; 100 per cent of members in ag. took part in essay contest; outstanding boy in agriculture will receive purebred Duroc Jersey gilt at commencement. **Smith Station**—Editor Nunn of *The Progressive Farmer* was principal speaker at F-S M-D banquet, attended by large crowd, wired vocational building; members paying monthly dues of 20c to finance Chapter activities. **Straughn**—Mr. White-

head of Protective Life addressed Chapter on Thrift, Nov. 6; sponsored trip by members and farmers to soil conservation camp at Greenville where demonstrations of kudzu and centipede grass were being grown to prevent erosion—Mr. Sloan explained advisability of planting trees and power terracing—a barbecue was given by the Butler Co. Farm Bureau.

LIMITED SPACE

We regret that limited space prevented our printing reports from the following Chapters which had already been set in type for this issue:

Sweet Water, Town Creek, Uriah, Valley Head, Vernon, Wadley, Walnut Grove, Ward, Keogufka, West Point, Wetumpka, and White Plains. These will appear in the March issue.—Editor.

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