Seven Boys From Alabama Attend National Meeting

Alabama's delegation of seven outstanding boys at the 10th annual FFA Convention in Kansas City in October was headed by O'Neill Sewell, Wetumpka, and Marvin Smith, Cullman, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Alabama Association. Both attended as official delegates of the Association.

The following district presidents were sent to the convention by their districts: Bradley Twitty, Cherokee, (also state secretary), Muscle Shoals; Pete Turnham, Milltown, (also state treasurer), East Alabama District; Dolphus Price, Falkville, Decatur District; Pete Turnham, Milltown, (also state treasurer), East Alabama District; Pete Turnham, Milltown, (also state treasurer), East Alabama District; Pete Turnham, Milltown, (also state treasurer), East Alabama District.

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First FHA News Letter Published In November

All Alabama FFA boys will be glad to know that their sister organization, The Future Homemakers of Alabama, have this month issued the first edition of a news letter, which it is hoped, will soon be received regularly by every FHA girl in the State.

If you want to be of assistance to the new publication, we suggest that you tell the FHA's in your school about the news letter and urge that they arrange to receive the next issue.

Miss Mary Ling Hayley, state FHA adviser, says that the news letter marks "another mile-stone in the development of our association. Read the good things which have been done in various chapters and the news in relation to the State Association, then think of the good things your chapter has done or is doing. Have your re-

Three Alabama FFA Boys Named American Farmers

Three Alabama boys—C. W. Wells, Jr., Jemison; Joseph Pearson, Dixon's Mills; and Lawrence Crawford, Marion—were among the 75 young farmers awarded the American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention this fall at Kansas City, Mo.

This degree is the highest award in the FFA. Recipients must have completed successfully three years of high school work in Vocational Agriculture, supplemented by successful farming and community service and evidence of leadership. They must have received previously the three lower FFA degrees, earned at least $300 in their home-project work, and have been outstanding in the State in cooperative endeavors and rural leadership.

Each state may submit applications for only one American Farmer per thousand members and the 120 applications received this year were further reduced to a total of 75 by a national FFA constitutional ruling. Awards went this year to boys in 33 states and the Territory of Hawaii.

C. W. Wells, Jr., a fourth-year student of Vocational Agriculture, is president of the Jemison Chapter. During his four years of Vocational Agriculture, Wells has carried out an outstanding program of scientific...
was unanimously elected president. The Alabama Association was organized, and he participated actively in FFA projects and many supplementary farm practices were also included. In addition to satisfactorily conducting a program of supervised farming, Wells has consistently won State and chapter agricultural awards. In 1935 he won first prize in the State essay contest and State prize in an essay contest sponsored by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. A year later he won the chapter public speaking contest and placed second in the district contest. During this time Wells held the position of reporter for the Jemison Chapter and the Chilsheltauga District and was elected to the presidency of both bodies. He resigned the Chilsheltauga post when elected president of the Alabama Association.

Wells is interested in all sports but has not allowed his extra-curricula activities to interfere with his studies. His scholarship average for his entire high school career is a high B, giving him the rank of third in a class of 31. He will graduate this year with 20 credits at the age of 18. Upon completion of his high school course, Wells plans to attend the Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he will study chemistry and agriculture.

Joseph Pearson, at the time of his graduation from high school in 1936, had completed three years of Vocational Agriculture and had been an FFA member for five years. He served his chapter as president during his junior and senior years. Pearson's three-year supervised practice program, which represented a cross section of the business of farming, consisted of the following enterprises: corn, cotton, beef calves, meat hogs (sow and litter), watermelons, and poultry. In addition to satisfactorily conducting a program of supervised farming, Wells has consistently won State and chapter agricultural awards. In 1935 he won first prize in the State essay contest and State prize in an essay contest sponsored by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. A year later he won the chapter public speaking contest and placed second in the district contest. During this time Wells held the position of reporter for the Jemison Chapter and the Chilsheltauga District and was elected to the presidency of both bodies. He resigned the Chilsheltauga post when elected president of the Alabama Association.

The American Future Farmer Degree given in 1937 is not only an outstanding member of the FFA but was also a leader scholastically while in high school, his average being 90 plus for his high school work. Lawrence is the third member of his family to receive the American Farmer Degree, two of his brothers having previously been awarded this honor.

A permanent service to their school has been provided by members of the Auburn Chapter who completed on November 8 over 200 feet of concrete sidewalk leading from the High School to the Vocational Building. In the top photograph the boys may be seen laying the forms. The middle photograph shows them mixing the concrete, and at the bottom Prof. A. L. Morrison, adviser, (center) is shown supervising the finishing of the walk by Wilton Thorpe (right) and Spearman Fitzpatrick, Jr., both of whom play a brand of football that is equal to their success in FFA work.

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District Reports

DOTHAN

Initial meeting of the Dothan District was held at Abbeville on September 6 with Prof. L. E. Porter presiding. Purpose of the meeting was to effect the district organization for the current year.

The following members were nominated for district offices and will be duly elected at the next regular meeting by the house of delegates: President, Lamar Phillips, Blue Springs; Vice-President, Charles Eubanks, Baker Hill; Secretary, James Smith, Brundidge; Treasurer, Lewis Faison, Midland City; Reporter, Bill Blalock, Abbeville; Adviser, W. H. Richardson, Headland.

Objectives for the year were established and committees were appointed on agriculture, district contest, recreation, publicity, finance, parliamentary procedure, initiation team, and general business.

The Brundidge, Ozark, and Midland City Chapters were recognized as new members of the district.

MUSCLE SHOALS

The regular meeting of the Muscle Shoals District was held on September 23, with the Cherokee Chapter acting as host. About 100 FFA boys and vocational teachers were present, representing Rogersville, Central High, Lexington, Waterloo, Leighton, Cherokee, Moulton, Mt. Hope, Town Creek, Phil Campbell, and Belgreen Chapters.

Prof. Robert Hudson, principal of the Cherokee High, and Geo. T. Sargent, of Auburn, assistant supervisor of vocational agriculture, were visitors at the meeting. Mr. Sargent, recognized as a member of the district organization, was given a cordial welcome by all present.

The chicken barbecue served to the group was one of the most enjoyable features of the occasion. Following the barbecue, an unusually satisfactory business session was held. One of the most important items of the 13-point activity program outlined by the group was the decision to send a delegate from the district organization to the National Convention at Kansas City. Bradley Twitty, district president and secretary of the State Association, was designated to attend the National Convention.

The next district meeting will be held at Mt. Hope. The meetings rotate from one chapter to another and, as there are 11 chapters in the district, each chapter is visited during the year. The twelfth meeting will be held at the annual State Convention at Auburn in July each year.

AUBURN

The Auburn District has adopted an Activity Program and is holding regular monthly meetings alternately at Smith Station, Notasulga, Camp Hill, Beauregard, and Auburn. District officers: President, B. B. Darrell, Notasulga; Vice-President, Hum-}

Danville Exhibits Net Chapter $390

The Danville Chapter received $390 in prize money from four exhibits sponsored at the Alabama State Fair. First prize of $60 was awarded for its Future Farmer Exhibit, pictured above with James Orr. The Morgan County Agricultural Exhibit, which scored the highest total number of points of any county exhibit, netted the chapter $260. Howard Lander’s Individual Farm Exhibit was awarded sixth prize of $30, and the four registered Angus calves shown by Burle Hardwick carried off all the honors in their class, winning $40 in prizes.

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THE FFA MOTTOS
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From the State President—

Ever since education was first brought into reach of the farm boys and girls it has been a sacrifice on the part of our parents to give us the same educational advantages as the children who live in the cities.

As our methods of farming and educational facilities have improved, the burden has become somewhat lighter, yet it is still a great sacrifice.

Each year the State Association proposes that all chapters give a banquet honoring parents of members. Plans should be underway now to make the banquet one of the most successful activities of the chapter. A program should be planned to entertain, to promote understanding between father and son, and to give parents a real insight into FFA activities. Our parents are the greatest backers our organization has.—O'Neil Sewell, State President.

From the State Reporter—

Article ten of the State Activity Program states that “One hundred per cent of chapters to add at least one-half as many books as the number of chapter members.”

It’s easy to put off matters like this. Let’s get busy early and put this over in a big way!

Your local adviser has a list of books suggested by the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America.

If additional copies are needed, write R. E. Cammack, State adviser, Montgomery.—MAXWELL LEWIS, State Reporter.

The Future Farmer Degree

The Future Farmer Degree is the second of the four grades of membership in the FFA. In most cases this degree is being awarded by the district organization in Alabama, however it is possible for the local chapter to award the degree.

It is very important that Green Hand members make application for the Future Farmer Degree as soon as they meet the qualifications for the degree. The qualifications for election to Future Farmer Degree are as follows:

(1) Completion of at least one year of systematic instruction in Vocational Agriculture and membership in the FFA, with a satisfactory program of supervised farming.

(2) Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest, at least $25. (Note.—Any modification of (2) must be approved by the State Adviser.)

(3) Be regularly enrolled in Vocational Agriculture with an amplified supervised farming program.

(4) Be familiar with the provisions of the local and State constitutions of Future Farmers of America.

(5) Be able to lead a group discussion for 10 minutes.

(6) Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting of Future Farmers of America.

FFA Broadcasts

GADSDEN DISTRICT FFA
Over Station WJBY, Gadsden
Each Tuesday, 3:30-4:00, p. m.

DEKALB DISTRICT FFA
Over Station WJBY, Gadsden,
10:30 a. m.
Nov. 11—Fyffe
Nov. 18—Geraldine
Dec. 2—P. T. Payne
Dec. 9—Valley Head

DOTHAN DISTRICT FFA
Over Station W A G F, Dothan,
10:00-10:15 a. m.
Nov. 13—Blue Springs
Nov. 20—Midland City
Nov. 27—Brundidge
Dec. 4—Elba
Dec. 11—Columbia
Dec. 18—Geneva

West Point Boys are Busy

The FFA nursery seedling bed of the West Point Chapter is being enlarged from 9 x 27 ft. to 9 x 40 ft., and the land has been prepared for transplanting seedlings from bed to field. These seedlings will be transplanted this month. Next fall there will be enough shrubs to beautify the homes of all vocational students who have completed two or more years of Vocational Agriculture. Each boy is required to make a detailed landscape drawing of his home which must be approved by the chapter before he can receive the shrubs. The seedling bed will be planted in the spring, with seeds gathered this fall and stratified. The plants now ready for transplanting from the seedling bed are Ligustrum Lucidum, Ligustrum Nepalese, Spreading Euonymus, and Chinese Privet.

Shrubs that were propagated by cuttings are Abelia Grandiflora, Spirea Thunbergi, Winter Honeysuckle, and Forsythia.

Approximately one-third of the laboratory area will be used for lining out stock, and additional land has been secured in order to have enough space for all shrubs.

Plans have been made for finishing the school ground beautification program with the shrubs available this fall.
Abbeville—Set up program of work; opened candy store; put on radio program at Dothan; setup definite plan for studying parliamentary procedure. Addison—Made plans for Father-Son banquet on Dec. 16; initiated 4 new members. Akron—Initiated Green Hands Nov. 2; cooperated with FFA in staging Community Night; entered essay contest; purchased pig for April barbecue; will give radio program over WAPI in December; made plans for Father-Son banquet and tour to Mobile, Tampa, and Mexico next summer. Albertville—Entertained the District FFA; made $75 on FFA candy store; initiated 4 Future Farmers; plans made for Radio Star Program with proceeds to be used in purchasing equipment for Vocational Ag. Dept.; attended at Arab District Fair; sponsored radio program, "Red and Raymond and the Boys of Old Kaintuck." Arley—Repairing windows in auditorium proposed to raise chapter funds; planned general community beautification program; started school beautification program; pruned campus shrubbery; secured plot for enlarging FFA nursery; F-S M-D banquet planned; initiated 6 Green Hands. Ashland—Outlined program of work; appointed committee to purchase 20 or 40 acres of land for FFA recreational camp. Athens—Made weekend educational tour to Nashville, visiting State Capitol, Purina Feed Mills, Dupont Rayon Mills, Fort Negley, Andrew Jackson Heritage Center, Tom Green County Fair; sponsoring livestock program, using only registered sows for breeding; bought and distributed 16 registered Poland China gilts; each of the 52 FFA members is raising a pig to be marketed in June and money raised will go on squirrel hunt Thanksgiving. Alexandria—Transplanted shrubs around building; planted winter vegetables on campus; set up activity program and program of work. Aliceville—Made trip to state fair; had prove of FFA Degree; attended district meeting; cooperated with the Rotary Club in presenting rodeo; set up program of work; elected officers. Arab—Plans made for Radio Star Program with proceeds to be used in purchasing equipment for Vocational Ag. Dept.; cooperated with the Rotary Club in putting on party for community fair; assisted in putting on rodeo and clear $25,000 in prize money. Alto—Campaigned with FHA in putting on party for community fair; invited by president of FFA chapter; organizing future farmers. Andalusia—Established school store and cleared $25,000; bought and distributed 16 registered Poland China gilts; each of the 52 FFA members is raising a pig to be marketed in June and money raised will go on squirrel hunt Thanksgiving. Arendal—Made trip to state fair; had prove of FFA Degree; attended district meeting; cooperated with the Rotary Club in presenting rodeo; set up program of work; elected officers. Atmore—Adopted program of work and local and district activity program; initiated 6 Future Farmers and 12 Green Hands, vaccinated and wormed 150 hens, blood tested and wormed 225 hens and pullets; planted fall garden of 23 kinds of seed in FFA Lab.; attended district meeting; had FFA-FHA weiner roast with 60 present; gathered and ginned 554 pounds of cotton from FFA cotton project. Bear Creek—Initiated 10 Green Hands, secured FFA equipment; sold $475 worth of crimson clover seed which was harvested on halves; made plans for County FFA Camp; candy store progressing nicely. Beauregard—Elected officers; attended district meeting; planned improved of school grounds and building; cooperative with FHA in putting on party for community fair; initiated 5 Green Hands; sponsored Community Exhibit at Lee County Fair and won 3rd prize of $50 which will be used in purchasing new equipment; horticulture class spent one day at fair in Columbus. Berry—Entered district organization and attended meetings; made landscaping plans for school grounds which included building driveway and parking area, building walkways, and completing foundation plantings of shrubbery around building; planned to give play to raise money to buy shrubbery; attended State Fair in Birmingham; initiated 30 Green Hands and 3 Future Farmers; 25 members attended district social at Sulligent. Billingsly—Plans made for participation in district FFA picnic; painted classroom floors; bought hog in September, fed it school scraps and an area lab. area, sold chances at it at Halloween party and cleared $14.90; attended district FFA fish fry. Blountsville—Initiated 10 Green Hands; made trip to Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Blue Springs—Initiated 5 Green Hands; held guessing contest (Chilean Nitrate); planned activity program; published news article in local paper; planned exhibit for community fair; assisted in screening work of FFA building; cooperated with FFA in putting on party in school auditorium; sponsored community fair in cooperation with FTA and FFA—principal speaker, Congressman Henry B. Steagall, being invited by president of FFA chapter; planned radio broadcast over WAGF, Dothan; published three articles in local newspaper; raised $8 at candy store; continued selling Austrian peas and vetich to farmers in community; two members purchased feeder steers as part of supervised practice program. Brilliant—Together on campgrounds and planned to clear space for club house; plans made to give minstrel to help pay for lumber being sawed at campgrounds; completed activity program; pruned several orchards belonging to FFA boys; initiated 4 Green Hands. Brundidge—Chapter organized with 42 members; made tour of soil erosion projects in Pike County and studied strip cropping, land use planning, and use of Kudzu in erosion control; a team from Ozark chapter initiated 7 Green Hands; (Note: A splendid activity program has been submitted—Editor). Butler—Outlined program of work; made plans to equip chapter room properly and establish an FFA library; began drive for new members; Silas and Butler chapters made joint trip to Fairhope. Camp Hill—Planned program of work with improvement of classroom and shop as one of main objectives; utilized classroom; started work on lab. area, plans made to cooperate with the FHA girls in giving an oyster supper; FFA-FHA social given with practically all members of both groups present; plans made for F-S M-D banquet. Carrollton—Bought and planted winter greens seed on school grounds; attended meeting at Reform to organize district FFA; appointed initiation team. Cedar Bluff—Made trip to Crossville Sub-Experiment Station; exchanged FFA library with Galesville chapter; initiated 5 Green Hands; Vocational exhibit at county fair won second prize, $10; refreshment stand at fair cleared $30; drinks and peanuts sold at two football games cleared $9.50; school beautification project planned and drainage project almost completed. Cherokee—Entertained Muscle.
Shoals District—Entered Officers of Grand Bay chapter; elected officers and organized chapter. Clayton—Entered officers of Grand Bay chapter; elected officers and organized chapter. Citronelle—Initiated officers of Grand Bay chapter; elected officers and organized chapter. Cold Springs—Started landscaping Vocational building; helped sponsor Halloween carnival; organized FFA string band. Corner—Won $81 with exhibit at State Fair, Birmingham; initiated 8 Green Hands and 3 Future Farmers; held one social; built flagstone walk on campus; set up definite annual and long-time program of work; assisted in sponsoring local community fair and entered agricultural exhibit. Cotaco—Initiated 9 Green Hands; sponsored a Halloween Carnival with FHA girls to raise money for chapter. Columbia—Practical program of work underway; initiated 7 Green Hands; took active part in district meeting. Tentative program of work was presented. Columbus—Organized chapter; attended district meeting. Crossville—Presented radio program over WJBY; host to Dekalb District at second meeting; bought two pigs; operating FFA store profitably; chapter owns 37 white Leghorn pullets. Cuba—Initiated 5 Future Farmers. Curry—Initiated 2 Green Hands; conducting nursery plot; planning to landscape new Vocational Agricultural building. Dixon's Mills—Initiated 11 Green Hands; bought radio for classroom; sponsored winter-legume program; arranged for agricultural, FFA and other educational programs to be broadcast during year; continued campus beautification program. Dozier—Made plans for lab. area to give maximum amount of teaching material; put electric bell in Vocational building; improved condition of school campus. Elba—Conducted two booths at Coffee County Fair; initiated 52 Green Hands; made plans for a basketball team; continued selling candy at school; framed picture of George Washington for chapter. Enterprise—Initiated 3 Green Hands; put on radio program; initiated Geneva and Samson officers; placed 4 steers among boys for livestock show in Dothan next spring. Eva—Initiated 16 Green Hands and 7 officers of two new chapters; ordered 12 new harmonicas for harmonica band; cooperated with FHA girls in canning food for F-S M-D banquet next spring; made plans to send district project were sufficient to pay expenses of trip to Pan American Exposition with a balance of $81 left in

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pigs; made cuttings; FFA and FHA are giving play, "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost"—proceeds to be used attending district meetings; planned F-S M-D banquet; organized string band. Millport — Held field meeting and guessing contest; sponsored one-variety cotton community; have 65 paid up members; donated $3 to aid of undernourished children; put on program at each evening school center; constructed ball park fence; planted winter grass on school ground. Millport—Sent in state and national dues; put on exhibit at county fair; put out cuttings. Morgan County High—Attended district meeting at Danville; are selling candy and cold drinks at school and at football games; attended State Fair; applied for chapter charter. Moulton—Attended district meeting; collected state and national dues; made plans for Future Farmer initiation. Moundville—Held guessing contest; will have 40 members this year; FFA candy store in operation—made $89.03 from store last year; had joint social with FHA; 100% have paid dues. McKenzie—Held district meeting; initiated officers of Greenville and Georgiana chapters; varnished seats in auditorium; prepared play ground for sports. New Hope (Madison)—Made trip to Panama City, Fla.; initiated 10 Green Hands; will buy equipment for Vocational shop. New Hope (Randolph)—Attended district meeting; made trip to State Fair. Oakman—Elected officers; set up program of work; planned initiation. Odenville—Planned radio program; held guessing contest; initiated Green Hands and Future Farmers; helped organize a St. Clair County District FHA. Ohatchee—Set up program of work and made plans for year. Ozark—Initiated 10 Green Hands; initiated Brundidge officers; attended district meeting. Pell City—Will operate school lunch stand; added 6 new books to library; put on negro minstrel; initiated 28 Green Hands, 10 Future Farmers; Homer Selby, Future Farmer, elected president of student body; will have one column of FFA news each week in local paper; FFA officers will meet with Civitan Club during year; in state and national dues; scrap book being continued this year with pictures of all members, project write-ups and other items of interest. Perry County High—Initiated 10 Green Hands; operating candy store to provide funds for educational tour next summer; made plans for F-S M-D banquet. Phil Campbell—Initiated 13 Green Hands; set up program of work. Pine Apple—Sold vegetables to raise money for chapter; Edward Knight made 3 bales of cotton on 3 acres; put on a negro minstrel. Pine Hill—Plan camp and hunting trip; elected officers and set up program of work.

The role of Uncle Natchel, wise old colored philosopher and leading character in the series of broadcasts, will be played by Frank Wilson, who is well known as a radio entertainer and as a stage and film star. He gained considerable renown for his performance as Moses in the stage and film version of "The Green Pastures".

Sonny Miller, the young white charge of kindly old Uncle Natchel in the program, will be played by Eddie Ryan, Jr., a talented 12-year-old actor from Virginia who has made a number of stage appearances in New York and is now playing in "French Without Tears" on Broadway.

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