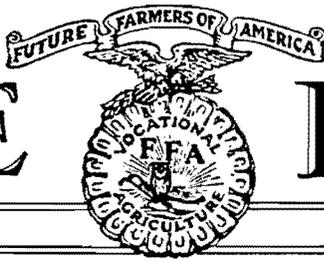


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## Warren Bozeman Makes Fine Record In Club Work

Starting five years ago with a two-dollar purebred gilt, which he tied to a stake and moved from place to place in order to reduce feed costs, Warren Bozeman, 17-year-old FFA boy at Ramer, has so managed his farming operations that he is now worth more than \$800.

In addition, his vocational agricultural projects in livestock, poultry, and field crops have paid his personal and school expenses and have gone a long way in supplementing the family income.

Today, according to E. M. Fleming, Ramer teacher of vocational agriculture, Bozeman owns six cows, three sows, 15 shoats, 8 pigs, 75 laying hens, 20 roosters, and buildings and equipment valued at \$100 plus \$60 invested in field crop projects this year.

Besides electing him president of the Ramer FFA Chapter for the coming year, his fellow members named him as the 1939 recipient of the loving cup which rotates from year to year to the boy making the most outstanding project and chapter record.

At 13 months of age his two-dollar gilt farrowed 10 pigs. When they were sold in the Ton-Litter Show at Montgomery they weighed 1,750 pounds and brought \$192.50, allowing him a profit of \$112 above feed cost.

With \$47 of his profit he purchased a cow, two young heifers, and a calf. Remainder of his profit was used to purchase school books, clothes, and a small amount of feed.

On March 3, 1936, his sow farrowed another litter of pigs which  
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## 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 to 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 and to encourage cooperative effort among adults.
10. Publication of the Alabama Future Farmer in printed form seven times yearly.
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, which ever 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 ten 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  
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## Alabama FFA Members Make New Record In Past Year

Alabama's FFA boys attained a new high record during the past year in attainment of the 26 goals set up in the National FFA Program of Work.

Exactly 3,925 boys last year either began or continued a long-time farming program in which they applied information gained in the study of vocational agriculture.

Realizing that their study in school is worth little unless they can find some practical application, 2,769 Alabama FFA boys last year carried out definite programs for improvement of their farm homes. By developing attractive grass lawns and planting shrubbery according to an artistic arrangement, the boys made their home a more beautiful place in which to live. Also the boys assisted in wiring their homes for electricity, installing labor-saving devices, and installing running water and bath-room facilities.

Conservation work, including soil-saving and improvement practices, protection of wild life, and prevention of forest fires, was carried on by 2,200 boys in 126 chapters.

In order to give chapter members actual experience in the financial management of a specific project, 138 chapters last year conducted cooperative business enterprises. Other cooperative chapter activities during the year included rat-eradication campaigns by 66 chapters, and fire-prevention work by 76 chapters.

To acquaint parents with the program in vocational agriculture, 131 chapters last year held banquets at  
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## State Activity Program

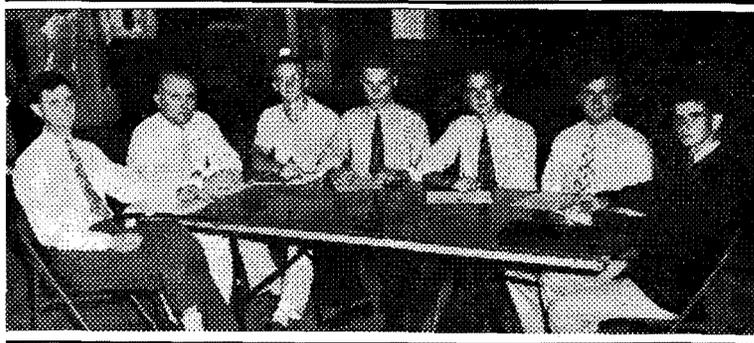
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18. Each chapter to sponsor a "Father-Son" or "Father-Son-Mother-Daughter" program or banquet.
19. Each chapter and district to encourage and develop musical talent.
20. Each chapter plan educational tour where possible.
21. Each chapter and district 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 to 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 5,500.
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 to have half as many manuals as their membership and each member and prospective member to 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.
30. That the State Executive Committee compose a group to investigate the possibilities of carrying out item 15 of the 1938-39 National Program, which reads as follows: "Encourage establishing and maintaining States Camp with Leadership Training Schools held in connection with these camps."

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 12th National FFA Convention will be held at the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 16-20. If any local advisers or FFA members desire further information on this meeting, write to R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, or A. L. Morrison at Auburn.

A total of 6,918 Alabama high schools boys studied vocational agriculture last year.



**STATE FFA OFFICERS**—At the helm of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America for 1939-40 are the new officers elected at the close of the annual meeting in Auburn on August 23. They are, left to right, A. L. Morrison, Auburn, assistant adviser; R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, State adviser and director of agricultural education; L. C. Fitzpatrick, Jamestown, reporter; Albert D. Ash, Odenville, treasurer; Roy F. Fuller, Notasulga, secretary; Hollis Smith, Killen, vice-president; and Joe Bill Knowles, Headland, president.

## 22 FFA Chapters To Be Added Soon

About 500 additional Alabama boys will become members of State FFA Chapters soon when 22 new schools receive FFA charters.

There are 22 schools in the State which have recently added vocational agriculture to their programs and are now ready to install FFA charters. The vocational agriculture teachers will help the boys to organize and map out a regular program.

Officers of the new chapters will be elected soon and activities will be started.

Addition of the 22 new chapters brings the total number of chapters in Alabama up to 200, as there were 178 last year.

The new chapters and vocational teachers are Conecuh County High, Harvey Bazemore; Beatrice, T. B. Hagler; Haleyville, C. D. Thomas; Hayneville, S. R. Brannon; Vina, Grover Morrow; Susan Moore, W. J. Thompson; Oneonta, J. W. Brown; Center, D. P. Whitten; Spring Garden, P. M. Wilder; Princeton, M. L. Thomas; Hayden, Tommie Atwood; Clayton, H. F. McCroskey; Clio, R. J. Chandler; Louisville, E. D. Fouts; Brantley, M. L. Carroll; Goshen, J. B. Andrews; Cottonwood, W. F. Knight; Ashford, R. M. Chapman; Baker, C. O. Woody; Newville, T. C. Davis; Hatton, J. F. English; Greensboro, H. L. Jacobs.

## Cuba Chapter Sees King and Queen

Biggest thrill of their summer trip came to members of the Cuba High School FFA Chapter when they arrived in Washington at the same time with the King and Queen of England.

The boys from Sumpter County had an exciting experience when they viewed the royal parade down Pennsylvania Avenue and witnessed the pomp and splendor of the occasion.

From Washington the Cuba chapter went to the New York World's Fair which surpassed all expectations. On the return trip the boys stopped by Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

The Cuba chapter has announced "with much pride" that 14 new greenhands have been initiated and the chapter as a result is considerably enlarged.

## District Organizations

There will be twelve new district FFA organizations in the State this year. This brings the total number to 48 districts in the State with an average of more than four local chapters to the district. Practically all of the new districts have been organized on a county basis. This is in line with a policy adopted by the State Association two years ago. Much valuable FFA work can be accomplished through district organizations.

## State Champion

Claborne Brazeal, of Reform, won the State FFA Public Speaking Contest held in Auburn on July 20.

Brazeal was victorious over Frazier Galloway, Hartford; Arnold White, Jemison; J. M. Eubanks, Walnut Grove, and Joe D. Catrett, Luverne, all of whom were district winners.

As Alabama champion FFA speaker Brazeal took part in the tri-state contest at Auburn on August 3 when he was opposed by state winners from Georgia and Florida. The contest was won by Wayne Poucher, of Largo, Fla.

"The public speaking contest held annually in Alabama is designed to develop rural and agricultural leadership through public speaking activities," said R. E. Cammack, state supervisor of vocational agriculture. More than 1,000 of the 6,918 Alabama high school boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year took part in the chapter and district public speaking contests this spring, he said.

Dolphus Price, Falkville, former state FFA president, presided at the state contest.

## Farm Cooperation

*(Editor's Note: The following article was written and delivered in the public speaking contests by Claborne Brazeal, Reform, winner of the State FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Auburn this past summer.)*

The farmer because of the nature of his work is naturally more or less individualistic in character. Many years ago he produced and consumed almost everything on his farm. He invented many of the necessary implements connected with the farm business. He was segregated from society. He was forced to depend upon his own resources to provide a livelihood for himself and family. Cooperation was a word unknown to him. He had a self sufficiency program. No one was depending upon him for food and clothing; neither was he dependent upon anyone else for these things. But as many years passed and many inventions were made, the picture took on another color.

After many years of changing civilization, the farmer found himself in an entirely new economic world.



CLABORNE BRAZEAL

He no longer produced all that he consumed; he no longer consumed all he produced. Machinery of various kinds had taken the place of men and horse labor; home-spun cloth had given place to factory made clothes; home-made farm implements and conveyances had given place to factory made things. He read more, thought more, knew more, and found it necessary to cease living to himself and for himself and his family. He began producing more than he could use; therefore he found it necessary to trade or barter for the necessities of life which he could no longer produce on the farm. He learned to make two blades of grass grow where only one had grown. His standard of living which was in keeping with the advancement of times gradually improved.

The farmer found that he no longer lived to himself, but was dependent upon others for many of the necessities of life. He ceased to be independent. All civilization grew more complex, which made it necessary that the farmer must cooperate with other farmers and with people in other vocations. After he learned to produce more and better quality of farm commodities, he found himself confronted with the question of what to do with his surplus of farm products. He found out that his land would not continue to produce high yields without terracing his rolling fields and that it was necessary for

him to replenish his soil with vegetable matter which contained more nitrogen. But in order to get the proper kinds of soil building crops grown on his land, he found that he had to cooperate with his fellow farmers in procuring legume seed. Farm leaders were developed who began to make a study of farm cooperatives.

A brief study of farm cooperatives shows that possibly the beginning of this cooperative movement among farmers had its origin in Rochdale, England, in 1844, "when 28 weavers harassed by poverty, unemployment, adulterated foods, and extortionate prices, came together and formed a society to raise capital and start a store of their own to supply their principal, personal, and family needs. This first store was extremely small and capital grew with discouraging slowness, but the basic principles of cooperation were worked out and developed, and from this small beginning, has grown a movement of such amazing size and strength as to constitute to-day a most important factor in the world's social and economic structure."

Now, bringing the study of farm cooperatives near the present time, we find that the Federal Farm Bureau, which is the most important farm organization in this country, had its origin in Broome County, New York, organized by a Mr. Barron. The first Farm Bureau was organized in order to make the county agent's work more effective; because it was fully realized by Mr. Barron and also other agricultural agents that the county agent could not help the farmer unless he cooperated with other farmers and with farm leaders. Thus began the great cooperative spirit in the United States that is now beginning to "gather up the bread" which grew from "seed that were sown" many years ago. The Farm Bureau was and is now under local control, with local and county chairmen who are elected by members of the organization.

The Federal Farm Bureau and other farm organizations have had a great deal to do with the formation of agricultural laws in each state and also in the Federal Government. Farmers have already learned the benefits derived from mass-cooperation. They have observed people in

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## All Hands On Deck!

All hands on deck! Although this may be a familiar nautical expression which the mate used to summon all of the crew when he needed to man the ship, it is also an appeal for assistance I wish to make to all Alabama Future Farmers. Our organization moves in a charted course which has been mapped and traveled for ten years. We are scheduled to arrive at our destination in 310 days and in order that we may arrive on time, work shall be required on the part of every member in the State FFA. Everyone of us has an important part to play during this school year.

But, work we must, and work we will, to accomplish one of the best years ever known in the history of the Future Farmers of Alabama. Work is essential for success but the spirit of cooperation is equally important. Cooperate with your State, district, and chapter officers! They, inspired by attending the Convention in Auburn this summer, will lead you in the right direction.

In the decade of the history of the State Association, we, as members, in doing various activities to learn have learned to do. Being in the prime of our existence it is the duty and responsibility of every Alabama Future Farmer to do his best for this great organization. Let's go to work from the beginning to the end so that we may develop those qualities which a Future Farmer should possess.—JOE KNOWLES, *President*.

## Essay Contest Winners

Joe Wright, Beauregard High School, was winner of the \$50 prize given by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau for the best essay written in the State by an FFA boy. Eubeemon Newman, Fayette High School, Jim Dismukes, Holtville High, and Foye Boswell, Slocomb High, were runners-up for the State winner, each of these being declared winner of his district.

The complete list of winners by districts, in the order in which they placed, is as follows:

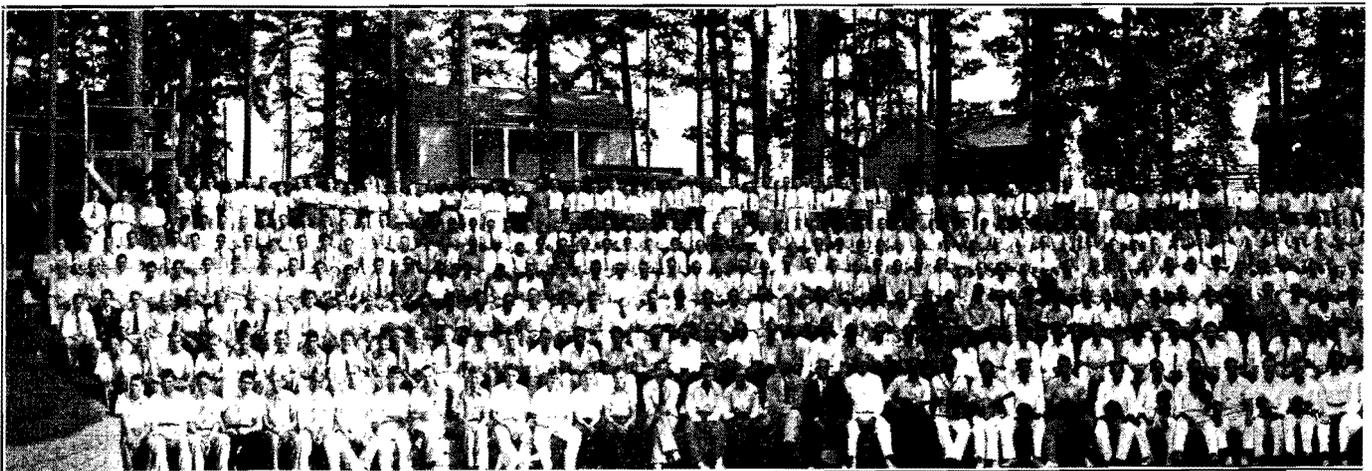
**District No. 1.**—Jim Dismukes, Holtville; Winston Wilson, Jacksonville; Robert Howell, Fort Payne; George Washington, Daviston; Waymon Hartline, Valley Head; Wayne Mitcham, Milltown.

**District No. 2.**—Eubeemon Newman, Fayette; Edison James, Cherokee; Harry F. Johnson, Central; Roy Satterwhite, Jemison; William Dillard, Notasulga; Herman Lee Gibson, Central.

**District No. 3.**—Foye Boswell, Slocomb; Jake Mathews, Leroy; Mixon Byrd, Ozark; Guy Duncan, Hornaville; Oneal May, Jackson; Wilson Shell, Georgiana.

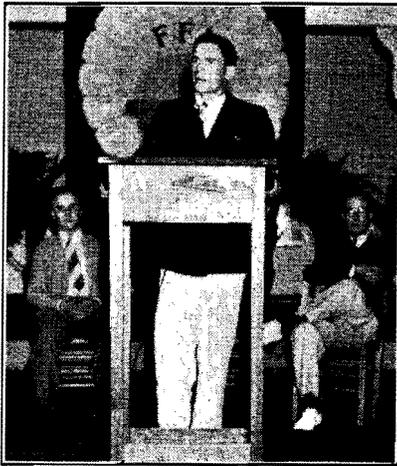
## SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

Alabigbee District fought a nip and tuck softball battle with the team from Cullman at the annual FFA convention in Auburn this summer and then walked away with the title. Alabigbee had a score of 9 to 7 over Cullman.



FFA CONVENTION AT AUBURN—For their annual three day convention, 1,024 of Alabama's here in the Amphitheater at Bibb Graves Center. They represent a total of 5,297 FFA members in 178 ch

**Presides**



Presiding at the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest in Auburn this summer was Bradley Twitty, Allsboro, national vice president of FFA. Seated in the background are, left, Dolphus Price, Falkville, retiring president of the State FFA, and right, D. M. Clements, of the Division of Vocational Agriculture of the United States Office of Education.

**FOUR VOC. AG. TEACHERS  
RECEIVE M. S. DEGREES**

Master of Science degrees were awarded to four teachers of vocational agriculture at the end of the Auburn Summer Session. They were J. D. Duke, Smith's Station; J. C. Johnson, Mount Hope; W. C. Friday, Weogufka; and R. W. Montgomery, Camp Hill.

**Still Growing**

The Alabama Association of FFA made remarkable growth in its organization last year. There was an increase of 661 members and seven new chapters during the year.

The number in active FFA chapters last year was as follows: 3,440 Green Hands, 1,770 Future Farmers, 85 State Farmers, and two American Farmers. This gave a total membership of 5,297 boys in 178 chapters. There were 324 local associate members, 495 local honorary members, and 73 State honorary members, bringing the grand total membership to 6,189.

**New High Record**

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which fathers and mothers of members were present. These entertainments were held in cooperation with FHA chapters in the various schools.

A total of 51 chapters last year organized and conducted thrift banks in order to encourage systematic saving each week by FFA boys. Members of 82 chapters entered the 1939 State Public Speaking Contest conducted throughout the state in which more than 1,000 boys gained experience in speaking. Chapter libraries, consisting of books of particular interest to boys, were conducted last year by 145 of the chapters.

Other accomplishments in connection with the National FFA program are as follows: 75 chapters presented

one or more radio programs; 56 chapters published news sheets or news letters; and at least 10 per cent of members in 40 chapters continued active membership for three years after graduating from high school.

**Warren Bozeman**

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weighed 2,970 pounds and brought \$348.03 on the Montgomery market. The litter took third place in the ton-litter show and he received in addition to the sale price a prize of \$25. After deducting feed costs his profit amounted to \$183 on the sale.

Upon entering school at Ramer in 1937, Bozeman joined the FFA chapter and became interested in field crops. Besides his hog project he began home projects in corn, cotton, sugar cane, orchard, and poultry.

His third sale of hogs in the ton-litter show at Montgomery brought \$218.25 and \$50 in prizes, leaving him a profit of \$68.79. His poultry project netted \$48.77, his income being from the sale of 143 pounds of fryers and 95 dozen eggs. His 100 laying hens were valued at \$1.00 each. His 2,000 stalks of sugar cane, valued at \$20.00, brought him a profit of \$13.82 after deducting \$6.18 for costs on the project. A profit of \$28.70 was made on his orchard project. On three acres of corn his profit was \$13.15, but on his three acres of cotton he sustained a net loss of \$8.51.

His projects for the present year include poultry, corn, home orchard, and two sow and litter projects.



Leading Future Farmers of America gathered at Auburn on August 21-23. Convention delegates are pictured in chapters throughout the State.

## State Farmers Make Fine FFA Record

Typical of the excellent records made by 93 Alabama FFA boys who were awarded the State Farmer degree this summer at Auburn are the accomplishments made by the five boys from Coffee County.

Jeff Martin, James Pridgen, and Leonard Strickland of Enterprise have all had two years in vocational agriculture and will enter into their third year's work this fall. The same is true with Dewey Mickler and Lewey Frank Harris of the Elba and New Brockton FFA Chapters.

During his first year in vocational agriculture Jeff Martin carried out a home supervised program consisting of three acres of cotton, two acres of corn, had a beef cattle feeding project and won grand champion at the Dothan Livestock show last year and Grand Champion at Montgomery this year. Jeff has five calves which he is feeding out at the present time. Jeff has gotten a lot of good public speaking experience appearing in civic clubs and many other agricultural club programs talking about his cattle experiences. He was secretary of the Enterprise FFA Chapter last year.

James Pridgen started in agriculture with four acres of peanuts as a home project and now has five acres of peanuts, a sow and litter and two beef calves which he is feeding for the fat-stock show in Dothan next spring.

Leonard Strickland's first home project consisted of 25 hens. He now has 150 laying hens, and corn enough to feed them. He sells enough eggs to feed and clothe himself and to clothe the family. He expects to increase his flock to 200 laying hens next year.

Lewey Frank Harris was president of the New Brockton Chapter for two years and has been elected president of the Coffee County District FFA for the coming year. Lewey Frank has taken great interest in feeding out beef calves. He won Reserve Champion on his entry at Dothan Fatstock show this past spring. He plans to feed out 10 to 15 yearlings this year.

Dewey Mickler, of the Elba FFA Chapter, entered the vocational ag-

riculture class in the fall of 1937 with the aim of becoming more efficient in the work that was to be his life vocation. He became an active member of the FFA and received the green hand degree. He was soon advanced to the degree of Future Farmer.

Dewey's project for the past year consisted of the following: two brood sows, six acres of corn, three acres of cotton, two acres of peanuts to fatten the litters from the brood sows. Fruit trees were purchased and set out and a good home garden grown and many other needed improvements were made that helped to improve the living conditions and beauty of the home.

Dewey was not only president of the Elba FFA Chapter last year, but also president of the Coffee County District FFA. He entered the public speaking contest this past spring and went to the semi-finals, where he lost in close competition.

## Farmers Degrees Given 106 FFA'S At State Meet

One hundred and six of Alabama's outstanding future farmers were awarded the State Farmer Degree at the 10th annual convention in Auburn this summer in recognition of their superior attainments in scholarship, leadership, and practical application of vocational agriculture on their farms.

Degrees were presented by Dolphus Price, Falkville, former State FFA president, with approval by the executive committee and official delegates at the convention.

Requirements for the degree include a minimum scholarship 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.

Honorary State Farmer degrees were also awarded to F. S. Ward, Pickens County superintendent of education, and to the following 12 teachers who have made outstand-

ing records in vocational agriculture during the past year: M. H. Moses, Fyffe; R. E. Mitchell, Albertville; M. L. Curvin, Lincoln; E. M. Fleming, Ramer; H. E. Logue, Pine Apple; B. M. Stone, Uriah; B. H. Walkley, Jackson; T. L. Faulkner, Fayette; M. Thornton, Lexington; R. L. Reeder, Central; L. C. Kuykendall, Gordo; and D. J. Bartlett, Odenville.

State Farmer degrees were awarded to the following FFA boys:

William Allen Till, Rudolph C. Walters, Greenville; Carl Cooper, Carl McDowell, Morris Taylor, Grady Williams, Jr., Clanton; Billy Dearman, Butler; Jeff Martin, James Pridgen, Leonard Strickland, Enterprise; Herman Sockwell, Leighton; Roy Greenwood, Fort Payne; William Frederick, William Woods, Fayette; Cleveland Shelley, Headland; Henton Elmore, Homer Pitchford; Cecil Webb, Columbia; Wilborne Barton, Thurston Chandler, Kimble Crossley, J. T. Todd, Vernon; Jimmie Barnett, Stewart Varnell, Rogersville.

William Dillard, Roy Fuller, Durman Lescott Williams, Notasulga; Albert Delgan Ash, James Cobb, Odenville; Tripp Brown, Lincoln; Ralph Killebrew, Abbeville; Burley Cryar, Davis Nelson, Albertville; Homer Cox, Arley; Warren Lazenby, Beau regard; Obie Martin, Blountsville; James Ross, Blue Springs; Herman Gossett, Joe Jones, Cedar Bluff; Robert E. Haygood, Harry F. Johnson, Howard Jones, Central; Roy Talmadge Gaisser, Jr., Collins Elton Stutts, Julian Tapp, Joseph Todd, Robert Macon Waters, John Henry McKinney, Robert Lee McWilliams, Cherokee.

Carl Schneider, Citronelle; Dewey Mickler, Elba; Merrill Faircloth, W. C. Nicholas, Jr., Cecil White, Excel; Harold D. Hansen, Douglas W. Lane, Foley; Jasper Hayles, Gerard Eddins, John Merrill Sawyer, Frisco City; John Roy Chancellor, L. C. Fitzpatrick, Elwin Martin, Gaylesville; Millard Spikes, Geneva; Cecil Carlton, Goodwater; Billy Alexander, Wilton Clements, Gorgas; Henry Cobb, III, Ralph Blackwell, Holtville; S. L. Daniel, Holly Pond; Bill Traywick, Isabella; Billy McVay, Braxton Blackwell, Tollie Odom, Jackson; Robert Myrick, Jacksonville; Leslie Glass, Willie Smith, Jemison; Hollis Smith, Lexington; Bennette Grace, Easle W. Ray, McKenzie; Thomas Catchings, Miller-ville; Lewey Frank Harris, New Brockton.

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Uriah; Wilburn Ward, Delmont Rhudy, Dennis Mays, Valley Head; and Roscoe Johnson, Morris Morgan, White Plains.

## Farm Cooperation

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other vocations, how they have often received great benefits because of being organized. They realize that there is strength in unity of thought and mass-cooperation. Everyone remembers the crash of Wall Street, when the stock market failed to function, in 1929 and 1930; when stocks and bonds fell far below par; securities of every kind hit the bottom; when more than 4,000 banks in this country closed their vaults with \$4,000,000,000.00 frozen assets; when in 1932 cotton sold on an average for 5.7 cents per pound; corn sold as low as 20 cents per bushel; and hogs for 3 cents per pound. There were over 20 million people unemployed; factories closed down; the whole country was in a state of unrest; the farmer, the industrialist, and the capitalist were all down. Then it was that President Roosevelt came to the rescue of the whole country. The A. A. was passed, which gave the farmer the opportunity to cooperate. There was a surplus of everything, yet millions were destitute and hungry. Circulating capital was scarce; people could not purchase the necessities of life; we were in a depression; something had to be done. The farmer had not brought about the depression; it was world wide; but the farmer had to take the lead in helping the world back on its feet. This took mass-cooperation, which was thoroughly demonstrated when the farmers slaughtered their hogs, plowed up their cotton, and locked their corn and wheat from the markets of the world. It was with the cooperation of the farmers of the United States that we have been able to climb thus far out from the trough of the depression.

Then again the farmers have cooperated in the soil conservation and soil building programs, thus helping to save the farms of the nation. Because of the 18 million bale cotton crop, an over production of grain crops, and tobacco crop the new A. A. was passed, with quotas voted on in cotton production control; the

first time in 1939, more than ten to one in favor of quotas, and again in 1938 by a large majority for acreage control. By such cooperation, the farmers received cash benefits because of participation in the soil conservation program; and also in surplus control.

Farmers have cooperated with county agents and teachers of vocational agriculture in carrying out the Alabama Experiment Station recommendations by planting improved varieties of seeds and using the proper kinds and amounts of fertilizer, thus increasing yields and lowering the unit cost of production. They have cooperated in producing better livestock and a better quality of dairy products. Cooperation is now the watch word of every progressive farmer. He has found that he who cooperates most, lives best. Because of his cooperation with all farm agencies, he has become more efficient in all of his farm practices—"learning better how to do the right thing, in the right way, at the right time, without being told."

## Chapter News

**Akron**—Had one committee meeting and two chapter meetings during the summer. **Arab**—Made plans for new year; sent two delegates to Convention. **Arley**—Three officers and one candidate for State Farmer degree attended State Convention; three members went on tour with Addison Chapter; five members were awarded pencils in the Chilean contest. **Atmore**—Made fishing trip; worked in lab. area. **Auburn**—Officers met to plan year's work and decided to keep FFA scrap book and to build a better bulletin board for class and FFA activities; attended FFA Convention.

**Bear Creek**—Had Executive Committee meeting; attended State Convention; improved school campus; operating school supply and candy store. **Beauregard**—Held regular meetings; officers attended FFA Convention; Joe Wright won Essay Contest; cleared \$15 on musical program sponsored by chapter; officers attended all public speaking contests held in Auburn during summer. **Belgreen**—Held regular meetings; made tour to Florida; had FFA-FHA watermelon cutting; initiated four Green Hands; have largest FFA membership on record. **Berry**—Plan to start "pig chain;" planning pasture, crim-

son clover, and pig projects; have large chapter this year. **Billingsley**—Attended State Convention; purchased steer to feed out; planning to use school scraps to feed hogs. **Blountsville**—Planned initiation of officers at new chapter in Blount County; made plans to organize Blount County chapters into a district. **Camp Hill**—Had FFA-FHA swimming party and picnic followed by a dance and party at community club house; sent 4 members to State Convention; planned work at County Fair. **Central**—Officers attended State Convention and visited Fort Benning and Columbus, Georgia; plan to organize District FFA of chapters in county. **Clanton**—Seven members attended State FFA Convention; made tour of South Alabama and Florida; feeding out 2 hogs; entering exhibit in County Fair. **Coffeeville**—Attended Convention; had three boys on District softball team. **Cullman**—Four members attended Convention. **Curry**—Initiated one Future Farmer; held two meetings; planned activities for year; attended State Convention.

**Elba**—Attended FFA Convention planned first meeting; officers met and made plans for coming year; visited chapter hog projects; continued feeding 125 pullets. **Eva**—Twenty-five boys and adviser made two weeks' tour to Mexico and visited interesting places on the way; plans being made for good school year and lively FFA chapter. **Floaton**—Attended State Convention; planned fishing trip for early fall; made suggestions regarding district activities. **Florala**—Attended State Convention. **Gaylesville**—Made tour of Alabama and enjoyed visiting Gulf Shores; many new members expected for this year; three members and adviser attended State Convention; three members received State Farmer degree and L. C. Fitzpatrick was elected State Reporter. **Glencoe**—Officers attended State Convention. **Greenville**—Two members received State Farmer degree at State Convention; 26 members made tour to Washington, New York and the World's Fair at an average expenditure of \$20.66; officers attended State Convention. **Guin**—Attended FFA Convention; held regular meetings; attended FFA camp; planning year's work. **Haleyville**—Sent two delegates to FFA Convention; planning to organize active FFA chapter at Haleyville. **Hartford**—Fifteen members attended summer camp and tour; officers attended State Convention; cleaned out lab. area; cooperating in buying registered gilts. **Hartselle**—Made educational tour to Washington, D. C.; sent 2 delegates to FFA Convention. **Hatton**—Organized chapter. **Isabella**—Cut grass around school and ag. building; gathered corn in lab. area; entered State softball tournament; five members attended FFA Convention.

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**Jackson**—Oneal May placed fifth in Essay Contest; Tollie Odom represented district in Joint Program discussion at State Convention at Auburn and also at State FFA Convention at Montevallo; five members attended State FFA Convention. **Leroy**—Attended District meeting; elected officers for coming year; officers attended State Convention; six members were on District team that won softball tournament at Auburn; placed second in District essay contest. **Livingston**—Four members attended State Convention; trying to increase chapter membership and put on a good program. **McAdory**—Three FFA members attended State Convention at Auburn; cleared \$5.30 on sale of drinks at community fair. **McKenzie**—Held regular meetings; planned fishing trip; hired a school bus and made trip to Panama City; three chapter officers and two candidates for State Farmer degree attended State Convention. **Midland City**—Went on camping trip to Panama City, Florida; attended Convention. **Millport**—Attended Convention at Auburn. **Milltown**—Made educational tour to Tuskegee, Panama City, and other points of interest; attended Convention; planned project tour; made plans for adding equipment to chapter room; started planning joint program with FHA; published four news articles. **Moundville**—Made annual summer tour, this time to Tampa, Florida; sent 3 delegates to FFA Convention; plan to operate candy store on campus again this year.

**Oakman**—Officers attended State FFA Convention at Auburn. **Ohatchee**—Held regular meetings during summer; sent delegates to State Convention; two members played with Cheaha District string band during Convention; fed chapter brood sow during summer; purchased 6 manuals and official secretary's and treasurer's books during summer. **Orrville**—Eleven FFA boys and eleven FHA girls made trip to Washington, D. C.; making plans for year. **Phil Campbell**—Held joint meeting with FHA; made plans for joint project for improvement of school grounds. **Pine Apple**—Made educational tour through Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Alabama.

**Red Bay**—Twenty-five members and adviser took trip to Gulf Coast and visited points of interest en route. **Red Level**—Attended State Convention; visited experiment stations at Headland and Auburn; discussed plans for financing recreational activities for coming year. **Reform**—Elected new officers; sent delegates to State Convention. **Rockford**—Attended State Convention; started scrap book; planned publicity program. **Samson**—Members busy harvesting crops. **Sardis**—Three members attended FFA Convention.

**Smith's Station**—Attended FFA Convention at Auburn; made trip to Florida; assisted with school barbecue; plan to sell cold drinks at school; planning FFA-FHA banquet. **Straughn**—Attended District meeting; six members attended State Convention.

**Town Creek**—Attended State Convention; two members played on District softball team. **Weogufka**—FFA

members toured South Alabama and Florida; attended State Convention. **White Plains**—Held 2 meetings; made tour to Chattanooga, Tennessee; attended State Convention.

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