Three Boys Display Talents Of Real Future Farmers

S. L. Hall and Ray Hall, students of vocational agriculture at the Berry High School, have set out to control erosion on their father's farm. Their project is designed to benefit the entire family in a material way.

The brothers have converted their father, B. M. Hall, to advantages of the Nichols Broad Base Terrace and over 50 per cent of terraces on the farm have been changed to that type.

In addition to the terracing program, an acre of kudzu has been planted for hay and an additional acre has been planted in a natural draw to be used as a meadow strip in erosion control. Another meadow strip is being planted with Lespedeza Serecia. Largely because of interest shown by his boys in their home farm, Mr. Hall is contemplating making application for services of Soil Conservation Service officials in his county for assistance in controlling erosion on his farm.

S. L. and Ray have well-rounded and well-planned supervised practice programs, both taking active part in FFA work as well as other school activities. S. L. has served as treasurer of the Berry FFA chapter for the past two years.

Ray Golden, of the Millport FFA chapter, has found poultry raising profitable. In the past six years, he has cleared over $400 from a small flock in his back yard.

Ray started in the chicken business with 65 white Leghorn hens. Continuing with this breed for two years, he cleared approximately sixty-five dollars each year. The following year (Turn to Page 2)

Hayles Home

Believed to have the largest number of FFA members of any family in the State, the J. A. Hayles family of Frisco City has profited from FFA work.

A grounds improvement project carried out at their new home, seen above, by son Jasper Hayles was was recently highly praised at the end of the first year.

The Hayles family is composed of Jasper Hayles, State Farmer and president of the Frisco chapter; Mr. Hayles, an honorary member who seldom misses a chapter or district meeting; Marion Hayles, reporter of Little River State Park District FFA; Virgil Hayles, reporter of local FFA chapter.

Many Parents Attend Joint Party Given By Odenville Clubs

One hundred and fifty guests were entertained by the Odenville FFA and FHA chapters at a Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet Wednesday evening, March 27.

The evening's program was unusual in that all program numbers were given by club members or their parents. "Old McDonald Had a Farm" was the motif around which decorations, invitations and favors were planned.

A quartet opened the evening's entertainment with an arrangement of the theme song. Singing were: Clifton Moore, Prentice O'Barr, James Cook, and Fitz Douthit. Following the song each member introduced his parents with Mildred Cobb presiding. Other visitors were presented by the joint toast masters, James Brewer and Mary Jane McLaughlin, chapter presidents.


Preceding the banquet, guests assembled in the home economics and agricultural departments where various types of work done by students was on exhibit. Included in the exhibits were pictures of class (Turn to Page 4)
Joe Bill Knowles, Headland, state president of FFA is seen with his reserve champion Hereford weighing 962 pounds. The Hereford carried away honors at the Tri-State Fat Stock Show in Dothan.

Three Boys Display

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When Ray enrolled in vocational agriculture he added 65 White Giant pullets to his flock. He has had about 65 hens each year since and has cleared approximately seventy-five dollars annually. During the hatching season, his eggs have sold for $1.50 per setting.

Ray lives in town and his chicken yards are small, but he has two yards with a good house in each. In this way he manages to grow something green for the chickens to eat. Last year Ray entered a contest sponsored by a feed company. He bought 25-day-old White Giant chicks and fed them 60 pounds of growing mash at a cost of $1.80, and 20 pounds of grain at a cost of 45 cents. When the chicks were eight weeks old, the 25 weighed over 49 pounds. Ray won ten dollars for this experiment, five dollars from the feed company and five dollars from the hatchery.

Sand Rock Boys

Treating Seed

Members of the Sand Rock FFA Chapter, under the direction of their teacher of vocational agriculture, J. R. Nutt, are treating cotton seed for anthracnose for all interested farmers of the community.

Last year many farmers in that section were forced to replant their cotton, some as many as three or four times. Although planters were able to get good stands, the cotton would die immediately after coming up. The FFA chapter decided that the treatment of seed for local farmers would be a valuable bit of service and set about doing it.

Using a 55-gallon oil drum, a standard seed-treating machine was made in the vocational agricultural shop for the purpose. Seeds are being treated with mercury dust, according to accepted recommendations. By buying mercury dust in 100-pound lots, seed can be treated at the rate of six cents per bushel, saving farmers from six to 10 cents per bushel.

Certain days have been set aside for farmers to bring seed to the Vocational Agriculture Department and FFA boys take turn in treating the seed. They plan to treat two or three thousand bushels before cotton-planting time.

Local farmers are taking a great interest in this project and it will be of interest to watch the results of such a community project conducted by a group of farm boys studying vocational agriculture.

Values of FFA

The FFA organization helps us in many ways. We learn to cooperate with our classmates and boys of other schools. Leadership is developed in the FFA meetings. The members learn to preside over meetings in local chapters and in district meetings.

The FFA Public Speaking Contest is sponsored each year throughout the nation. From this we learn to speak in public and the winners are awarded. One of the objectives of the district activity program is for each chapter to make an educational tour. Ninety per cent of what we learn comes to us through the sense to the rural youth of the nation who are seeking to prepare and perfect themselves for service through the organization of Future Farmers of America, is addressed this motto as embodying the true vocational spirit: "LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN, EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE."—Marion Bennett, president, Jacksonville Chapter.

Treating cotton seed with a seed-treating machine made by the class in vocational agriculture has been a project of the McKenzie chapter.
Elba Members Repair
Farm Tools At Shop

One of the things carried out each year by vocational students is shop work. At the beginning of the 1939-40 school year the Elba FFA members set up as one of their objectives for the year to repair the farm tools from their homes. These things were brought in by the students and by the vocational teacher on a trailer built by the students for this purpose last year.

Most of the things that were brought in were plow stocks, single trees, planters, and chairs. The boys first made a survey of the tools to see the things that they would need to put the damaged tools back in first class shape. In most cases the things that would be needed could be made from some kind of wood that the boys had at their homes or that it was possible for them to get from someone at very little cost. This wood was brought to school by the boys and used to repair the tools or to build something that could be used at home.

During the shop period the boys constructed and repaired the following tools: 18 plow stocks, 2 planters, 24 single trees, 24 ax handles, 42 hammer handles, 26 chairs, 5 radio tables, and 1 step ladder.

The work on the plow stocks was new handles and beams; planters; new handles and box; single trees, used hooks from ones that had been broken; replaced legs, rounds, and bottoms of chairs; made handles for hummers and axes, and these were put in and extra ones made to take home. The five radio tables were made to be used at homes where they had made plans to buy one, and the step ladder was made 4 oreplace one that had been broken. All jobs were painted before they were returned to the homes.

The cost of the material that the boys used that they had to buy came to $27.00, and the cost would have been $75.00 had the boys had to purchase these things from the store already made.

This does not mean the price of the plow new or any of the other items repaired, but just the parts of the job that the student would have had to purchase new.

Plan now to make wise use of the coming summer. Remember: work of FFA members never ends.

Chapter News

Addison — Held District Public Speaking Contest planning F-S, M-D Banquet. Akron—Initiated 8 Future Farmers; held joint social with FHA; held one stag social; had meeting with FHA to plan F-S, M-D Banquet; sponsored one radio entertainers’ program; planted chapter hotbed and enlarged nursery. Albertville—Had picnic with FHA and fished in Guntersville Lake; two apprentice teachers gave talks about Auburn FFA Chapter at regular meeting. Alexandria — Completed news letter; FFA and FHA chapters had F-S, M-D Banquet; constructed two lamp brooders; repairing farm tools; building seed treater. Aliceville—Put out 1,000 shrubbery cuttings; planted five acres of land in corn; planning to buy two registered Poland China gilt and breed them so that members can get a start in raising registered hogs; planning minstrel and box supper. Aliceville — Cooperated with FHA girls in giving barbecue; landscaped school buildings and several homes in community; put out about 600 cuttings and 225 plants in nursery; planning to purchase two registered Poland China gilt and to raise all the feed for them. And—Started four home beautification projects; discussed plan for beautifying public property; started school ground beautification program; set out 2,000 seedlings for hedge around football field; planned 16 soil conservation projects. Ashford — Hosted Fiddlers’ Convention; treated 500 bushels of cottonseed. Ashland—Published district news letter; built tables for school; made jumping pits for track team; repaired tables in Home Ec. department; host to district meeting; paid school electric bill; sponsored visual education program. Athens—Host to district meeting of FFA and FHA; initiated (Turn to Page 5)
VALUES OF FFA

By ELMER C. DENIS

Value of FFA to the Individual

1. Builds up self-confidence
2. Widens his acquaintance
3. Broadens his viewpoints
4. Improves standing of rural boy
5. Provides inspiration and encouragement
6. Teaches by experience how to do ("learns to do by doing")
7. Develops thrift (time, labor, money, etc.)
8. Increases interest in agriculture
9. Provides social activities
10. Improves individuals' interest in education
11. Develops initiative
12. Helps to develop a philosophy of life
13. Improves morale
14. Improves him as a citizen
15. Provides experience and participation on his own level
16. Develops responsibility
17. Teachers cooperation

Value of FFA to the Home

1. Improves parent and son relationship
2. Educates parents to school system
3. Improves standard of living
4. Brightens up farm and home life
5. Increases individuals' interest in their home
6. Helps improve home surroundings
7. Increases family and members pride
8. Places a premium on ownership
9. Tends to improve the farm home
10. Stimulates family's interest
11. Stimulates family's faith in agriculture
12. Increases family's faith in individual boy
13. Stimulates a progressive attitude and ideals in the farm home

Value of FFA to the School

1. Helps increase enrollment interest
2. Helps improve scholarship
3. Improves discipline
4. Makes school better known
5. Improves school morale
6. Brings school and parents closer together
7. Improves school surroundings and equipment
8. Enlarges field of service to the school
9. Promotes cooperation in the school between different departments
10. Serves as a pattern for other school activities
11. Helps make school more of a community center
12. Brings civic and service clubs in contact with the school
13. Improves attitude of student towards the school
14. Improves instruction in the school by providing need

Value of FFA to the Community

1. Interests young people in the affairs of the community
2. Helps improve community standards
3. Provides a source of leadership for the community
4. Helps to bring new ideas into the community
5. Encourages community effort
6. Makes the community better known
7. Educates toward rather than away from the farm
8. Places a premium on ownership
9. Tends to improve the farm home
10. Stimulates community spirit
11. Helps to improve the appearance of the community
12. Improves loyalty to home and community
13. Helps improve quality of Citizenship

The above points are those listed by Elmer Denis, third National FFA Vice President, at a recent meeting of the West Virginia FFA Executive Committee. Elmer pointed out that these suggested values represented the thinking of other National FFA officers as well as his own and that the list was by no means complete.

Samson Adopts Seed Project

Vocational classes of the Samson High School have taken as one of their major objectives the improvement of the corn yield in their respective communities. One of the basic steps in an undertaking of this type is to plant good seed.

With this in mind the FFA chapter financed the buying of enough recommended seed corn to plant each boy's project. This fall each boy is to pay what he owes the chapter in corn. The corn will be selected from the field, treated for weevils, and given to other boys next year. If the variety proves satisfactory the boy's father can also select his seed from the patch. The boys hope the undertaking will work out successfully and will result in improving the quality and yield of corn in their communities.—Guy McAliley, reporter.

JOINT FFA-FHA

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Jackson—Made plans for F-S, M-D Banquet; set out tomato plants in area; planted corn and peas and spring garden in lab. area; ordered 50 purebred white Leghorn chickens in shop for home improvement projects; made 4 study tables and 8 radio tables. Leroy—Sponsored radio apartments' program; moved to a new home; Initiated 15 Green Hands; had meeting with FHA; organized FHA quartet; made plans for beautification; sponsored radio program. Liberty—Co-operated with vocational teacher in placing a cooperative bull in one community; trained 14 members for joint program with FHA; planning extensive; school gardens; landscaping members' homes; framed and hung FHA Creed in classroom. Lincoln—Initiated 7 Green Hands and 6 Future Farmers; helped to sponsor live-at-home campaign; doing repair work in shop; built 10 oil-type chick brooders in shop; entertained district FFA and FHA banquet. Livingston—Purchased 75 white Leghorn chicks at school; made Louisiana-type brooders; spon­ sored dance; started a bank account; constructed a rack for classroom; built propagation beds. Luverne—Cooperated with district in presenting radio program; Joe Cat­ rett won district public speaking contest; several boys built Louisiana-type brooders in shop; studying soil conservation, host to district FHA and FHA chapter; held F-S, M-D Banquet; sponsored 9 poultry projects; treating cotton seed.

Magnolia—Gave banquet; transplanted shrubbery; landscaped one home. Marbury—Continued feeding pigs; members put out shrubbery around their homes; transplanted shrubbery from nursery to lab. area; set out kudzu; planted plots of grass in pasture mixtures to show results of fertilization on pasture; made plans for Fiddlers' Convention. McCadle—Initiated 6 Future Farmers; FHA chick project being grown; set out by members at home; had program on protection of wildlife; assisted farmers in spraying orchards. McComb—Attended meeting; planted Irish potatoes; planted chopped; treated 175 bushes of cotton seed; improved 20 acres of land. Midland City—Wen district public speaking contest; attended district meeting. Millville—Had F-S, M-D Banquet; set lining-out stock in nursery; set out four acres of kudzu; made cotton seed treating machines; treated seed potatoes for farmers of community; landscaped two homes in community. Millport—Attended annual F-S, M-D Banquet; sold fruit trees; planted hardwood trees; one member bought registered Jersey bull to be used for breeding purposes; another member has a white-faced Hereford bull; several members have constructed brooders and are carrying out new projects; one member has very fine Jack to be used in breeding mares. Milltown—Elected new officers; had chicken stew; initiated one Green Hands; initiated 10 Green Hands; managed to raise money for tour; had social; participated in joint social with FHA; transplanted about 250 rooted shrubs; put out three shrubbery cuttings; several members were given enough shrubs to landscape their homes; made plans for construction of two hotbeds; planning to treat cotton seed for several communities. Moulton—Initiated 2 Green Hands; sold drinks at basketball tournament; helped to sponsor dance; had program on fire prevention; made plans to attend "Mule Day" at Grand Saline. New Hope (Randolph)—Initiated 10 Green Hands; had program on fire prevention; made tables for Home Demonstration Club's banquet; built four lamp brooders. New Market—Initiated 1 Green Hand; had FHA "backyard" party; held four joint meetings with FFA; set date for FHA and FHA banquet. Oakman—Sponsored FFA hog to fatten out; fenced pasture plot that was seeded in lab. area last year;
won district public speaking contest. Odenville — Gave F-S, M-D Banquet; sent news to Ashville to be used in FFA County News Letter. Oneonta — Planned initiation for three honorary members; set out shrubbery around the vocational agricultural building; cut down dead shrubbery around school building; finished making classroom tables for girls. Orrville — Sold FFA trailer; contracted to prune, spray, treat for borers, and fertilize a number of orchards in the community; constructing L.S.U. brooders; visited Farmers Meat Processing Company in Selma.

Pell City — Initiated two Future Farmers; issued membership cards to all active and honorary members; pruned shrubbery, cut back some that was damaged by cold, and added new shrubbery; several members set out shrubbery around homes; shop work for month consisted of 24 ironing boards, 10 Louisiana-type brooders, 14 tables, 7 porch swings, 4 kitchen stools, 1 slide, 2 terrace drags, and rearranging tools in lockers; operated drink and candy stand; growing out 56 frying-sized chickens to be used for annual banquet; sent nine news articles to county paper; Randall Smith secured 250 chicks from a State Accredited Hatchery as part of his supervised practice program; five members are propagating shrubbery to landscape vocational building. Phil Campbell — Painted classroom in Home Ec. Department; landscaped vocational building. Pine Apple — Attended district FFA barbecue; feeding hog for chapter's barbecue.

Pine Hill — Put out several hundred hardwood cuttings; held barbecue with other chapters in district.

Red Bay — Set out several varieties of wild shrubbery on school campus; cooperated with farmers in running terraces on several farms; attended purebred Hereford cattle sale at Jackson, Tenn.; bought material and framed charter, orders given by George Washington, and Creed, and hung them in chapter room; building a small barn for the purpose of storing feed for purebred sow and boar; eight fine pigs were farrowed by "Black Beauty," the fine sow kept on the campus; practicing play; helped organize and establish a sour cream sales station in Ray Bay to furnish a market for the farmers' surplus cream. Red Level — FFA and FHA chapters made trip to Mobile and visited Bellingrath Gardens; sponsored chapel program; landscaped five homes; cooperatively treated 100 pounds of cotton seed. Reeltown — Presented radio program in Montgomery; held Quarter-Final Public Speaking Contest; have pasture demonstration in lab. area; making plans for annual F-S, M-D barbecue; stressed orchard work. Rockford — Landed three homes; sprayed 100 fruit trees; made gates for lab. area; gave chapel program. Rogersville — Initiated nine Green Hands.

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furnished shrubbery for landscaping 25 homes; sprayed and pruned 15 orchards; 85 people attended "Dad's Night," 100 people attended F-S, M-D Banquet.

Samson-Made definite plans to enter County livestock show; won district public speaking contest; planned F-S, M-D Banquet. Sand Rock—Landscaped both churches with shrubbery grown in lab. area; put more shrubbery around school house; put on radio program; made seed treating machine; planned program for Father-Son Banquet.

Sardis—Held F-S, M-D Banquet with about 125 attending; built barrel-type seed treating machine and are holding special days in each community for the purpose of treating seed for the farmers. Slocomb—Held F-S, M-D Banquet with 100 present; attended district public speaking contest. Smith's Station—Initiated two Green Hands; made tour with FHA to Pine Mountain Valley; visited Tom Houston Peanut Co., Neth and Dr. Pepper soft drinks plants. Spring Garden—Gave program at F-S, M-D Banquet; planning for F-S, M-D Banquet. Sulligent—Held Father-Son Banquet; held district public speaking contest; attended chicken dinner at Kennedy given by FFA and FHA chapters; butchered and marketed one FFA hog; continued schoolground improvement; connected school sewage system to city main; ordered 350 fruit trees cooperatively; assisted group of farmers in obtaining good planting seeds.

Susan Moore—Initiated one Green Hand; held two joint meetings with FHA and planned FFA-FHA banquet; made machine for treating cotton seed; cut posts and started fencing lab. area. Sweet Water—Fred Ramsey won district public speaking contest; FFA chapter donated $40 to vocational department to buy power tools; planned fish fry for second week in April.

Tanner—Initiated two Future Farmers; hosted to district FFA-FHA meeting; landscaped four homes; pruned and sprayed five home orchards; planned district FFA-FHA Play Day. Thompstone—Had FFA-FHA banquet; set out 3,000 cuttings; planted flowers around buildings; cleared $12 on FFA and FHA dance; planned fishing trip. Town Creek—Attended district meeting; won first place in district speaking contest. Uriah—Initiated two Future Farmers; planting 20 pounds of kudzu; made plans for summer trip.

Valley Head—Made cotton seed treating machine; attended district barbecue at Collinsville; landscaped homes of eight members; have 150 shrubs to set out. Waterloo—Sold FFA hog; started terracing chapter's hog pasture; pruned and sprayed fruit trees; helping in community housing proj.

est; had picture made for school annual; host to district meeting; planning F-S, M-D Banquet. Weogufka—Training Future Farmer Initiation Team for district; planned F-S, M-D barbecue. West Limestone—Butchered and sold FFA hog; attended district meeting. West Point—Planting one acre of strawberries. Wetumpka—Marketed 350 fryers; sold five hogs; set April 16 as date for annual barbecue; landscaping school building with 1,000 cuttings; beautified vocational building.

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