Flomaton Chapter Has 21 Members

Judging by the progress made since its organization in January, the Flomaton Chapter promises to become one of the most active chapters in the State. Temporary rooms for the vocational department have been completed that will make satisfactory quarters until the new vocational building is constructed. Five hundred dollars' worth of tools have been placed in the shop and a 1 1/2-acre agricultural plot has been secured from the town of Flomaton. Of the 30 boys taking the agricultural course, 21 have already expressed their desire to become FFA members.

Even though this new department (installed in January, 1938) does not yet have a building, no time has been lost by J. E. Christian, vocational teacher, in promoting FFA work.

STATE DUES

Remember to send all State FFA dues and the fee of $2 per chapter for the State Convention to R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, Ala., by April 1.

Butler Boys Study Forestry

One hundred twenty-eight Butler County boys in vocational agriculture and three vocational teachers were recent guests of the W. T. Smith Lumber Company, at Chapman. After assembling at the company office, the party was conducted through a section of forest that had been cut over in the last two years by the selective method. By this method the mature and defective trees are cut for lumber, and the thrifty, straight young trees are carefully saved for crop trees to be cut in future years. A stand of trees is kept growing on the land at all times, young trees taking the place of the mature trees that are cut. Interesting talks on the subjects of forestry and fire prevention were made by Red Bamberg, B. R. Holstun, Lyle Brown and Mr. McClure.

An acre check plot containing 63 trees (all numbered) was visited. These trees are measured annually to check the growth of the forest. Each boy was given a sheet of paper showing the measurements of the trees in

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**Train Implement Repair Service**

The Farm Management Class in vocational agriculture at Collinsville is conducting a machinery repair service for its members. Old and broken farm implements are repaired and painted, and parts are ordered and replaced to restore their usefulness. Riding and walking cultivators, turning poles, grain knockers, wheel barrows, and other pieces of farm machinery have been salvaged in this way.

**District News**

**EAST ALABAMA**

The East Alabama District recently presented its first radio program of the year over Station WAPI, Birmingham. Participating in the program was the string band organized last fall.

Four successful meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 55. A program has been launched to raise money for an educational tour this summer. The members are cooperating in all district activities and are making this year one of the best in the history of the organization.

**DeKalb**

The DeKalb District FFA—Collinsville, Geraldine, Crossville, Fyffe, Valley Head, and Fort Payne Chapters—held its third annual barbecue at Fort Payne on March 5, with all FFA boys and their dads attending. Mr. J. C. Cannon, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, was the principal speaker. The FFA barbecue is looked forward to from year to year by every member of the DeKalb District, because it affords an opportunity for the boys and their fathers to get together for a day of fun and good fellowship.

**Decatur**

“Dads’ Night,” sponsored by the Decatur District, was acclaimed a great success, two hundred FFA boys and their dads having gathered at Eva for the occasion. Talks and demonstrations by the boys and expressions of encouragement from some of the dads comprised the program. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

**LITTLE RIVER STATE PARK**

Frisco City, Atmore, Excel, and Uriah, the four schools composing the Little River State Park District, were contestants in a district basketball tournament held recently. The Excel and Frisco City teams engaged in the final playoff, Frisco City winning 16-12.

**Dothan**

Dothan District held regular meetings and planned various activities, among which are a district barbecue to be held at Ozark and a district basketball tournament.

**Muscle Shoals**

Plans for a summer tour were discussed at the last meeting of the Muscle Shoals District. A visit to Washington, D. C., was definitely agreed upon, but the route of the return trip remains to be decided.

The Central Chapter, host to the district, presented an enjoyable program and served chicken stew to the visitors. At future district meetings, each school will be represented by the vocational and home economics teachers, two FFA members, and two FHA girls.

**ANDALUSIA**

The Red Level Chapter was host at the last meeting of the Andalusia District. A talk on wild life by Mr. White of the State Department of Game and Fisheries was the outstanding feature of the program.

**Good Project**

William Frederick, Fayette, is studying farm crops this year, and, consequently, his major projects are corn and cotton. He plans to plant his crops on good land and to fertilize the cotton with 300 lbs. 6-8-4 fertilizer and the corn with 100 lbs. nitrate of soda. The cotton seed used will be D. P. & L. No. 11-A and the corn will be Graham’s Mosby. In addition to his 2 acres each of cotton and corn, minor projects for this year are home beautification (painting house, landscaping grounds, building sanitary toilet, keeping house well screened; home orchard); 50 fruit trees from two to four years old; truck crops; and equipping a farm shop.

William has outlined completely his supervised practice program for his three years of agriculture. Major projects for the second year will be sow and litter, and 100 baby chicks; for the third year, home beautification and sanitation, and home orchard. Minor projects for these years will be truck crops, farm shop, cotton and corn.

**Executive Committee**

At a recent meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee held at Auburn, a committee was appointed to revise the State FFA Constitution in order to make it conform to the National Constitution. Any chapter wishing to suggest changes in the State Constitution should send them to Pete Turnham Abanda, Ala., not later than April 10. The revised constitution will be submitted to the State Convention this summer.

**FINAL DATE**

All preliminary semi-final district meetings of the Public Speaking Contest are to be held by April 15.
Essay Wins Gilt

The registered Duroc Jersey gilt pictured above was awarded J. M. Eubanks, Walnut Grove, by the Sears, Roebuck Company in an essay contest sponsored by this company. Title of the prize-winning essay was "The Place of the Sow, Hen, and Cow on the Farm." Although this is J. M.'s first year of agriculture, he is an enthusiastic member of the Walnut Grove Chapter and has a good supervised practice program underway.

In addition to the gilt, he has one acre of pole beans, three acres of corn, and forty White Leghorn hens. He is planning to raise enough pullets this year to increase his flock of hens to at least 75.

Forty-Nine Other Schools Submitted Entries On Time

Forty-nine schools whose names did not appear in the last issue of the Alabama Future Farmer submitted Essay Contest entries, on time, to Mr. George Foster. These schools are Butler County High, Chambers County High, Coffee County High, Coosa County High, DeKalb County High, Escambia County High, Fayette County High, Henry County High, Lamar County High, Lauderdale County High, Lee County High, Perry County High, St. Clair County High, Addison, Aliceville, Athens, Blountsville, Carrollton, Cold Springs, Crossville, Daviston, Elba, Eva, Evergreen, Foley, Frisco City, Goodwater, Hamilton, Isabella, Jemison, Kennedy, Kingston, Lexington, Luverne, Magnolia, Midland City, Mignon, Millerville, Mt. Hope, New Hope (Randolph), Orrville, Rawls, Riverton, Robertsdale, Sylacauga, Uriah, Valley Head, Wetumpka, and White Plains.

Gaylesville Chapter

The Gaylesville Chapter estimates that it has spent more than $325 on various improvement projects since its inauguration four years ago. These improvements have been many and diverse: painting vocational building, landscaping school grounds, installing water systems in school buildings, roofing vocational building, and adding books to FFA library are listed among the enterprises in which the chapter has cooperated. Not content with past achievements, the chapter recently purchased $180 worth of tools for the wood shop, consisting of a band saw, bench saw, sanding machine, jointer planer, power drill, turning lathe, bench grinder, and 1/4 h. p. electric motor to pull these machines.

BRUNDIDGE CHAPTER

Activities reported by the Brundidge Chapter indicate that its members are displaying a commendable interest and enthusiasm for all phases of the FFA program. 100% of the members have entered the Essay and Public Speaking Contests. Three terracing schools were held during the month at homes of FFA boys, and one member’s home was landscaped. The chapter assisted in sponsoring a fiddlers’ contest, advertised two cooperative hog sales, and continued fattening 5 hogs for the F-S M-D banquet. Evidence of the recognition given the FFA organization throughout Pike County was shown in the appearance on the Troy Messenger’s front page of a picture of the Brundidge FFA officers with their vocational teacher.

Profits in Broilers

Carl McDowell, Clanton Chapter, believes that, of the four projects included in his supervised practice program (broiler-raising, corn, 1 acre of watermelons, and 150 peach trees), broiler-raising is his most profitable enterprise. $80 borrowed from his father enabled Carl to purchase 400 Barred Plymouth Rock chicks and feed them. He then sold his broilers for $177.75, making a profit of $90 above cost of labor, wood for brooding purposes, and rent on brooder house. Part of this money will go toward paying for the 280 AAA White Leghorn chicks which Carl has ordered with the intention of having them blood-tested and selling their eggs to a hatchery. With the remaining money, he will buy fertilizer and seed for his corn and watermelons.

SLOCOMB WINS RADIO IN CHILEAN CONTEST

Members of the Slocomb Chapter are pictured above. Top row, left to right, they are Hulen Tew, Oley Wallace, J. W. McKinney, Hoy Boswell, treasurer, Rex Wright, president, Ewell Underwood, Rudolph Arnold, reporter, Charley Sheffield, and Cecil Boyette. Extreme left, K. V. Reagan, vocational teacher. Seated, top row: Doyle Huford, Frederick Kelley, Quinton Spivey, Wayman Finley, Cordie Ewing. Bottom row: Raymond Purvis, Hoyt Harris, secretary, Jake Ward, vice-president, and Paul Anderson.
Savings Department

When we start out into the world, we certainly have the intention of making the most of our lives. If we are to do this, we must start now to think of things that will help us fulfill this desire.

How many men today make a success in life without some kind of start? As we know, it takes some money for almost everything we want to do, and the only time to make a start is while we are young. Why not emphasize this in our FFA chapters and organize a cooperative savings department for the benefit of our members. Each member, as he advances from one degree to another, will learn to be thrifty by saving a portion of what he earns. At the same time, he will establish a savings fund that will be of great value in later life.

There are many methods of saving and investing wisely. Chapters frequently want to make summer educational tours but are prevented from doing so because of lack of funds. If each chapter member will save a small amount of money each week, there will be enough to finance a chapter tour during the summer.

Let's carry out Item No. 12 of our State Activity Program by organizing a cooperative savings department.—PETE TURHAM, State Treasurer.

The New Farm Program

On March 12, the farmers of the South approved a New Farm Program. Under this program, cotton production is definitely limited or restricted. Benefit checks for carrying out this program will help the farmer, and especially will this be true if farmers qualify for full payment by carrying out the maximum number of soil-building practices. Benefit checks are not the most important part of the program, however. The fundamental adjustments to be made in our farming as a result of this program will be the determining factor in the success or failure of the program. The farm should have a well-planned, safe and sound farming system for 1938. This would include:

1. Growing the best cotton at the lowest cost per pound on the allotted acres.
2. A balanced farm program including livestock, poultry, and other enterprises for cash income.
3. Producing as much food and feed for home consumption as possible.
4. Carrying out soil-building practices to conserve and build up the fertility of the soil.

WOODROW SHELL, Ozark Chapter, was awarded a cash prize of $25 by T. J. Kidd, president of the Mutual Cotton Oil Company, for making the highest yield on two acres planted in Coker's Clevevolt cotton. Mr. Kidd gave this prize to encourage the development of a one-variety cotton community. Woodrow is one of the many members of the chapter who are cooperating with other agricultural agencies in sponsoring a one-variety cotton community.
Livestock Project

Warren Beck, Geneva Chapter, is engaging successfully in the production of purebred Duroc Jerseys. He gives the following account of his program. "Last summer Dad and I decided to go into the production of purebred hogs. After considering the different breeds suitable for southeast Alabama, we decided that Duroc Jerseys would be best for our farm. We bought two young sows that had farrowed once, a gilt, and a nice boar from a different herd so there would be no relation in breeding. These 4 hogs cost about $90, including delivery charges, and at the present time we value them at $140. From the two sows, we have 15 pigs valued at $150, making a total of $290 worth of purebred hogs. The gilt will farrow in 60 days, thereby increasing the herd value.

"Dad and I are planning to expand our hog production program and improve our methods of handling them. I have built one "A" type hog house with the help of the Animal Husbandry class under the supervision of Mr. Byrd, the vocational teacher. This type house costs little and is worth much in producing good hogs. I believe every vocational student carrying hogs in his farm business will profit by building an "A" type hog house for his sow and litter.

"I am using one sow and litter of 8 pigs in my supervised practice program. These pigs will be sold for breeding stock, and I am planning to add another sow to my hog project for next year."

Butler Chapter

1935 and told to estimate the number of board feet on the acre at present. Mr. Holstun offered a prize of $1 to the boy making the nearest correct estimate. Wilmer Searcy, of Greensville, won the dollar, his estimate being only twelve feet under the official count.

The group visited a section of the forest where trees were being cut, pulled out by caterpillar tractors to the truck trail, and loaded on trucks. Nearby was an old field that had recently been reforested with young seedling pines. The party was divided into groups from each school and escorted through the big sawmills where modern methods of lumber manufacturing were studied.

Mr. Floyd McGowin added greatly to the enjoyment of the trip by having ice cream and lemonade served in quantities sufficient to fill the crowd. This treat was given after the party had lunch on the beautiful lakeshore back of the McGowin mansion.

Chapter News

Akron—Initiated 3 Green Hands; sponsoring cotton seed germination tests for farmers of community; conducting personal improvement contest. Ashville—Assisted in pruning 15 orchards; started terracing on 9 farms; wormed 30 pigs; culled 6 flocks of hens; added books to FFA library; established FFA store; installed sink in shop; organized basketball team. Athens — Initiated 19 Green Hands; put out 1,500 shrubbery cuttings; bought radio and built wall cabinet for it; bought and distributed 500 fruit trees; sponsored stage show; landscaped 2 county schools; planned tour to Washington; leveled football field; presented 2 radio programs; entertained Athens
Chamber of Commerce at banquet; had 4 meetings of Dad's Club. Auburn—Initiated 11 Green Hands; put out 3,000 shrubbery cuttings.

Bear Creek—Staged Negro minstrel; continued work on camp house at county camp; carried out improvement plans on purebred Poland-China and Duroc-Jersey hogs. Beauregard—Added bulletin board, picture case and bookcase to classroom; improved school grounds; entertained FFA at weiner roast. Billingsley—Organized basketball team to enter district meet; planted shade trees on campus.

Blue Springs—Planned radio program; continued concrete flooring of shop; partially fenced lab. area. Brilliant—Operating candy store; sold fruit trees; received $15 in donations toward building county camp house.

Carrollton—Built trailer; won $30 from Arcadian Nitrate Demonstration. Cedar Bluff—Held F-S banquet; cultivated shrubbery on campus; planted rooted shrubbery in lab. area; put cuttings in propagation bed; presented radio program over station WJBY, Gadsden. Clanton—Selling candy at profit; raising 75 broilers in electric brooder constructed in shop.

Cold Springs—Set out 26 native trees on school campus; lined out 800 shrubs in lab. area. Columbia—Entertained with S-8 M-O banquet; host to district basketball tournament. Columbiana—Initiated 4 Green Hands; staged play in school auditorium; continued operating school store; received 15% of Irish potatoes. Corner—Assisted in organizing and promoting "Young Men's Farming Club" for out-of-school farmers; completed model brooder house adjoining campus; set out 1,400 cuttings in nursery plot. Crossville—Initiated 15 Green Hands; chapter chickens are proving profitable; two hogs ready for sale; gave 50 plants from FFA nursery to Centerpoint Junior High School to help landscape grounds; building cement sack for chapter chickens. Curry—Enlarged nursery; landscaped vocational building and one home. Dixon's Mills—Held joint meeting with FFA; FFA-FHA conducted programs for 5 community farm meetings.

Elba—Continued selling candy in school; fenced lab. area; completed trailer; purchased 5,000 trees for farmers; set out 500 black locusts in lab. area; purchased baby chicks to feed out and sell for chapter. Enterprise—Presented radio program; set out 300 lining out plants in Mt. Pleasant to be used by community for landscaping schools, church and parsonage; set out 3,000 cuttings in propagation bed; transplanted 2,000 plants to lab. area; plan to organize tennis team. Evergreen—Furnished shrubbery and landscaped one rural church and one school. Excel—Sold 40 bushels of corn and scrub brood sow for $25; gave program at Parent-Teacher Association.

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Falkville — Set out shrubbery around new school building. Felix— Held joint meeting with FHA girls and planned F-S M-D banquet. Flo­ rala — Transplanted 336 lining-out plants in nursery area; made 6,500 cuttings and placed in culture house.

Foley — Received $146.90 from sale of 10 pigs; each member of Irish Potato Club planted 12 bu. seed and a prize of $5 will be given to the boy making the largest profit on his acre; chapter planted one acre of potatoes, proceeds from which will be used for trip to California this summer.

Fyffe — Planted shrubbery around buildings; presented radio program; exchanged classes with girls.

Geneva — Had FFA-FHA meeting; started landscaping grounds around vocational building; started Christmas tree project.

Geraldine— Sprayed 7 orchards; bought 2 pigs; put out 3,000 shrubbery cuttings.

Gorgas— Completed walks to-vocational building; landscaped school building and homes of 2 Future Farmers; conducted rat control campaign.

Grand Bay— Cooperated with FHA in sponsoring play and cleared $35 which will be used for F-S M-D banquet.

Hanceville— Assisted in landscaping Hanceville Grammar School and home of principal.

Headland— Planted shrubs around 2 homes; pruned trees in park; planted cabbage, Irish potatoes, and corn in lab. area.

Highland Home— Landscaped school building; ordered fruit trees.

Holly Pond— Gave F-S M-D banquet; studied Parliamentary procedure.

Isabella— Completed 200 feet of pipe line; won Chilean Nitrate of Soda demonstration; almost completed orchard.

Jackson— Assisted in landscaping and grading school campus; preparing propagating bed; planted school garden.

Kinston— Made hot bed; planted fruit trees and grape vines in lab. area; won FFA basketball tournament; members have planted home orchards.

Leighton— Sponsoring community participation in softball games; cooperating with adviser in giving information to farmers on new cotton program.

Lexington— Initiated 14 Green Hands; extended nursery area; sponsored clean-up campaign throughout community.

Lincoln— Initiated 10 Green Hands; staged play and cleared $22; pruned, sprayed and fertilized FFA orchard; had 2 joint meetings with FHA girls; cooperated with FHA in giving an oyster supper which netted $15.

Lineville— Made $52 on box supper which will be used for F-S M-D banquet; landscaped vocational building grounds; continuing model garden project; 10 boys will carry layer pro­jects, starting with a total of 2,000 chicks.

Luverne— Initiated 37 Green Hands; received charter from State President; landscaped high school and city school with $150 worth of shrubs; obtained equipment for opening and closing meetings; constructed seed tester for community; set out 3,000 cuttings in nursery.

Magna— Built hot-bed and propagation bed.

Midland City— Held fiddlers' convention; put concrete floor in forge shop; built lumber rack; gave radio program; worked on walks and drives for school campus.

Milledgeville— Held district meeting.

Millport— Secured cooperative order for 153 fruit trees and shrubs; landscaped 8 homes; planted 25 more shrubs on school grounds.

Milltown— Had FFA-FHA social; put out 700 cuttings in lab. area; issued shrubbery to third year boys for home beautification; handled fruit tree orders for community; donated shrubs to community club house; planned to establish candy store.

Mountville— Planted shrubbery around Baptist Church; pruning fruit trees for people of community; continued profitable operation of candy store; presented chapel program.

New Brockton— Gave oyster supper for local chapter; landscaped 5 homes.

New Hope (Madison) — Five
Green Hands raised to Future Farmer degree at district meeting; presented radio program each week. New Hope (Randolph)—Initiated 8 Green Hands; sponsored program given by blind man on reading material made for the blind. Odenville—Sponsored FFA-FHA ball game with Pell City Chapter to raise funds for chapter; initiated 7 members to Future Farmer degree; completed painting interior of work shop. Orrville—Secured mounted Owl for chapter room; refinished, stained, varnished, and waxed classroom tables; hung pictures in chapter room; completed frame and made new gate for campus fence; planted hot bed; initiated 5 Green Hands. Pell City—Had steak fry with football and basketball boys; operated school lunch program; purchased FFA banner for chapter room; purchased 10 FFA caps for use in chapter meetings; planted 26 shrubs on campus; began standardizing equipment in department; added medicine cabinet (shop made) to department; constructed desk for office in vocational building; purchased kodak for chapter use. Perry County—Had FFA-FHA Joint social and planned F-S M-D banquet. Pine Hill—Host to district meeting. Ramer—Hel[d] chapter debate; started work on hot beds. Ranburne—Added $20 worth of lining-out plants; initiated 4 honorary members. Rawlin—Cooperated with FHA in giving fish fry; replanted shrubbery from propagation bed. Robertsdale—Had FFA-FHA banquet; constructed and sold lawn chairs; constructed three large garbage containers and placed them on the streets in town; placed 52 plants around the Rosinton Junior High School. Rockford—Built hog wire fence around ½ acre for FFA pigs; put out 1,000 shrubbery cuttings; planted orchard in lab. area; put on “Better Health Program” in chapter meeting. Samson—Had FFA-FHA weiner roast; broadcast over station WAGF, Dothan; hauled 23 loads of dirt to use in leveling ground around agricultural building; sponsored fiddlers’ convention. Sand Rock—Presented radio program; built individual lockers for shop; constructed classroom tables for Home Economics Department; started school nursery; built fence around school lawn and cleaned grounds. Sardis—Ordered $20 worth of FFA library books. Sils—Started concrete shop; landscaped 3 homes. Slocomb—Won radio for Chilean Nitrate of Soda demonstration. Southside—Presented radio program; set out 200 shrubs in lab. area. Straughn—Put 3,000 cuttings in propagation bed; ordered lining-out stock; sold chances on a box to raise money for treasury. Sylacauga—Made tour through Avondale Mills; had chapter social. Thomasville—Initiated 15 Green Hands; elected officers, organized chapter, and discussed activity program. Town Creek—Donated $5 toward equipping room in hospital for tuberculosis patients. Uriah—Published news letter; had FFA-FHA meeting; set out 500 Kudzu crowns. Wadley—Represented in district radio program over WAPI, Birmingham. natural field. Valley Head—Sponsored “stunt night” and cleared $22; improved nursery. Vernon—Landscaped 2 churches, 2 schools, and 4 private homes; enlarged nursery area; raised 3 members to Future Farmer degree. Weogufka—Lanscaped Jr. High School; added fruit trees to orchards of members; FFA and FHA received $24.45 from joint play; made cabinet for school library. Wetumpka—Asked permission of Alabama Power Company to prune and re-work pine grove; conducted public speaking contest; sponsored rifle shooting contest.