### Rube Childress, Former FFA Now Successful Farmer

Rube Childress, former FFA member and student of vocational agriculture at Robertsdale, is demonstrating what may be accomplished through the application of scientific methods in farming. Since his graduation from high school in 1935, he has acquired a 198-acre farm and has constructed an electrically equipped, five-room home on his property.

A 40-acre tract of land surrounded by an electric fence (one wire charged with electricity of harmless voltage) is devoted to pasture land. Ten acres of this land has been improved with highly fertilized carpet grass and lespedeza interplanted; the remainder will be improved gradually to provide sufficient pasturage to care for the increasing herd of cattle. Rube's livestock enterprises have proved a profitable supplement to his farm program. He owns 30 head of good grade beef cattle, one purebred Aberdeen Angus bull, 6 good dairy cows, 2 mules, and 2 purebred Duroc Jersey sows.

A tractor, a 1937 model pick-up truck, and sufficient farming implements to work with the tractor enable Rube to conduct an extensive agricultural program. His productive enterprises for this year include 20 acres of Irish potatoes, 40 acres of corn, 12 acres of cowpea hay, 2 acres of cucumbers, 1½ acres of sweet potatoes, and a summer and winter garden. He will plant 4 acres of Italian rye grass and 12 acres of oats for grazing.

Rube has dug a trench silo (see photo No. 9, Page 2) to be used in storing slinge for the winter feeding of his livestock. The construction of a new, modern dairy barn will be undertaken this fall. His property is absolutely free of mortgages, showing that he possesses sound business judgment as well as a knowledge of progressive agricultural methods.

### State President

**O’Niel Sewell**

As State FFA president, O’Neil Sewell, member of the Wetumpka Chapter, will preside at the general sessions of the 1938 FFA Convention at Auburn, July 14-16.

### Featured Speakers Include Senator Lister Hill and National FFA President

More than 1,000 Alabama high school students in vocational agriculture will gather at the University of Alabama Polytechnic Institute for the 9th annual convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America which opens on Thursday, July 14, to continue through July 16.

O’Neil Sewell, Wetumpka, state FFA president, will preside at the general sessions of the convention. Featured speakers on the program will include Senator Lister Hill, Montgomery; Pres. L. N. Duncan of Auburn; J. Lester Poucher, national FFA president, Largo, Fla.; Dr. J. B. Hobdy, state director of vocational education; and R. E. Cammack, state supervisor of agricultural education.

Included in the recreational program at the convention will be a 21-team softball tournament, a watermelon cutting, and music by the two string bands composed of FFA boys from the DeKalb and North Alabama Districts. A two-reel sound moving picture, “FFA at Ten”, which presents many of the scenes at the 1937 National FFA Convention in Kansas City, will be shown by the Tiger Theater here during the convention.

Attendance at the convention this year has been limited to chapter and district officers and candidates for the State Farmer degree and other awards, said Mr. Cammack, State FFA advisor. Membership during the past school year has mounted to 4,600 compared with 3,758 in 1936-37. The number of chapters, as well...
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Varied FFA Activities
Pictured on Page 2

Interesting glimpses of the varied activities carried on by FFA members in several chapters are given in the 17 photographs on Page 2:

NO. 1.—Four members of the Marion District FFA enjoy a swim in the Butchatch River, which flows through their 200-acre tract of beautiful woodland in Marion County where the District last year erected a camp house.

NO. 2.—A part of the large group of students who attended the first annual Play Day at Athens sponsored jointly this spring by the FFA and FHA chapters in the North Alabama District.

NO. 3.—Sylacauga FFA's installing a water system at the home of Mr. John Guy. (See story on Page 6).

NO. 4.—Robert Lee Yeague, Gaylesville, breaking the bank for his Irish potato project.

NO. 5.—Victor Harrison, Fyffe Chapter secretary, with his 200 Rhode Island Reds. Victor bought 200 baby chicks; raised every last one of them to frying size; sold 160 cockerels; and now has 100 pullets—“Believe It or Not”.

NO. 6.—Riverton FFA's studying hog production at the farm of Mr. Judie St. Clair, who owns one of the most up-to-date hog farms in North Alabama.

NO. 7.—Prof. S. L. Chasauut (left) looks on as Riverton FFA's complete the wiring of the house on the school campus. In addition to wiring the house the boys installed a sink and running water and aided in raising the money to finance the project.

NO. 8.—A fence is constructed around the laboratory area by members of the Florala Chapter.

NO. 9.—Mr. Rube Childress, Robertsdale, former FFA member and successful farmer, is shown standing in a trench silo which he constructed this spring. (See story on Page 1).

NO. 10.—Proper fertilization of Irish potatoes is being explained to members of the Robertsdale Chapter when they visited the Gulf Coast Experiment Station. The demonstration was given by Mr. Otto Brown, superintendent of the station.

NO. 11.—Daviston boys learning proper method of fruit-tree pruning.

NO. 12.—The home of Mr. Comer Zorn is being landscaped by members of the Flora Chapter.

NO. 13.—A group of Millport FFA boys just before taking a dip in the Gulf while on a tour which included Biloxi, Miss.

NOS. 14 AND 15.—An irrigated shrub bed constructed by the Evergreen Chapter from which thousands of shrubs are being grown with which to beautify homes of chapter members.

NO. 16.—A first-class wagon body made by a member of the Heflin chapter.

NO. 17.—Heflin Chapter members taking part in a cornpating demonstration.

State Convention
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as the number of vocational departments over the state, has increased from 143 to 165 at the present time. The annual State public speaking contest is scheduled for Friday evening, July 15, at 7:30, when the five district winners will compete for the opportunity to represent Alabama in the regional contest later this summer. (See photos on Page 5).

American Farmer Degree

The American Farmer Degree is the fourth of the grades of membership in the FFA. This degree is awarded by the National Association at Kansas City during the Annual Convention.

It is very important that State Farmers make application for the American Farmer Degree as soon as they meet the qualifications for the degree. Alabama will be entitled to five American Farmers this year if that number meets the qualifications for the degree. In the event more than five boys meet the qualifications for the degree the five boys having the best record will be awarded the degree. The minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree are as follows:

1. Must have held the degree of State Farmer for at least one year preceding election to the degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State Association.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended) and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records.

3. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least $500 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program). In cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.

Three Crawford Brothers, Former FFA’s
Attend the Alabama Polytechnic Institute

During the 1937-38 session, the three Crawford Brothers, of Marion, attended the Alabama Polytechnic Institute where Norman received his degree in agriculture on May 30 at the close of the 66th commencement exercises.

Because of their outstanding work in the Marion Chapter, Future Farmers of America, each of them received the American Farmer Degree—the highest award of the National FFA—before coming to Auburn. William and Lawrence this year finished the freshman class at Auburn. William is studying agriculture and Lawrence is enrolled in the school of veterinary medicine.
Joint FFA-FHA Program

To meet the long-felt need for a comprehensive joint activity program for local FFA and FHA chapters, the following 15 suggested projects are submitted by Bradley Twitty, Cherokee, state FFA secretary, and Clara Bell Alexander, Pell City, state FHA president:

1. All chapters become affiliated with the State organization.
2. State advocate joint FFA and FHA district meetings.
3. Thrift account accessible for both FFA and FHA members.
4. Establish an FFA and FHA library.
5. All FFA and FHA chapters assist in planning and putting into operation recreational facilities in local communities.
6. Publicity campaign by chapters using newspapers, posters, programs, and radio, concerning farm and home activities.
7. FFA and FHA sponsor “Live at Home” campaign.
8. Both chapters sponsor occupational opportunities by programs given by outsiders.
9. Plan and assist in carrying out a community health week.
10. Chapters combine in assisting to landscape school grounds.
11. State organization promote and encourage the selection and developing of hobbies.
13. Father-Son Mother-Daughter banquet in all schools where there is an FFA and an FHA.
14. Hold at least two joint socials during the year.
15. Joint scrapbook kept by the two chapters in each school.

LISTER HILL

Will the 1937 Champions Win in 1938?

The Muscle Shoals District softball team (pictured above), winners of the 1937 tournament at the State Convention in Auburn, plans to “carry home the bacon” again this year. However, the Dothan District team, one of the strong 21 contenders in the 1938 tournament, will be the first opposition which the champions will have to overcome. Members of the team are, first row, left to right, Therman Lindsey, Vernon Jones, Central High; Emory Buhel, 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 Botwright, 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.
Twenty-One Softball Teams Will Compete in Tourney During State Convention

Twenty-one teams representing various FFA districts in Alabama will take part in a two-day softball tournament as one of the principal recreational attractions at the State FFA Convention at Auburn on July 14 to 16, according to G. T. Sargent, assistant supervisor.

Members of the teams will be either official delegates, chapter or district officers, or candidates for the State Farmer degree. The tournament will open with the first two games Thursday at 3:00 P.M., July 14, on the campus of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

The eight winning teams will take part in the third round on Friday morning following. The two semifinal games, featuring the four remaining teams, and the final game will take place that afternoon beginning at 3:00 P.M.

Since there were 21 teams entered, 11 teams drew byes in the chance matching. The following district teams have been paired for the first round of the tournament: Talladega vs. Cullman; Clay vs. Auburn; Cherokee vs. Shelchitauga; Lamar-Fayette vs. Luverne; Muscle Shoals vs. Dothan.

The teams which drew byes in the first round are Wiregrass, Andalusia, DeKalb, Gadsden, St. Clair, East Alabama, North Alabama, Dixie Five, Butler-Conecuh, Elmore, and Little River.

Participation in the State tournament has been granted to all district teams which applied to Mr. Sargent in response to his letter of invitation to all of the districts in the State.

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4. Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.

5. Be in the upper 40% of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction.

6. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of Future Farmers of America.

District Winners in Public Speaking

The five district winners in public speaking, pictured above, will take part in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest at Auburn on Friday evening, July 15, as one of the principal features of the annual convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America. The high schools they represent and the subjects of their addresses are Glen Curlee, Holtville High, “Farm Tenancy”; Thurman Huffman, Cold Springs High, “The Role of Nitrogen in Southern Agriculture”; John B. Richardson, Leroy High, “Balancing Agriculture and Industry”; Harrison R. Palmer, Hamilton High, “Why Vocational Education in Agriculture”; and Robert Lewis, Central High, “Reclaiming Our Lost Heritage”. These five contestants represent the best in oratorical ability among 1,000 Alabama boys studying vocational agriculture who took part in the 165 chapter and district contests during the past school year.

The State winner will take part later in regional contests, and, if successful, will participate this fall in the National FFA Contest in Kansas City. The contest in Alabama was staged again this year in cooperation with the Barrett Company.
News From The Chapters

**Abbeville**—Elected new officers; 75 members of FFA and FHA chapters had weiner roast and square dance; made plans for tour to Florida. **Addison**—Had joint meeting with FHA to discuss plans for social; planned summer tour. **Akron**—Entertained with weiner roast and swimming party; presented radio program; made clever strippers which sold for $1.50 each. **Albertville**—Organized softball team; elected new officers; closed FFA store with net profit of about $300; have saved enough money to rent bus for summer tour. **Arley**—Initiated 2 Green Hands; sponsored 6 brooder projects. **Ashland**—Completed 20 desks for Superintendent of Education, received $7.50 for each desk and plan to use money for tour of southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico. **Ashville**—Built work benches in shop, framed FFA Creed and Charter; wormed 15 pigs; fenced lab area. **Atmore**—Elected new officers; held public speaking contest; sponsored FFA-FHA picnic. **Beaufort**—initiated 1 Green Hand and 10 Future Farmers; organized softball team; cooperated with FHA in presenting program at Community Farm Bureau meeting. **Billingsey**—Initiated 4 Green Hands; had FFA-FHA fish fry; livestock class made trip to Birmingham. **Blountsville**—Elected officers; studied Parliamentary procedure; cultivated campus shrubbery. **Blue Springs**—Elected officers; planned summer camp and trip to experiment station. **Bundridge**—Presented radio program; set out 500 shrubs on school ground; had F-S M-D banquet with 200 present. **Butler**—Initiated 7 Future Farmers; elected officers. **Camp Hill**—Initiated 20 Green Hands and 10 Future Farmers; elected officers; ordered illustrative material for department; sponsored Chilean Nitrate picture show. **Cherokee**—Had annual F-S banquet with 150 present; initiated 12 Future Farmers. **Clanton**—Sold FFA chicks as broilers, bringing amount of money for educational tour to $100; initiated 3 honorary members; sold Dixie Triumph cotton seed; initiated 2 Future Farmers; cooperated with FHA in giving barbecue for fathers and mothers; elected officers; **Coffee County High**—Initiated 5 Green Hands; set date for fishing trip on Gulf; added 10 new books to FFA library. **Coffeeville**—Organized softball team; cleared $4 on softball game; sold vegetables raised in school garden; had joint program with FHA; gave 226 hogs cholera vaccine; initiated 7 Green Hands; wormed 100 pigs. **Cold Springs**—Initiated 2 Green Hands; made $3.63 selling ice cream at school; went on fishing trip. **Columbiana**—Sponsored dance; cultivated Irish potatoes; landscaped one home. **Dixon's Mills**—Conducted demonstration on turning Austrian winter peas and vetch; visited projects and improved farm practices in school district; made plans for increasing FFA library. **Eclectic**—Initiated 11 Green Hands and 9 Future Farmers; made $75 from various enterprises and made trip to Florida; removed rooted shrubbery from the beds and placed it in field for further growth. **Elba**—Sold chapter chicks; started new lab area for shrubbery; purchased 500 worm capsules for farmers; wormed hogs; published 3 news articles; culled 100 chickens for farmers. **Enterprise**—Entertained 200 guests at F-S M-D banquet; elected officers; 2 members have applied for State Farmer Degree. **Evergreen**—Elected officers; held F-S barbecue; completed installation of 200-foot irrigation system for propagating shrub nursery. **Excelsior**—Held joint meeting with FHA; erected 3 “Welcome to Excelsior” signs; operated school supply store; 4 members have qualified and applied for State Farmer Degree; organized string band. **Falkville**—Elected officers; published one article in local paper; staged play; appointed committee to plan summer trip. **Fayette**—Had FFA-FHA ice cream social; sodded high school campus with Bermuda grass; planned summer trip to coast; won district public speaking contest. **Felix**—Installed electric lights in vocational classroom and FFA library; had F-S M-D banquet; planned FFA barbecue, proceeds to be used in financing summer tour. **Five Points**—Initiated 3 Green Hands; made fishing trip to Martin Dam, sold 10,000 potato plants to farmers; sprayed 2 home orchards in community; conducted ant control campaign. **Flomaton**—Planted laboratory area; organized kangaroo court for enforcement of chapter laws. **Foley**—Netted $100.50 from Amateur Contest; made final arrangements for trip to California in June; made boxes for clothes to be packed in on trip. **Fort Payne**—Initiated 1 Green Hand and 10 Future Farmers; organized softball team. **Frisco City**—Attended district fish fry; organized judging team for district stock judging contest.

**NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR**

The National Farm and Home Hour is now operating on Daylight Saving Time. In cities which do not observe Daylight Saving Time, the program is now heard in Alabama from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Geneva—Gave F-S banquet; elected officers; presented radio program; made pictures for local theater newsreel; had FFA picnic; constructed walk to vocational building and set out shrubbery around building; planted variety plots in lab. area; arranged new shop equipment.

Georgiana—Had F-S banquet; planned summer activities.

Goodwater—Had joint meeting with FHA; constructed two walks in front of school building; sold rat poison; sodded school lawn; purchased one purebred Jersey calf for an FFA member; elected officers and delegates to convention.

Grand Bay—Received characters; had F-S M-D banquet; elected new officers.

Greenville—Elected officers; had F-S M-D banquet; obtained small brooder for class use.

Hartselle—Initiated 2 Green Hands; constructed walks and drives around school building; sprayed 200 trees with summer spray.

Headland—Presented radio program; demonstrated corn weevil eradication through use of carbon disulphide; planned trip to Gulf.

Heffin—Turned under peas, vetch and clover in laboratory area; entertained 100 guests at F-S M-D buffet supper.

Isabella—Cleared $2 selling drinks and candy at the softball tournament; participated in district radio broadcast; demonstrated corn weevil eradication through use of carbon disulphide; planned trip to Gulf.

Jackson—Built electric brooder; purchased 100 baby chicks; concreted forge room in new vocational building; had FFA-FHA picnic; helped make base- ball field for school.

Kinston—Initiated 14 Green Hands; had FFA-FHA picnic; helped make baseball field for school.

LeRoy—Gave radio program; sold chances on articles made in shop.

Liberty—Initiated 17 Future Farmers; planned summer tour; changed location of nursery; bought 80 tons of fertilizer for farmers of the community.

Lincoln—Initiated 3 Green Hands; elected officers; had baseball and fox hunt; cooperated with FHA in giving F-S M-D banquet; elected activity program committee.

Lineville—Cleaned $20 on FFA dance; fenced lab. area; operating model garden; sponsored project tour; harvested 1,000 pounds of crimson clover seed.

Lyefline—Cemented floor in shop; set shrubbery cuttings in slat shed.

Magnolia—Initiated one Green Hand; secured mounted owl for chapter room; built boat for fishing trips.

Marbury—Gave FFA-FHA picture show party; J. W. Ray, winner of District Public Speaking Contest; gave his speech over WAPI; elected officers; made fishing trip.

McKenzie—Planned tour to Texas.

Mignon—Elected officers; planned tour to Washington; worked on campus.

Milltown—Built wagon bed; sold potato plants to farmers of community; sprayed 4 orchards; planted garden crops in lab. area; sponsored rural electrification program in district; visited experiment station at Auburn; elected officers.

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ficers; planned summer tour. Mound­ville—Initiated 4 Future Farmers; elected officers; operated candy store. New Hope (Randolph)—Erected school sign at Wedowee; had special program with speakers from Wedowee; elected new officers; planned summer camp. Oakman—Initiated 6 Green Hands; had planned manual for chapter; elected convention delegates. Odenville—Initiated 1 Green Hand; had joint meeting with FHA; improved walks on campus. Ozark—Had F-S M-D banquet; raised 5 Green Hands to Future Farmers; concreted floor in iron shop. Pine Hill—Elected officers; planned summer camp. Pisgah—Broadcast agricultural program over WJBY, Gadsden. Pleasant Home—Initiated 5 Green Hands; horticulture class visited Bellingrath Gardens and other points of interest in Mobile. Ranburne—Planned summer tour; bought banner for chapter room; had F-S M-D banquet; elected officers. Rawls—Staged play, receipts to be used for camp cabin; fenced lab. area; cultivating 2 acres of cotton to raise money for chapter activities. Red Bay—Charter members were initiated by eleven members of the Cherokee Chapter; elected officers. Red Level—Had FHA-FFA social; elected new officers; planned fishing trip; elected convention delegates. Rockford—Initiated 6 Green Hands; elected new officers; constructed trailer in shop to be used in promoting farm shop work; held joint meeting with FHA. Samson—Built tool cabinets; framed FHA Creed and Charter; made lumber rack; had F-S M-D banquet; elected new officers and convention delegates. Sand Rock—Initiated 3 Green Hands; had joint program with FHA; initiated 13 Future Farmers; made educational tour of the soil conservation project at Guntersville Dam; made new propagating bed. Sardis—Elected officers; attended district FFA convention at Guntersville. Silsbee—Hatched 77 baby chicks cooperatively; will sponsor district fish fry. Valley Head—Elected new officers; planted Black Locust seed; had FHA-FFA social. Wadley—Presented two one-act blackface comedies; initiated 13 Future Farmers; made educational tour of the soil conservation project at Wedowee and at Martin Dam; made new propagating bed. Walnut Grove—Raisers and sold 50 broilers; raising 100 chicks; staged Negro minstrel; chapter funds will be used for trip this summer. Waterloo—Bought feed, seed and fruit trees cooperatively; pruned and sprayed fruit trees; ran terrace lines for farmers; elected new officers; conducted rat eradication campaign; elected convention delegates. Weogufka—Elected new officers; planted various crops in lab. area; elected convention delegates. West Point—Made new slat frame covers for nursery seedling bed; cooperated with other chapters of Cullman County District in staging a crimson clover pageant in Cullman; presented radio program over WAPI. Wetumpka—Initiated one Green Hand; sponsored Rifle Shooting Contest; had F-S M-D banquet; planned trip to Florida. Winfield—Continued work on camp house at County FFA Camp; harvested crimson clover seed; carried out improvement plans on purebred Poland China hogs and added 2 purebred Jersey bulls. Winterboro—Entertained 205 guests at F-S M-D barbecue.