Beauregard Launches Purebred Pig Program

Utilizing the "pig chain idea," members of the Beauregard chapter have begun a program for the production of more and better hogs in the Beauregard community.

Prior to beginning the program the boys discussed in chapter meetings and in classes the community's need for an increased number of better hogs. When the matter of securing good foundation stock was considered it was found that real money was needed to buy good breeders.

Since the treasury "could not stand" the necessary expenditure, some other means was sought by which the money could be borrowed. President Bruce Whatley, Secretary Marcus Hiley, and Adviser C. C. Scarborough went to Auburn for a conference with officials of the Auburn Production Credit Association. There they worked out a plan and later presented it to the chapter for approval. After full discussion, the plan was adopted, proper papers were signed, and the necessary money was borrowed from the A. P. C. A.

The money was deposited in the bank and the next problem was to make a wise purchase of purebred pigs to be used as foundation stock. Finally, with the aid of the American Berkshire Association, the desired pigs were located in Tennessee and an order was placed for two and a boar, the latter being unrelated to the gilts. In due time the fine looking Berkshire pigs arrived.

Lucky members who received the pigs were Millard Mullins, Alfred Mitchell, and Bruce Whatley, three of the oldest chapter members. Besides being chapter officers, they hold Future Farmer degrees and were

9th State Convention Held at Auburn

With Dolphus Price, Falkville, elected as the new FFA president, Glenn Curlee, Holtville, declared the state winner in the public speaking contest, and Woodrow W. Fisher, New Market, the state winner in the essay contest, the 9th annual Alabama FFA convention closed on July 16. The convention was attended by approximately 1,000 chapter members and teachers of vocational agriculture from 64 counties. O'Neil Sewell, Wetumpka, retiring president, presided at the convention.

Other state officers elected to serve with Price for the coming year are John Richardson, Leroy, vice-president; Joe Bill Knowles, Headland, secretary; Halon Tew, Slocomb, treasurer; Archie Gilmore, Sulligent, reporter; A. L. Morrison, Auburn, assistant adviser, and R. E. Cameron, Montgomery, state supervisor of agricultural education, adviser. John B. Richardson won second place in the public speaking contest.

Senator Hill Speaks

Senator Lister Hill called upon Alabama's youthful farmers to assume the role of "new pioneers" in solving the south's economic problems, in an address at the annual convention.

Balance between agriculture and industry, pointed to as the south's major problem by the young Alabama senator, can only be realized, he said, through increased industries in the south, controlled by southerners and operated with southern capital.

In the same manner that credit institutions have been created for farmers in the land banks, Hill said,
Their Essays Were "Tops"

The four champion essay writers in the Alabama FFA are pictured. The State winner is Woodrow Fisher, of New Market, whose essay on a current agricultural problem was declared the best of those written by 948 FFA boys throughout the State. District winners are Thurston Nelson, Millerville; Bradley Twitty, Cherokee; and James Pridgeon, Enterprise. The essay contest is sponsored annually by the Association and the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau. A prize of $50 went to the State winner and each of the district winners received $15.

Essay Contest Winners

A prize of $50 went to Woodrow W. Fisher, New Market, as winner of the 1937-38 Essay Contest sponsored jointly by the Alabama FFA Association and the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau. To the following three district winners went prizes of $15 each: Thurston Nelson, Millerville; Bradley Twitty, Cherokee; and James Pridgeon, Enterprise.

The complete list of winners by districts is as follows:

**District No. 1:**
Thurston Nelson, Millerville.

**District No. 2:**
Bradley Twitty, Cherokee.
Dean Stewart, Carrollton.
Odell Vinson, Mt. Hope.
George Owens, Alzaville.
Roy Satterwhite, Jemison.
Ray Golden, Millport.

**District No. 3:**
James Pridgeon, Enterprise.
W. C. Nichols, Excel.
C. E. Thomas, Magnolia.
John Peacock, Midland City.
Paul Beachman McGraw, Evergreen.
Harold Conn, Uriah.

6,792 Alabama Farmers Attend Evening Schools

For the sole purpose of obtaining practical information on how to make more money on their farms, 6,792 Alabama farmers spent an average of 24 hours each in serious study in evening school classes last year taught by 173 teachers of vocational agriculture.

No grades, credits, or diplomas are given for evening school work, said R. E. Cammack, State Supervisor of agricultural education. The only incentive for attending the classes is to obtain information for which these farmers recognize a need, he explained.

Through the 353 classes conducted in practically every county in the State, Mr. Cammack said that the vocational teachers planned a total of 22,347 improved practice projects with the farmers. The teachers conducted an average of 16 evening school sessions of one hour and a half each during the year in the communities. In most instances classes were conducted in school buildings, although in several places church buildings and community centers are used as meeting places.

Principal projects planned and supervised by the teachers for these farmers were soil improvement, improved livestock feeding, general farm planning, home orchards and gardens, poultry and hog production, landscaping, repair of farm equipment, and cotton production.
Cherokee Chapter Is Largest in Alabama

The Cherokee Chapter of Future Farmers of America, 60 members of which are pictured above, is the largest of 173 FFA chapters in Alabama. Including 41 out-of-school youths, total membership of the chapter is 101 farm boys who have seriously gone about the job of improving farm practices during the past year under the guidance of Prof. F. A. Pittman, teacher of vocational agriculture and chapter adviser. The boys practiced thrift by investing their farm earnings in school books, tuition, clothing, good seed and fertilizer for their home supervised practice work, good breeding stock, poultry, land and workstock, and many other worth-while investments. The 60 members who studied vocational agriculture last year carried out 184 productive projects in livestock, field crops and horticulture, 157 home-beautification improvement projects, and 417 improved farm practices. The Chapter purchased a purebred Hampshire brood sow and boar, leased four acres of land to produce feed for the pig project, and raised sufficient cash to make an educational tour to Washington, D. C. Entertainments and interscholastic basketball and baseball games have been a part of the recreational activities of the Cherokee Chapter. Professor Pittman has taught vocational agriculture at Cherokee High School for the past 15 years.

Staff Promotions

G. T. Sargent, formerly assistant supervisor in agricultural education with headquarters at Auburn, has been appointed teacher trainer in agricultural education. As a member of the Auburn faculty he will teach courses in farm shop and shop methods. He will also assist Prof. S. L. Chestnut in supervising the practice teaching program of seniors in agricultural education.

Succeeding Mr. Sargent in the capacity of assistant supervisor will be H. F. Gibson, who for the past year has been a member of the supervisory staff here as subject-matter specialist in vocational agriculture. A. L. Morrison, teacher of vocational agriculture at Lee County High School, will succeed Mr. Gibson as subject-matter specialist. D. N. Bottoms, who was located at Camp Hill for the past year, will succeed Mr. Morrison as vocational teacher at Lee County High. R. W. Montgomery, formerly of Madison County, will succeed Mr. Bottoms at Camp Hill.

M. S. Degrees Awarded To Nine Teachers

Master of Science degrees were awarded to nine teachers of vocational agriculture at the Summer Commencement Exercises of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute on August 19. They were B. Q. Scruggs, Wetumpka; M. G. Anderson, Vernon; R. L. Reeder, Florence; J. H. Kitchens, Enterprise; S. J. Gibbs, Sulligent; V. C. Kitchens, Arab; D. N. Bottoms, Auburn; J. C. Kuykendall, Gordo; Frank Martin, Danville; and E. L. Stewart, Milltown. In keeping with the policy of the organization in Alabama, teachers of vocational agriculture do graduate work each summer at Auburn. Twenty-eight of the 180 teachers of vocational agriculture in Alabama now have their Master of Science degrees.

National Convention

The 1938 National Convention of Future Farmers of America will be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 15-22 in connection with the 40th American Royal Livestock Show.

The Eleventh Annual FFA program will consist of Judging Contests, livestock exhibits, conferences, banquets, luncheons, horse shows, the National FFA Public Speaking Contest and various other features. This program offers a rare educational opportunity for those in attendance.

Dolphus Price, State FFA president and John Bell Knowles, State secretary, were selected at the FFA Executive meeting held in Montgomery on September 10 to represent approximately 6,061 FFA boys in Alabama. These boys will be accompanied by A. L. Morrison, assistant State adviser.

Start work on the Essay Contest. Mail the name of boys entering along with their subjects to George L. Foster, 517 Shepherd Building, Montgomery, Ala.
Let's Go to Work

School days are here with all their problems of books, themes, and exams. Also the time has come for us to think seriously about our FFA work. We must realize the fact that our organization is a growing one, and we as Future Farmers of America must see to it that our part on the 1938-39 Activity Program is carried out.

There are a number of very important items on our State Activity Program this year that will require every boy to live up to the principles of FFA. Let's make this year one of the best in FFA history. We can look back over a period of five years and see the results of our organization. Many schools have been materially aided, shrubs have been set out, buildings repaired, and lawns kept up. Although these are only a few of the things sponsored by FFA, they set a fine example. We need more of just this sort of achievement to add to our record of accomplishments.

To those of you who possess talent in music, writing, or public speaking, do not let timidity ruin your chance of winning that honor for yourself and your school. It is essential that every boy enter some kind of contest, even though he should lose—and all of us must do so at some time—he has gained far more by having done constructive work in this contest than if the trial had not been made.

On your chapter and district officers rests a great responsibility. Success of your year's work depends largely upon your efforts in the next few weeks. Do not wait for a better time to appoint your standing committees; they should be at work just as soon as possible. Much will be expected of you from those boys whom you lead in FFA this year. Your leadership may spell the success or failure of your chapter. Sell the FFA to the citizens of your community. When once they have seen the effect of a working FFA chapter, you will have their full support.

Future Farmers of America, let's go to work!—DOLPHUS PRICE, State President.

Item No. 27

Item No. 27 in the State Activity Program indicates that each chapter should obtain half as many manuals as there are members in the chapter. Better than this, however, let's order a manual for every chapter member. This is the best way for everyone to become thoroughly familiar with the FFA organization.

If all members will obtain a copy of the manual and will study it, a great deal of unnecessary effort will be avoided on the part of advisers and state officials who are called on many times to supply information which the FFA boy could obtain for himself from the manual.

Manuals may be purchased from the French-Bray Printing Co., Candor Building, Baltimore, Md.

Be sure to inform the State Reporter when you have obtained manuals for each chapter member. You should receive credit for this fine accomplishment.—HULON TEW, State Treas.

More than 900 of Alabama's young Future Farmers who attended the recent 9th annual co 14-16 are pictured above in the amphitheatre of the State Camp at total of 6,061 students enrolled in vocation
State Activity Program

1. One hundred per cent of chapters in the State to enter all contests sponsored by the State Association.
2. Each chapter to affiliate with a district organization where possible.
3. District organized on county basis where there are three or more chapters in one county.
4. Each chapter and/or district present well-planned radio program regularly, where possible.
5. To continue to have committees handle business at the convention.
6. Each chapter and district establish a calendar setting specific date to work on state, district and chapter objectives.
7. State, district, and chapter operate on budget for financing the activities of organization.
8. Each chapter to study the guide for National Chapter Contest and to follow the guide in entering contest.
9. Each chapter to sponsor cooperative buying and selling organization for vocational students to encourage cooperative effort among adults.
11. Each chapter to obtain cut of national FFA emblem for use in heading all news articles published.
12. Each chapter to have a Green Hand initiation team; and, each chapter or district team, whichever is more feasible, to raise Future Farmers.

13. Each chapter strive in all activities to favorably advertise vocational agriculture.
14. Each chapter to organize a cooperative savings and loan department.
15. One hundred per cent of chapters add at least 10 new books to library and sponsor a wide use of the library.
16. Each chapter to conduct a nursery on a well planned basis.
17. One hundred per cent of chapters to cooperate with national agricultural program.
18. Each chapter to sponsor a “Father-Son” or “Father-Son-Mother-Daughter” program or banquet.
19. Each chapter and district to encourage and develop musical talent.
20. Each chapter plan educational tour where possible.
21. Each chapter and district become thoroughly familiar with National and State Activity Programs and incorporate these programs into their programs of work in a manner to fit their local situations.
22. Each member advance from one degree to the other as rapidly as possible.
23. Each chapter to submit to the State Secretary by May 15 an annual report on the accomplishments of the year.
24. To increase active membership in State Association to 5,000.
25. Each chapter to encourage rural electrification and live-at-home program.
26. Promotion of joint activities between FFA and FHA organizations.
27. Each chapter have half as many manuals as their membership.

Convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America held in Auburn on July the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. These delegates represented all agriculture in 173 Alabama high schools.
String Bands Play at Convention

Music for the State Convention in Auburn was furnished by two excellent string bands representing the DeKalb and North Alabama Districts. The DeKalb District Band is pictured above as it played for one of the convention sessions. Former state president, O’Neil Sewell, Wetumpka, is shown seated at right.

1938 Softball Champions

The 21-team district softball tournament staged during the annual convention at Auburn was won by the Little River team which defeated Southwest Alabama by a score of 11 to 5 in the final game. The champions are pictured above, front row, left to right, Faircloth, Excel; Owens, Atmore; Sawyer, Frisco City; Childers, Robertsdale; Rowell, Uriah; and Helton, Atmore. Standing, Asst. Adviser H. L. Terrell, Excel; Eddins, Frisco City; Sangham, Excel; Gaston, Frisco City; Beach, Foley; Yates, Flomaton; Adkerson, Flomaton; Riley, Uriah; and Adviser G. B. Williams, Frisco City.

Little River Team Beats DeKalb District

Superior fielding and timely hitting in the first frame gave the Little River team, which was composed of players from Robertsdale, Excel, Frisco City, Foley, Flomaton, and Uriah, a 11-5 win over the DeKalb district in the finals of the FFA State softball tournament on Drake Field at Auburn. Each club slapped out a half dozen safe blows, but the winners collected four of theirs in the opening stanza that were coupled with three miscues and manufactured into six runs.

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and each member and prospective member be familiar with contents of manual.

28. Each chapter to sponsor conservation program for wild life including birds, fish, and any other wild life of local importance.

29. Each chapter to encourage fathers to attend chapter meetings and where possible elect three or more honorary members during year.

Beauregard Pig Project

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active in promoting the new pig project.

While the FFA chapter retains actual title to the pigs, they are the “property” of these boys and become a part of their Supervised Practice Programs. From the first litter of each gilt two choice gilts will be returned to the chapter and placed with two other members. From this modest beginning it is hoped that this program will prove to be an endless chain, finally benefitting each FFA member and his neighbor.

All members are proud of the pigs and the fact that they are registered purebred stock. The registration papers from the American Berkshire Association have been framed and now hang on the walls of the Ag Building.—Reporter.

The date for the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., is October 15-22. If you have a boy making this trip, send his name immediately to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Ala.

Set up local FFA program of work in line with the State Activity Program.
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industrial banks may be a means of financing southern owned industries.

National President Speaks

Prediction that the American farmer will make great strides in the next few years and that the Future Farmer organization will play an important part in this progress was made by J. Lester Poucher, Largo, Fla., national FFA president.

"In the near future I see improved farms and homes beautifully located with modern conveniences; better and more economical machinery; increased fertility of the land; adequate programs of farm financing and cooperative buying and selling; better informed, more highly educated, and more skillful farmers who are putting into practice the information learned in their study of vocational agriculture," said Mr. Poucher.

FFA Progress

Secretary Bradley Twitty, Cherokee, stated that the number of FFA chapters and departments of vocational agriculture in Alabama high schools has increased by 32 during the past year, bringing the total to 173. The increase in FFA chapter membership has been 878 with the present total now at 4,636. The total enrollment of high school students during the past year was 6,061. A total of $8,038.93 is on deposit in chapter thrift banks and the amount invested in farming by active FFA members is $144,206.07, he said.

FFA President Speaks

"Major objective of the Future Homemakers of America is to promote better use of homemaking training in personal development in our home and community life," said Miss Clara Bell Alexander, Pell City, State FFA president, in addressing the FFA convention. "We foster the promotion of vocational home economics in Alabama; we help members solve more satisfactorily their present home problems; encourage thrift as a part of a plan for well-rounded living; guide members in selecting wisely their profession and occupation; promote scholarship and achievement among students of home economics; try to interest members in developing hobbies; and help members, working as a group, to realize that both leadership and the ability to be a good follower in worthwhile projects are necessary.

"It is our desire as Future Home­ makers to be among the countless women of the world who make life sweeter and better because we live and do our work well," declared Miss Alexander.

State Farmer Degrees

Seventy-seven of Alabama's most promising future farmers were awarded the State Farmer Degree at the convention in recognition of their superior attainments in study and practical application of vocational agriculture.

Requirements for the degree include a minimum average of 85 per cent, two years of FFA membership with outstanding supervised farming projects in operation, productive investment or bank deposit of $200, ability to lead a 40-minute group discussion, and evidence of definite leadership qualities.

Because of their accomplishments during the past year as advisers to FFA chapters the following teachers were also awarded honorary State Farmer Degrees:

Earl Gissendanner, Crossville; F. K. Agee, Holly Pond; T. M. Pruitt, West Point; D. M. Turney, New Brockton; C. C. Scarborough, Beau­ regard; J. W. Walton, Dixons Mills; H. L. Terrell, Excel; J. W. Gullatte, Cullman; Wayne Long, Florence; Edths Smith, Enterprise; Miss Clara Bell Alexander, Pell City, State FHA president, in addressing the convention in recognition of their superior attainments in study and practical application of vocational agriculture; students of home economics; try to interest members in developing hobbies; and help members, working as a group, to realize that both leadership and the ability to be a good follower in worthwhile projects are necessary.

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Chapter News

Alexandria—Made tour of Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Arab—Visited Panama City, Florida. Athens—Tours Covered 2,400 miles on Canadian tour. Beauregard—Invited all new Jr. III boys to regular chapter meeting in August and served ice cream at close of meeting; purchased 3 registered Berkshire pigs as beginning of campaign to increase quantity and quality of hogs in community; programs for money and flour funds have been sponsored during the summer. Belgreen—Made trip to Washington; had annual watermelon cutting in August; had chapter officers hold meeting in August; had chapter officers hold meeting in August.

Camp Hill—Chapter and district presidents met with adviser to plan work. Chatom—Had meeting in August; filed bulletins; planned activities. Clint­on—Made educational tour to South Alabama and Florida; saw President Roosevelt in Florida. Cold Springs—Toured South Alabama and Florida. Danville—Made five-day educational tour to Fort Worth, Texas, visiting many points of interest; total cost of trip was $72.50. Elba—Twenty-five members made 1,100-mile tour of the Southern States; plan to continue selling candy at school. Evergreen—Made tentative outline of year's activities. Foley—Plan to participate in Pensacola Fair Exhibit, and to sponsor community and FHA exhibits; will purchase 10 pigs as chapter project. Fort Payne—Elected chapter officers; set up program of work. Fyffe—The chapter's 115 pullets are just beginning to lay; chapter officers held meeting and made plans for the year.

Gaylesville—Made tour of Florida, Alabama and South Georgia; opened school store; conducting membership campaign.

Geneva—Chapter members busy picking cotton; held first meeting and planned work.
Goodwater—Members attended first FFA meeting September 5; planned comprehensive program for the year.
Cline—Constructed and equipped private library for use of chapter; purchased Encyclopedia and other reference books; completed cabin at the Marion County Future Farmers Camp and partially furnished it; operating supply store at school; attended district meeting. Hartsville—Made educational tour to Florida; began selling seed and fertilizers for the Morgan County Exchange. Hanceville— Held meeting and discussed ways of improving FFA chapter during 1938-39. Isabella—Cultivated lab, area and shrubbery around building; made out activity program; vaccinated 1,500 chickens.
Jackson—Made plans for a five-chapter district organization composed of the 4 Clarke County chapters and Leroy in Washington County; joint program work with the FHA chapters of the same school to be worked out for the year. Jemison—Made trip to Pensacola, Mobile, Biloxi, and other places of interest on the Gulf Coast; sponsored program to look for white fringed beetle; took pictures of two outstanding poultry projects and top litter project. Kennedy—Summer tour included visits to Mobile, Fairhope and Gulf Shore; held field guessing contest on Nitrates of Soda demonstration; put concrete floor in blacksmith shop; improved FFA library. McAdory—Began work on FFA nursery. Millport—Visited Shiloh National Park, Pickwick Dam, and Wilson Dam on summer tour. Millport—Committee planned social activities for year. Moulton—Made trip to Montgomery, D.C. sightseeing, and were entertained at a luncheon by Congressman Frank W. Boykin. Goodwater—Made trip to Panama City, Florida; secured permission to build FFA log cabin at Blue Pond, and have agreed to make it a district project. Red Bay—Held meetings and discussed money-raising projects; had chapter social with musical program and refreshments. Riverton—Initiated 14 Green Hands; all students enrolled in vocational agriculture are FFA members. Robertsdale—Initiated 8 Green Hands; 12 members made 1,500 mile tour of Florida; one member applying for American Farmer Degree; sponsored amateur hour and made $48. Rockford—Plan to buy 4 pigs to be grown out and sold when they reach the weight of about 200 pounds; fenced in pasture and built house for pigs; plan to make a self feeder. Samson—Made educational tour through West Florida. Sardis—Working on chapter and district activity programs; making membership drive. Smith’s Station—Made trip to Florida; held business meetings. Straughn—Attended district meeting. Town Creek—Planned initiation of new members; made arrangements for FFA-FHA fish fry. Uriah—Made 1,000 mile tour through Atlanta, Chattanooga, Birmingham, Auburn, and Montgomery. Valley Head—Visited Smokey Mountain National Park; re-opened FFA store. Vernon—Group FFA project netted $66; made camping trip to Gulf Coast.

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