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Project Of Game Bird Feed Launched By Wetumpka FFA

The Wetumpka Chapter has begun a program of Game Bird Conservation by planting 200 pounds of seed to provide feed for birds. The seed were obtained from Commissioner of Games and Fisheries I. T. Quinn, and each member planted one-half acre on his farm.

Places chosen to plant the seed were usually corner areas close to some wooded land or pasture, so that the birds might feed close to cover. Also the corner areas can be conveniently left out of cultivation. Most of the seeds planted will reseed themselves. In addition to reseeding, the plants are legumes and therefore good soil builders. This enables the members not only to furnish feed for birds but also to improve the soil at the same time.

The Chapter started late this year, and best results are not so certain, but plans are being made to start in time the next year. Some of the seed should be planted in the fall and some in the spring according to variety of seed and location. Such seed as Benne, native Lespedeza, Beggar weed, Sesbania, and field peas were planted this year. The seed will be left on the ground as feed for game birds. Mr. Quinn has gladly agreed to supply as many seed next year as can be planted for this purpose.

So far as can be ascertained, this project is the first of its kind to be instigated by an FFA chapter. No other project of the Wetumpka Chapter

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National FFA Membership Goal Exceeded By 11,000

According to the National Treasurer's figures, compiled early in August, the total active membership of the Future Farmers of America had reached 143,000. This is 11,000 over the national membership goal set for 1936-37 and represents a total increase of 26,600 over the 1935-36 year.

The record thus established is one
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Annual State Convention Held At Auburn In July

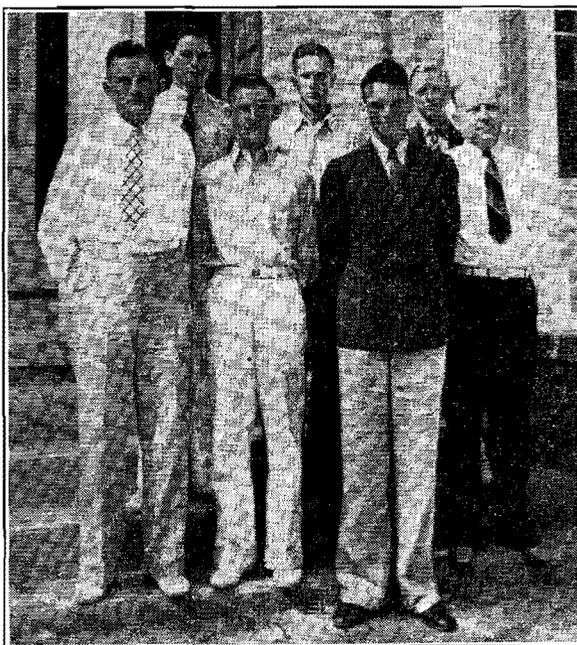
From many standpoints the 8th annual convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America held at Auburn on July 15, 16, and 17, was the most successful in the history of the organization. Most of the boys were housed in the beautiful cottages at the State Camp on the south campus of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. The sessions were held in the large auditorium at the camp.

The total enrollment for the convention was over 900 including the 125 vocational teachers from various parts of the State, but for the most part was made up of enthusiastic Future Farmers determined to make history for their organization. That they did is a matter undenied by anyone who witnessed any of the meetings.

Highlights of the meeting were the raising of 80 boys to the degree of State Farmer, and 10 others to a like honorary status; the adoption of a 29-point activity program for 1937-38; the winning of the second annual public speaking contest by Roy Fuller of Macon County High; music furnished by the DeKalb County String Band and the FFA Brass Band; soft ball games participated in by 16 teams from all over the State; election of officers and a parade through the business section of Auburn that eclipsed any heretofore held by FFA boys.

Following the executive committee meeting Thursday
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State FFA Officers



Affairs of the Alabama Association FFA will be directed for the present school year by the new state officers pictured above. They are, left to right, H. F. Gibson, Auburn, assistant adviser; Bradley Twitty, Cherokee, secretary; Marvin Smith, Cullman, vice-president; Maxwell Lewis, Ramer, reporter; O'Neil Sewell, Wetumpka, president; Pete Turnham, Milltown, treasurer; and R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, adviser and state supervisor of agricultural education. The new officers were elected at the recent State convention of the association held at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Ranburne Chapter Visits Washington



Members of the Ranburne Chapter believe that travel is a vital part of their education. During the past two summers they made trips by bus both to Chicago, Ill., and Dallas, Texas, and this summer their educational tour carried them to Washington, D. C. The group is pictured here (Capitol Building in the background) with Congressman Joe Starnes, Prof. E. L. Fincher, teacher of vocational agriculture, and Prof. Harold E. Greer, Ranburne High School principal.

They are, left to right (standing): James Hilton, Cecil Grizzard, Harold Stephens, Hugh Hanson, Elmer Robinson, Vance Brown, Curtis Dryden, Professor Fincher, Bernard Hall, Congressman Starnes, Professor Greer, E. H. Baker, Jr., Paul Adams, Ralph Cook, Leon Smith, Mack McEachern, Grady Brown, and Lindsey Farmer and Roy Moon, bus drivers. Front row (kneeling): Owen Todd, John Cook, Fred Smith, Wilmer Glasgow, Douglas Jackson, Doyle Nunnally, Dennis Howle, John, Roe Nunnally, V. J. Stapler, J. D. Hyatt, and Cleo Otwell.

BY ELMER ROBINSON

The Ranburne Chapter is noted for its valuable educational tours but the one made this summer to Washington, D. C., was one of the best, if not the best, ever taken.

We left the vocational building at 8 a. m., July 5, and returned July 12 at 5 p. m. The trip carried us through Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and to Washington, D. C. We also went to Annapolis, Md., before we started home. We came home through the same states but followed the southern route after reaching Richmond, Va.

Of course we saw many interesting sites along the route, such as modern farming practices, and industries of different kinds. Space would not allow mention and certainly not a detailed discussion of all the things of interest which we saw, but those of most interest are as follows: Duke University, University of Georgia, Lucky Strike and Chesterfield cigarette factory buildings, U. S. Capitol—where we saw the Senate in action—Lee Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian institution, Bureau of Printing and Engraving—where we

saw money and stamps being made—Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and National Cemetery, George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, The White House, National Zoo, Washington Monument, and many other places of interest. We considered it extremely fortunate to see the President drive out from the White House. We also saw Congressman Starnes and Senator Black while there, both of whom were very courteous to us.

Twenty nine made the trip including the two drivers, Roy Moon and Lindsey Farmer.

The trip was made at an average cost of \$13.96, the least spent being \$8.05, and the most \$20. This included bus fare and everything spent. Our food was carried from home and our own meals prepared by the boys. We camped out in the open except when it was raining. People along the route were very nice to us, allowing us to camp and cook without any expense. One place in particular should be mentioned. The Corbitt Truck and Trailor Service Co. at Henderson, N. C., furnished us beds to sleep on, allowed us to use shower bath and all

Six Marion Co. Chapters Buy Large Camping Area

The six FFA chapters of Marion County have purchased 200 acres of land for a County FFA Camp. The area is located on the Buttahahee river, near the center of the county. The major part of the area is woodland that is well adapted for hunting and fishing. However, there is enough open farming land for a small tenant crop, on which there is to be placed a man to care for the camp grounds and buildings.

A down payment of \$200 to the title holder was shared equally by the six local chapters, and a Federal Farm Loan of \$543.15 was secured for the balance. The annual payment per chapter will be about six dollars for 14 years.

A planning and building committee was appointed to draw up plans and transact business for the camp. There is sufficient timber on the land to construct all necessary buildings. Plans have been made to construct six cabins and a large building to be used for a general assembly hall and for cooking and eating quarters.

The boys are enthusiastic over the camp and have taken an active part in stocking the woods and streams with game and fish for sporting in the future.

This was a nice and courteous place and we appreciated what they did for us.

The trip took eight days, and the time was well spent. It is something that will never be forgotten and should be an education within itself.

Citizenship

People admire polite persons who respect the rights of others, who are courteous and willing to conduct themselves in a manner indicating Citizenship.

Who is An Educated Man?

"An educated man is not one whose memory is trained to carry a few dates in history. He is one who can accomplish things. A man who cannot think is not an educated man however many college degrees he may have acquired. Thinking is the hardest thing one can do—which is probably the reason we have so few thinkers."—Henry Ford.

District Reports

WEST WIREGRASS

The West Wiregrass District began the year with five chapters: Ozark, Enterprise, Midland City, Slocomb, and New Brockton. The Elba Chapter was added later in the year.

In the early part of the year an activity program was set up. The following projects have been accomplished:

1. Held regular monthly meetings on the last Monday night of each month.
2. Held joint meeting with East Wiregrass District.
3. Entered into and held Public Speaking elimination contest.
4. Held basket ball tournament.
5. Played East District base ball team.
6. Have already elected and installed officers for the coming year.
7. Published one News letter, "The Wiregrass Future Farmer", and assisted East Wiregrass in publishing another.
8. Each chapter entered in essay and Public Speaking Contest.

DeKALB

The DeKalb District was organized two years ago. The District is now composed of six FFA chapters, all located in DeKalb County. This was made possible through the fine cooperation of our county superintendent and county board.

At the beginning of the present year a committee was appointed to draw up a program of work for the District. This program consisted of 20 objectives. We did not reach our goal on all of these objectives, but several of them were accomplished.

1. In March we put on a District barbecue for all members and their fathers.
2. Each chapter in the District gave two radio programs over WJBY in Gadsden.
3. Encouraged home beautification, and as a result of this each chapter has started an FFA nursery.
4. Each chapter entered the Essay Contest and a district prize was won by a boy from DeKalb District.
5. Entered the Public Speaking Contest and were represented in the finals.

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Muscle Shoals District—Soft Ball Champions



The state soft ball tournament in which 16 district FFA teams took part during the annual convention in Auburn this summer was won by the Muscle Shoals District team pictured above. Members of the team are, first row, left to right, Therman Lindsey, Vernon Jones, Central High; Emory Behel, Lexington High; D. H. Thompson, Jr., Lexington High; S. S. Montgomery, Moulton High; Wyndell Aldridge, Lexington High. Second row, left to right, Edward Waddell, Rogersville High; L. C. Simmons, Central High; Hoyt Boatright, Waterloo High; Nile Goode, Rogersville High; Bobby Pickens, Moulton High; Neal Williams, Mt. Hope High. Back row, left to right, R. L. Reeder, Central High; F. A. Pittman, Cherokee High; J. R. Roberson, Rogersville High; Forrest Sandy, Mt. Hope High; M. Thornton, Lexington High.

With 16 district teams competing, the State Convention in July at Auburn was enlivened by a series of soft ball games from which Muscle Shoals District emerged victor by virtue of a 2-1 decision over the Auburn District in the finals.

In the first round DeKalb won over East Wiregrass, 28 to 5; Coosa Valley defeated Shelchitauga, 9 to 5; Gadsden took Montgomery by 18 to 10; Auburn nearly whitewashed Dixie Four, 26 to 1; Little River took East Alabama into camp by 25 to 7; North Alabama won over Marion County 12 to 8; Cullman eliminated West Wiregrass, 16 to 5, and Muscle Shoals showed fine form in running away with Andalusia, 16 to 2.

The quarter finals saw DeKalb beat Coosa Valley, 14 to 1; Gadsden lost to Auburn, 4 to 3; Little River won from North Alabama, 11 to 6, and Muscle Shoals kept it up by taking Cullman, 13 to 6.

In the semi-finals DeKalb's luck ran out and Auburn won, 7 to 2, and Muscle Shoals went on to defeat Little River, 7 to 1.

In the hard-fought final game for the championship Muscle Shoals cross-

ed the line by the minimum margin of 2 to 1 over Auburn.

All of the games were hard fought, despite the fact that several of the teams had to recruit players from their districts who were evidently not in form. It is expected that the tournament will create even more interest next summer. Many of the chapters are organizing teams this fall.

Game Bird Feed

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has interested so many people. A great future lies ahead for the Future Farmers of Alabama in development of this program. The Wetumpka Chapter recommends this as a part of the State Program for the coming year and urges each chapter to study the local conditions and secure the best type of seed.

National Membership

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to be proud of and the good work of the various state and local officers is responsible for the attainment.

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THE FFA MOTTO

*Learning to Do
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 Living to Serve.*

A Compliment For FFA

Wayne E. Scrivener, editor of the Alabama Farm Bureau News, summarized his favorable impressions of the State Convention in following editorial published in that paper:

"Seven hundred odd boys of high school age going about the business of conducting a statewide annual meeting evokes a vision of a mad scramble of self-asserting delegates rushing here and there, and with very little business transacted, except on the personal side. Unfortunately, that is, too often, a true picture of such a meeting, but the 8th Annual Convention of Alabama Future Farmers at Auburn July 15-17 proved that our farm boys are young gentlemen who are interested in the problems facing

them. A more orderly group its size could not be found, boys or grown-ups. Business was transacted at the time set for it, with always a great majority of the delegates inside the meeting place and seated before the sound of the gavel.

"Too much praise cannot be given these boys for the splendid way in which they cooperated to make the meeting a success. Of course, a large amount of credit is due the program committee, but this editorial seeks to pay tribute to the gentlemanly and earnest way in which our farm boys went about their business, under the direction of that program committee. Our farmers need have no fear of turning the management of their farms over to the coming generation as long as boys like these are to be at the helm."

Something To Think About

"According to the National Constitution of the Future Farmers of America 'State Associations may submit one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof,'" said W. A. Ross, specialist in agricultural education, Washington, D. C., in a letter to Alabama FFA officials. "The figure used in computing this number by States is the paid-up membership for the year ending June 30, 1937, and taken as of August 1, 1937, thus allowing the State one month in which to forward dues to the National Treasurer.

"According to the Treasurer's records of August 1st the Alabama Association was credited with a paid-up membership of 3,750 and on this basis it appears the Alabama Association is entitled to submit the applications of FOUR (4) candidates . . ."

Only two applications were submitted this year to the State office for this degree. In order to take full advantage of the opportunity to obtain four American Farmer Degrees it is obvious that many times this number of applications should be submitted to the State office in order that they may be approved and forwarded to the National office in Washington.

Certainly we will never obtain our full quota of American Farmers in Alabama unless we apply for at least the number to which we are entitled.

What we should do is to submit to the National office many more applications than the number of degrees for which we are eligible. Some states submit as many as 20 and even more.

It is too late now to remedy this situation this year, but every Alabama Chapter and adviser should start planning right now to see that more applications for the American Farmer Degree are submitted next summer by July 1 to the State office.

Only Forty-Six

Only 46 chapters submitted reports on time for the month of August. We should have had at least 140 reports. These two facts will be suggestion enough to energetic, efficient chapter reporters. Why not make it 100 per cent for October? It could be done! Let's do it.

Don't Forget

That every chapter is to submit its program of work for 1937-38 not later than NOVEMBER 1 to the State office in Montgomery.

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That dues for all chapter members are to be forwarded to the State office by NOVEMBER 1. The check should be made to Pete Turnham, State treasurer, but sent to the State office.

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That the dates for the 1937 National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., is OCTOBER 17 TO 22.

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That each chapter is expected to submit a monthly report to Kirtley Brown, editor of the Alabama Future Farmer, Auburn, Ala., by the FIRST of each month. The reports are late if they arrive after the FIFTH of the month.

THE F. F. A. EMBLEM

The emblem is made up of five symbols—the owl, the plow, and the rising sun, within the cross section of the ear of corn which is surmounted by the American eagle. Upon the face of the emblem appear also the words "Vocational Agriculture" and the letters "FFA."

The owl is symbolic of wisdom and knowledge; the plow is the symbol of labor and tillage of the soil; the rising sun is emblematic of progress and the new day that will dawn when all farmers are the product of vocational agricultural schools, and have learned to cooperate; the cross section of an ear of corn is indicative of the national scope of the organization, as is also the American eagle. The emblem is protected by copyright.

1937-38 Activity Program

1. One hundred per cent of chapters in the State to enter all contests sponsored by State Association.
2. Each chapter to affiliate with a district organization and present well-planned radio programs regularly, where possible.
3. State organization to strive toward a student-placement division.
4. To continue to have committees handle business at the convention.
5. Each chapter to establish a chapter calendar of specific dates to work on chapter and state objectives, such as, dues for old members to be remitted by November 1; dues for new members initiated after November 1 to be remitted by April 1 together with convention fee of \$2 per chapter.
6. Each chapter to study the guide for the National Chapter Contest and to follow the guide in entering contest.
7. Each chapter to sponsor cooperative buying and selling organization for vocational students and to encourage cooperative effort among adults.
8. Publication of the Alabama Future Farmer in printed form seven times yearly.
9. Each chapter to obtain cut of national F.F.A. emblem for use in heading all news articles published.
10. Each chapter to have a Green Hand initiation team; the Future Farmer initiation to be conducted by a district initiation team.
11. Where possible, let the chapters be instrumental in assisting the supervisory force in establishing new vocational departments.
12. Each chapter to organize a cooperative savings department.
13. One hundred per cent of chapters to add at least one-half as many books as there are members in the chapter.
14. Each chapter to conduct a nursery.
15. One hundred per cent of chapters to cooperate with national agricultural program.
16. Each chapter to hold a "father and son" banquet.
17. Each chapter to encourage and develop musical talent.

18. State Association to encourage chapters to take educational tours.

19. Each chapter to become thoroughly familiar with State Activity Program.

20. Each chapter to be encouraged to advance members from one degree to the other as rapidly as possible under the provisions of the constitution.

21. Each chapter to submit to the State Secretary by May 15 an annual report on the accomplishments of the year.

22. Each chapter to set up an activity program in line with the state and national activity program and to adapt it to the needs of the local community.

23. To increase active membership in State Association to 4,000.

24. Each chapter to sponsor a live-at-home program.

25. The President to appoint a special committee to work out new initiations for Green Hand and Future Farmer Degrees and report back to the 1938 convention.

26. Each chapter to encourage rural electrification.

27. Promotion of joint activities between FFA and FHA organizations.

28. Each applicant for membership in the FFA to be thoroughly familiar with the FFA Manual and chapter objectives and to satisfy the chapter officers to that effect before being initiated.

29. Each chapter to sponsor conservation program for wild life (including birds, fish, and any other wild life of local importance), this activity to be carried out in cooperation with the Commissioner of Game and Fisheries.

State Convention

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morning, July 15, the annual session got into full swing at 1:00 p. m. with lively music by the brass band, followed by several songs led by B. Q. Scruggs. Rev. Millard Shores, of Camp Hill, delivered the invocation and then Dr. L. N. Duncan, president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, gave the welcoming address.

Declaring that Auburn was the proper place for the annual meeting of boys interested in agriculture, because of the location there of the various branches of extension and vocational

work, Dr. Duncan went on to say that the generation represented by the boys present would be greatly affected, economically, by three important questions now before the American public. Without attempting to define what effect any solution of these questions would have on their lives, Dr. Duncan declared that the Future Farmers should inform themselves fully on the question of:

1. Altering the Supreme Court under the President's proposed plan;
2. Wages and hours in industry;
3. National policy with reference to agriculture.

As to each question Dr. Duncan had no comment to make except to say that their ultimate disposal would affect very materially the future of everyone in America.

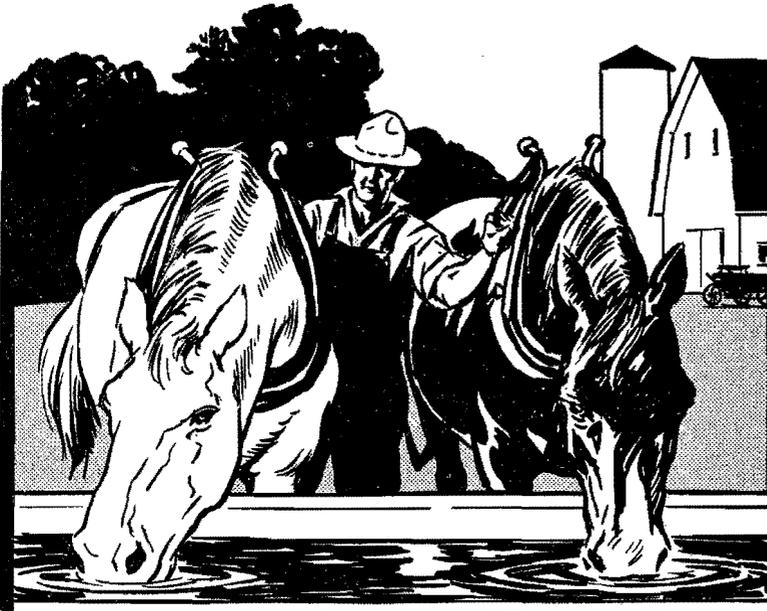
"You are going to have a part in the solution of those and other problems which will arise, and what a wonderful opportunity, what a glorious chance you will have in studying these problems and in raising your voice in the County, State and Nation in deciding those problems," Dr. Duncan added, "You will have to train yourselves for meeting those problems. Get a college education. I don't mean especially to come to Auburn. We will, of course, welcome you here if you decide to come here, but the main point is: complete your education."

Response to the welcoming address was made by William Crawford, State vice-president, who recently was elevated to the rank of American Farmer.

Taking as his subject "Reclaiming Our Lost Acres", Roy Fuller, of Macon County High, won the right to represent Alabama in the sectional public speaking contest in Florida.

Winning the decision over four other contestants chiefly on the points of "content and composition of manuscript", "voice", "response to questions" and "general effect", Fuller went to Florida in August for a contest with entries from Georgia and Florida. The winner of that meet will represent those three states at Kansas City later in the year.

Report was made at the meeting that an increase of 258 had been made in the membership of the organization during the past year. The membership is now 3,758. A total of 125 chapters were represented at the annual meeting, each by two delegates.



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State Farmers

At the annual meeting of Future Farmers of Alabama in Auburn on July 15-17, the following boys were raised to the degree of State Farmers:

Butler—Roland Allen, W. R. Lanier, Robert Britton

Enterprise—Lloyd Martin

Leighton—James Goodwin

Fort Payne—Phillips Buckley, Calvin Jones.

Headland—Bruce Stinson, Marvin Walden, Jr.

Columbia—Charles Moore

Moulton—James Simms, Marion Montgomery

Notasulga—James Casaday, B. B. Darnell

Ramer—Tharon Broadway, Maxwell Lewis, Dan Murrell

Columbiana — Howard McEwen, Alvie Wolf, J. D. Falkner

Akron—D. K. Christenberry, David P. Clary.

Beauregard—Charles Wright.

Cherokee—Joe Rutland, William Owen Foster, Bradley Twitty.

Collinsville—William Harbour

Crossville—Johnny H. Davis, Barnard Hanelson

Dozier—J. W. Rountree, Ray Sport Evergreen—Tom Angle, Herman

Johnson, Laula Middleton, Fred Dean, Roland Johnson

Fairview—Marvin McCoy, Haskell A. Pinkerton, Doyle F. Earmood

Falkville—Dolphus Price, William Knight, Wiley Hardwick, Owen Reeder

Foley—Frazier Holladay

Fyffe—Everette Ables

Isabella—Willard Davenport, Herbert Morgan

Jemison—Erdis Atkinson, Archie White, Hobson Cost, Arnold White, James Smith.

Leroy—John B. Richardson, Evan Lynes

Lexington—Edwin Braly

Lineville—James Jackson, Elvin Hill, Charles Allen Reagan Britt, Durell Shivers

Millerville—Horace Dick

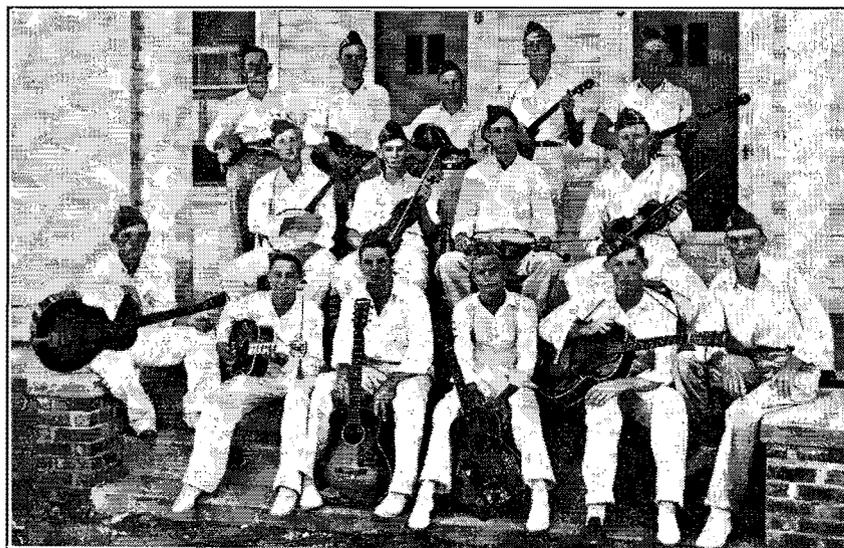
Millport—John Ussery, J. T. Smith, Grady McAdams

New Brockton—J. A. Wilkes, Jr., James T. Sawyer

Pine Apple—B. B. Williamson, Jr.

Red Level—Morland Smith

De Kalb District FFA Band



One of the principal entertainment features of the 8th annual convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America held at Auburn this summer was the music by the DeKalb District FFA String Band pictured above. Members of the band are, left to right, first row, Charles Johnson and Orell Kilpatrick, Crossville; Howard Sizemore, Collinsville; Herbert Broyles, Valley Head; William Harbor, Collinsville; and Warren Bryant, Geraldine. Second row, Cecil Davis, Crossville; James Jordan, Collinsville; J. G. Stone, Crossville; and Lewis Buthram, Fort Payne. Third row, Grady Lowery and J. B. Scott, Geraldine; Roscoe Pope and Donald Worthy, Fyffe; and A. D. Chandler, Geraldine.

Robertsdale — Thomas Roberson, Clinton Knowlton, John L. Gwaltney
Slocomb—Luther Hidle, Rudolph Arnold

Walnut Grove—Allen Wynn, Cecil Stanfield, Marvin Pratt, George Campbell, Jr., James Robbins

Wetumpka—O'Neil Sewell, Henry Harris

The following were made honorary State Farmers:

W. C. Friday, Millerville; W. D. Hunt, Winfield; J. W. Locke, Pell City; G. S. Williams, Frisco City; D. T. Rogers, Foley; E. L. Fincher, Ranburne; R. W. Montgomery, Riverton; S. J. Gibbs, Sulligent; J. F. Turner, Evergreen; E. L. Stewart, Milltown.

Although 90 boys qualified this year as State Farmers, the degree could be awarded only to 80, since the constitution limits the number of degrees awarded annually to two per cent of the total membership. Competition for the honor was keener this year than ever before.

Is your Chapter reporter making his monthly reports on time? They should reach Auburn by the first of each month.

Convention Music

Two groups of FFA boys delighted their brother FFA members with music during the annual meeting at Auburn. Each of the bands was made up of musicians from different towns, but their harmony was none-the-less pleasing.

The DeKalb County FFA String Band was composed of the best musicians from some six chapter string bands.

The brass band, under the direction of Prof. R. T. Butler, principal of Bemiston High School at Talladega, was made up as follows:

Piano: Chas. Hudson, Wetumpka;
Trumpets: Colby Glass, Ashland; Ralph Mitchell, Jack Lowery, Bernie Bishop, Max Burns, and Jas. Ingram of Lineville, and Donald Cottier and Spillman Fitzpatrick of Auburn;

Trombones: Arthur Hardegree, Jr., Ashland; Chas. Hershaw, Ft. Payne; Len Cole and Edw. Ballard, Lineville;
Sousaphones: Wilbert Robinson, Sylacauga, and J. B. Wilson, Auburn;

Tenor sax: Clarence Poland, Lineville;

E Flat Sax: John Owens, Lineville, and Leon Rainey and Willie Glidewell, Margaret;

Baritone: Homer Selby, Pell City, and Walton Garrison, Lineville;

Clarinets: Gene Pace, Estaboga; Emil Griffin, Rob't Smith and Leonard Miller, Lineville;

Alto: Harold Parker, Lineville;

Drums: Rob't Lett, Auburn, and Jack Smith and Billy Coleman, Lineville.

With just a few hours practice together on the part of both bands each of them contributed largely to the success of the meeting.

District Reports

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6. Organized a Future Farmer Degree team and the Green Hand members in our district were raised to Future Farmers by this team.

7. The District held monthly meetings and published three news letters.

8. Each chapter was represented at the convention by two delegates. We also had six applicants for the State Farmer degree here.

9. Each chapter organized a string band and as a result of those bands, we organized the DeKalb District Band which was brought to Auburn to appear numbers of times on the State Convention program.

Chapter News

Albertville—Paid \$100 on clock and bell system for school; plans for year worked out and a good one is expected. **Aliceville**—Met Aug. 11, planned fishing trip to Ft. Walton, Fla.; 17 members made trip, transportation paid out of profit from cooperative cotton project. **Arab**—Had watermelon cutting; made plans for year which includes radio programs, sale of products at district fair, tour next summer, F-S M-D banquet. **Atmore**—Elected officers; won loving cup in stock judging contest; held district meeting; made program of work; planted 2½ acres crotalaria on FFA demonstration; kept shrubs and cotton project cultivated during summer.

Berry—15 members visited points of interest near Pensacola, Fla.—on return trip visited Montgomery, Kilby Prison, Tuskegee Institute, and Auburn. Some of activities to be sponsored by chapter are home- and school-ground improvement, cooperative poultry project, home orchards, and improved pastures. Plan to have 58 paid members this year. **Blounts-**

ville—Elected officers; planned tour; set date for Green Hand initiation.

Cold Springs—Made tour to Muscle Shoals; bought two pigs for FFA project. **Curry**—Secured needed equipment for chapter room; held weiner roast; attended Kiwanis Club barbecue; will landscape vocational building. **Dixon's Mills**—Had executive meeting; planned program of work; secured and framed pictures of Washington and President Roosevelt for chapter room; secured FFA Manuals.

Elba—Made plans for year; will take part in Elba fair to raise money for chapter. **Excel**—Made plans to send three boys to Ton Litter Show. **Fayette**—New department, new chapter; elected officers—took them to Berry for initiation; officers will initiate other members. **Foley**—Made plans for year; attended district meeting. **Ft. Payne**—Eleven boys attended State FFA Convention—returned by Montgomery, Maxwell Field, Birmingham, and other places of interest; Calvin Jones and Phillip Bukley received State Farmer Degrees; Calvin also received \$15 for winning district essay contest; have 700 shrubs ready for transplanting to homes of FFA members; ordered cards and pins for new Green Hand members.

Goodwater—Held business meeting followed by social for prospective members; had swimming party and watermelon cutting after guessing contest at Chilean Nitrate Demonstration. **Hanceville**—Elected officers; Truman McGlawn elected reporter of Cullman District FFA; two FFA boys entered St. Bernard College; check up made on FFA loans by Productive Credit Association. **Heflin**—New chapter; plans made to have officers initiated at White Plains; plan to enter district FFA; three prospective members attended State FFA Convention. **Holly Pond**—Elected officers; appointed committees; opened candy store; planted plot to crimson clover.

Jackson—On return trip from State Convention visited Pepperell Mills, Montgomery, and other points of interest; made plans for district FFA. **Kennedy**—New department, new chapter; elected officers; studied FFA Manual; plans made for initiation of officers. **Leroy**—Made plans for raising money for chapter; set date for community meeting sponsored by FFA. **Marbury**—Set up program of work; planned FFA camp—nine boys made two-day fishing trip. **Millerville**—Made 700-mile tour through South Ala.—visited Ft. Morgan, Gulf Shores, State Docks at Mobile, Capitol at Montgomery, and Kilby Prison. **Milltown**—Planned picnic on river; worked shrubbery; attended meeting of district officers; committee set up activity program. **Moulton**—Attended district meeting; elected officers; made plans for the year.

New Hope (Madison)—Selling drinks at school; sponsoring popularity contest; plans made for having

visit by radio stars from Nashville; will make tour to Smoky Mts. Sept. 16. **Red Level**—Set up program of work; served refreshments after meeting. **Riverton**—Will have two well-planned meetings per month; FFA and FHA organizing large band for musical programs; FFA sponsoring rock veneering of vocational building; plans made for initiating new members. **Robertsdale**—Made five-day fishing trip on Gulf of Mexico—caught 50 lbs. fish; three members received State Farmer Degree at Auburn, made plans for joining "Little River State Park" district FFA.

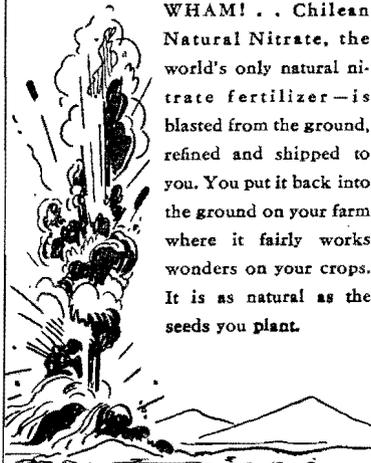
Slocumb—Planned fishing trip, attended State Convention. **Smith's Station**—Made \$30 from barbecue; took five-day camping and fishing trip to Florida. **Town Creek**—Sponsored program of "Grand Ole Opra" Stars from W.S.M., Nashville.

Vernon—Planned FFA project of

100 laying hens. **Weogufka**—Made tour that included points of interest in Ala., Ga., and Fla. (The chapter reporter, James Coleman, made a splendid detail report of this tour.) **West Point**—Caught 35 lbs. fish on trip to Wheeler Dam; elected officers; Leon Graham won T. C. I. essay contest and was also awarded Sears-Roebuck Scholarship to Auburn. **White Plains**—Made tour to points of interest in Ala., Tenn., Ga., S. C., N. C., Va., and Washington, D. C.; set up comprehensive program of work; establish FFA library with funds from cotton project.

The following Chapters sent in reports and stated that plans were underway for an active FFA: **Brundidge (new chapter)**, **Felix, Geneva (new chapter)**, **Glencoe, Grand Bay (new chapter)**, **Highland Home (new chapter)**, **Midland City, Oakman (new chapter)**, **Samson (new chapter)**, and **Sardis**.

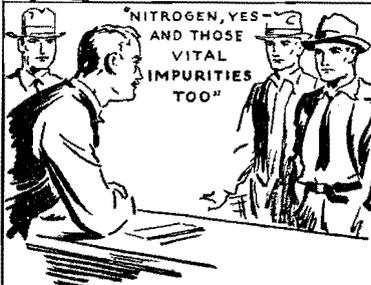
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