Bobby Welch Is Doing Fine Project Work

Under the direction of J. D. Matthews, teacher of vocational agriculture at Luverne High School, Bobby Roy Welch, member of the Sr. I class, is doing some outstanding project work in connection with his vocational agriculture course.

After enrolling in vocational agriculture, Bobby said, "I don't know of any honor that I had rather have as a young boy than to get the American Farmer degree in FFA, and with the help of my teacher and Dad I am going to do my best to qualify for this degree."

Bobby showed that he really meant this, for as soon as he was given a chance to join the FFA he did so and set up a program of work that would establish him as a farmer by the time he finished high school.

During Bobby's Jr. III year he grew out 300 chicks and sold them as broilers. Later he bought 150 white leghorn chicks to grow out for layers. In the spring of that year he planted four acres of peanuts and a third of an acre of sweet potatoes to be hogged-off in the fall. He also planted one and one-half acres of yellow corn to feed his chickens and three acres of corn and velvet beans to feed livestock. Bobby believes that "to grow into the livestock business the feed must come first" and that is what he had in mind when he set up his first year's program.

This year Bobby has 53 laying hens in eighty per cent production, 100 broilers that will be ready for Christmas, and eight hogs and a sow to sell in January. He plans to carry over three hogs. The crops planted in his Jr. III year are being used to (Turn to Page 3)

Forty-Five Chapters Enter Chapter Contest

Forty-five chapters have entered the State Chapter Contest for 1940-41.

These are: Greenville, Butler, Atmore, Fayette, Hartselle, Odenville, Albertville, Arley, Sylacauga, Berry, Blue Springs, Carrollton, Central, Corner, Elba, Evergreen, Falkville, Frisco City, Gaylesville, Geneva, Greensboro, Hackettburg, Holly Pond, Isabella, Jemison, Livingston, Louis ville, McKenzie, Marbury, Oakman, Ohatchee, Palmetto, Pell City, Phil Campbell, Red Level, Reeltown, Samson, Slocomb, Smith's Station, Susan Moore, Uriah, Walnut Grove, West Point, Wetumpka, White Plains.

Hyatt Makes Progress As Livestock Farmer

Booster Hyatt, Senior III student at Arab High School, Marshall County, is growing into livestock farming as he studies vocational agriculture under the direction of Professor V. C. Kitchens, local teacher of voca

In the fall of 1939 Booster started a long-time supervised practice program with the purchase of four grade calves at a cost of $32. After being fed through the winter they were sold for $100. This amount, plus $70 made on cotton, made possible the purchase of twenty grade calves. These calves were grazed this summer and will be fed through the winter.

Realizing that this kind of farming calls for pasture and feed crops. Booster arranged to supply them through his supervised practice program. He went to work and built a pasture large enough to graze his calves and planted hay and corn to feed them this winter. Booster is so enthusiastic over this phase of his program that he often tells his teacher that he "had rather manage cattle than to eat."

Livestock production is only a part of Booster's long-time supervised practice program. This year, in addition to his hay and pasture, he has five acres of corn, a home improvement project, an orchard improvement project, and winter legumes planted for soil improvement. He plans to buy a purebred beef bull at an early date to improve his beef.

Booster is president of the local FFA chapter and is active in other school organizations. He plans upon graduation from high school this year to buy a tractor and continue the farm program that he has started.
State Activity Program

"Each chapter practice parliamentary procedure in meetings and encourage members to become familiar with parliamentary rules."

I wish to call to your attention the importance of practicing parliamentary procedure in our chapter meetings. Since one of our aims is to learn how to transact business in an orderly and organized manner, it is essential that we learn parliamentary law and practice it in every meeting. This applies to the individual members as well as to the officers. Not only should the officers learn to preside over meetings, but the individual members should also be given a chance to gain experience in conducting meetings. Many chapters hold meetings where the major part of the meeting is devoted to the practice of parliamentary procedure.

One of the requirements to be met in qualifying for the State Farmer degree is that of being able to conduct a group discussion for a given time. Through emphasizing parliamentary procedure, those of you who are chapter presidents will not only gain valuable experience in conducting meetings but will also help your members to meet this requirement, thereby working toward the fulfillment of the item of the activity program which states that each chapter should have two members eligible for the degree of State Farmer each year. So let's get to work! I assure you that you will be surprised at the increased interest in your meetings resulting from a mastery of parliamentary procedure.

"Each chapter set up an activity program and appoint a committee to carry out each activity."

Many chapters are faced with the problem of how to get their activity program carried out during the year. Others, through experience, have found that after their activity program is set up a committee should be appointed to carry out each of the activities. Each chapter should appoint an activity program committee and then appoint committees to carry out each item in this activity program. In this way the chapter will function on the basis of the talents of all members. It has been found in chapters where this plan has been carried out that it stimulates interest not only among members, but also among prospective members. If every member of your chapter is also a member of one of these committees, he will feel more responsibility and will be more concerned in the successful carrying out of the activity program as a whole. In every chapter there are those boys who seem to have little interest in the activity program and its work but chapters that have taken up the committee plan have been surprised at the way these boys responded after being placed on committees.

Another way to create interest in the activity program is in setting up the program itself. Make it as challenging as possible, yet don't have items in the program that you have no hope of carrying out.

If I can be of service to you in any problems arising in regard to the work of your committees, please feel free to call on me.

"Each chapter encourage fathers and others interested in FFA to attend chapter meetings and where advisable elect three or more honorary members during the year."

We, the active members of the Future Farmers of America, are the ones who are running, and should run, our organization and are meeting the problems that arise in its running. But after all, we owe a lot to our parents and to other adults interested in our work.

We represent a large investment in time, money, and labor by our parents. We can't realize the money spent on us for our education alone. So why not show them we appreciate it and that we are making good use of their investment?

Let's invite them to our meetings and programs—even have special events for their benefit—but, above all, make them representative of what we stand for and what we are doing.

We also owe a lot to our teachers, business men, political leaders, and other professional men. To men who have been of special service to the FFA we can show our appreciation by electing them to honorary membership in our chapter.
Sledge Is Enthusiastic About Project Work

Levin Sledge, president of the Greensboro FFA Chapter, is very enthusiastic over the FFA and project work that he is carrying out in connection with his course in vocational agriculture.

Last year Levin's program consisted of: chickens—he built a farm brooder, raised 350 chicks to fryers and sold them at the curb market at 30c per pound dressed, clearing $40 on the project; corn—he harvested 70 bushels of corn off of one acre; pigs—last fall he started with two gilts and now has two sows and 11 shoats; beef cow—a purebred Hereford cow was awarded him as a prize in an essay contest; calves—the purebred calf from his Whiteface won $25 in prizes at the State Fair in Birmingham this fall, and Levin plans to show his grade Angus at the fat stock show in Demopolis; garden—he has had fresh vegetables to sell at the curb market all during the year; winter legumes—he planted two acres of winter legumes and followed it with corn; home and homeground improvement; agricultural library.

supplementary practices are: treating oats for smut, pruning the home orchard, treating cotton seed, terracing a part of his father's farm, forestry improvement, and feeding and caring for the work stock.

Levin's average for last year in his agriculture class was 'A' and his work in other classes was of the same type.

Bobby Welch

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grow off this year's livestock.

In addition to the projects now in progress Bobby plans this year to plant seven acres of corn to feed hens, three and one-half acres of velvet beans to be grazed off with cows, six acres of peanuts to be hoggcd off, and to purchase cows to feed out and 250 baby chicks to increase next year's laying flock. Bobby is also doing a good job on starting a peach orchard for home use. He planted seventeen trees last year and plans to add to the orchard each year.

He learns that even the janitor is human, and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say, "Good morning," even if it is raining.

He comes to realize that the world would run along perfectly well without him.

Evening Class Pupil Buys New Combine

Evening classes held at Jones School, five miles southwest of Falkville, resulted in the purchase of the combine pictured on this page.

In one session of this evening school, which is conducted by C. O. Blackwell, teacher of vocational agriculture at Falkville, with the assistance of his FFA chapter, the members discussed the most important needs of the community in which they live. The main thought seemed to be centered upon the need for more legume seed, for the farmers of this community saved very little legume seed because of the poor methods used. After discussing the matter with other evening school members and making careful plans, Mr. Laughmiller, an outstanding member of the school, purchased a second-hand combine. He found this machine to be of such service to the community that he recently traded it for a new one. With the new machine Mr. Laughmiller plans to serve five communities.

Pictured with the new combine are the Sr. I vocational agriculture class at Falkville. The boys are inspecting the new machine and discussing the possibilities it affords the farmers. Among this group of boys several are planning to carry an acre of legumes as a project in their vocational agricultural work.
If you have a boy who should be listed send this information to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama.

CHAPTER NEWS

Akron—Initiated 6 Green Hands and entertained with barbecue following ceremony; selected public speaking contestants; built cattle guard for school; elected new officer when former president was called to National Guard duty. Albertville—Gave forest fire prevention program at rural schools; distributed posters on fire prevention; entered State public speaking contest; started a pig chain; five members went to Tennessee to see about buying registered calves; made plans for fiddlers' convention; made plans to give Christmas baskets to needy children.

Arab—Initiated 5 Green Hands; completed work on bleachers for football field; entertained FHA girls at school; started membership drive; sent articles to local paper; rooted shrubs for lab. area; treated peach trees, and sold for bidders' chain; five members went to Tennessee.

Ashland—Had program on thrift; appointed committee for each phase of activity program; entered public speaking contest. Ashland—Committee from chapter appointed to sell Christmas trees at ten cents per inch; planned to purchase Green Hand and Future Farmer pins for members. Athens—Operated school supply store; held joint classes with FHA; bought official FFA coat for president; entertained FHA with wooden rocket; bought basketball. Auburn—Initiated 8 Green Hands; bought Green Hand and Future Farmer pins; had district meeting with FHA. Atmore—Entered chapter contest; repaired doors and made steps for the department; six members entered public speaking contest; sold chances and gave away a radio; bought all equipment needed for use in chapter meeting. Ashford—Had program on thrift; appointed FHA pins; had district meeting with FHA. Atmore—Entered chapter contest; sold chickens for money for chapter; planned good programs for each member; improving department. Atwood—Initiated five Future Farmers; made plans for barbecue to make money for chapter; planned good program for each member; improving department. Autaugaville—Entertained FHA girls; building FHA officers' chain; five members went to Tennessee.

Bonaire—Initiated ten Green Hands and five Future Farmers; set up program of work; ten members entering public speaking contest; rooting 1,000 shrubs; repairing and painting farm tools belonging to FHA members.

Biloxi—Initiated 13 Green Hands; added barber chair to shop; sold three hogs for $33.50; four boys entered public speaking contest; entered state-wide, regional, and national speaking contest; initiated ten Green Hands; five members entered public speaking contest; entered state public speaking contest; attending district FHA and Future Farmers meeting.

Blue Springs—Five members entered State Public Speaking Contest; sold two hogs fattened on peanuts and table scraps for $16.29. Butler—Raffled off a turkey and made $15; sold drinks and gum at the annual football game between Butler and Silas; put on chapel program; made arrangements for joint Christmas tree with FHA girls.

Carbon Hill—Made plans for celebrating "corn day;" put out 10,000 shrubbery cuttings in hot house. Carrolton—Had joint social with FHA; sponsored FFA and FHA chapters presented a program at a community meeting; held "Jamboree Night" to raise money for the F-S, M-D Banquet. Berry—Initiated ten Green Hands and five Future Farmers; set up program of work; ten members entering public speaking contest; rooting 1,000 shrubs; repairing and painting farm tools belonging to FHA members.

Clio—Initiated 16 Green Hands; reorganized string band; put on chaparoonies; established FHA; bought official FFA coat for president; entertained FHA with wooden rocket; bought basketball. Cold Spring—Made plans to buy fruit trees cooperatively; initiated 10 Future Farmers; initiated 5 Green Hands; entered state public speaking contest; planned Christmas party. Cherokee—Initiated 4 Green Hands; entered state public speaking contest; sponsoring free talking movie, "The Green Hand," and soil-saving movies, "The Soil" and "The Magic Desert;" assisting in Black Leg inoculation of cattle and Cholera inoculation of hogs; turned over the community two registered Poland China sows; planting at least one acre of permanent pasture on school campus. Clayton—Had joint weiner roast and dance with FHA; working on yearly calendar of activities; paying for equipment in lunch room.

Clayton—Initiated 16 Green Hands; attended district meetings. Clio—Sponsored basketball game; proceeds to be used to buy shrubbery for school building; sponsored a showing of "The Green Hand;" made plans to sponsor square dance and to use money to buy a rip-saw for the shop. Coffeeville—Organized string band; built drift fences for school. Cold Springs—Built Louisiana lamp brooder; bought 100 baby chicks to grow out on school lawn. Cassville—Sent president to National convention; sent three articles to local papers; had social with FHA chapter; FHA and FFA chapters presented a program at a community meeting; held "Jamboree Night" to raise money for the F-S, M-D Banquet. Berry—Initiated ten Green Hands and five Future Farmers; set up program of work; ten members entering public speaking contest; rooting 1,000 shrubs; repairing and painting farm tools belonging to FHA members.
Cottonwood—Initiated 7 Green Hands; ordered books for a school plant; colored pencils; elected new president after old president joined the Marines; continuing hog project; purchased Duroc Jersey gilt; did well from financial standpoint with FFA store during football season.

Culman—Initiated 10 Green Hands and 10 Future Farmers; helped with Hallowe'en Carnival; built lamp-type brooder and lime spreader for demonstration purposes; had social with FHA; put out additional shrubs around the vocational building.

Dixon’s Mills—Sponsored fiddlers’ convention; planned lab. area; rebuilt lab. area fence; put on program at P.T.A. meeting.

Dozier—Initiated 12 Future Farmers; planned lab. area; completed plans for beautification and improvement of school building; assisted in organizing evening school; hung two flags on pole in the high school auditorium. Eclectic—Initiated 12 Green Hands and 7 Future Farmers; cleaned off yard; set out 1,000 longleaf pines; put up posts for bell system in them, a different breed in each;

Enterprise—Sponsored showing of “The Green Hand” and “Tomorrow.” Eufaula—Initiated a Green Hands and Future Farmers club; paved sidewalks; put on program at Mama Magazine store; sent regular articles to local county paper; booked radio program beginning Saturday, December 7; built back doors for shop; built a refreshment store at school; on pole in the high school auditorium, Eclectic—Initiated 13 Green Hands; installed official book for treasurer and secretary; had FFA-FHA social; secured degree pins for all chapter members; ordered new Manuals, secretary’s and treasurer’s books.

Gaylesville—Host to district FFA and FHA; sold drinks and candy at football games; sponsored Turkey Shoot Thanksgiving. Grand Bay—Initiated 10 Green Hands; held social and invited FHA girls; entered Silverhill and Pensacola fairs, and won $12.50 in prizes. Fyffe—Initiated 7 Green Hands; Martin Ables, State Secretary, attended National Convention; sent five delegates to district meeting at Gadsden; had social meeting with FHA chapter; secured degree pins for all chapter members; ordered new Manuals, secretary’s and treasurer’s books.

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Gibson—Installed a refreshment store at school; ordered chaplet equipment. Isabella—Initiated 3 Green Hands and 14 Future Farmers; put on activity program; entertained district FFA chapter; sponsored showing of “The Happy Valley Gang” and cleared $9.70, half of which was used to buy shrubbery for the grounds around vocational building.

Hackleburg—Host to district FFA and FHA chapters; made tour to Atlanta to the Southern Fair; sponsored showing of “The Happy Valley Gang” for benefit of P.T.A. Hanceville—Initiated 8 Green Hands and 8 Future Farmers; sponsored a program on establishing lawns at the ladies’ garden club; two members entered public speaking contest. Hartselle—Entered chapter and public speaking contests, Batton—Initiated 7 Future Farmers; worked on school beautification program; invited FHA chapter to chicken stew; working on orchard improvement for entire community.

Hayden—Initiated 6 Future Farmers, Hayneville—Completed activity program; sold ice cream at football games and during lunch period. Headland—Initiated 11 Green Hands; worked in lab. area; pruned peach trees; bought a 300-lb. calf, butchered it and sold it to students and teachers; four members entered public speaking contest; programs showed improvement as a result of the program committee’s post the program on the bulletin board one week before the program was to be given. Hackett—Sent regular articles to local county paper; booked radio program beginning Saturday, December 7; built back doors for shop; built a refreshment store at school; on pole in the high school auditorium, Eclectic—Initiated 13 Green Hands; installed official book for treasurer and secretary; had FFA-FHA social; secured degree pins for all chapter members; ordered new Manuals, secretary’s and treasurer’s books.
on membership drive; chapter has all equipment for meetings; majority of members are FFA and FHA girls; published weekly news articles; planned Christmas party; organized school orchestra. Jemison—Attended district meeting; initiated 15 Future Farmers; built fixtures and equipment for school lunch room; painted school lunch room; sold subscriptions to two county papers; had meeting with FHA and planned F-S, M-D Banquet. set out young orchard for two farmers; terraced 30 acres of land for one farmer; entered chapter and public speaking contests. Kinston—Sponsored a “take it or leave it” contest; organized a rat-killing campaign for community; made bookcase for notebooks; made two “lime strowers” for use in community.

Leroy—Landscaped vocational agricultural building; attended district meeting; built lumber rack. Liberty—Reorganized, attended Palmetto F-S, M-D banquet; sponsored FHA and Millville chapter; presented chapel program on conservation; making plans to distribute FFA and FHA and 10 future farmers in organized area; attended evening school at Palmetto an diced sugar beet products. Lively—Initiated 11 Green Hands and 5 Future Farmers; attended district meetings. Livingston—Initiated 8 Green Hands; entered public speaking contest; voted to give chapter winner of public speaking contest a prize; planning FFA-FHA Christmas party; sponsored a dance; sold drinks, at ball games; constructed dressing room for Physical Education class; attended county FFA and FIA meetings. Louisville—Initiated 14 Future Farmers; sent chapter news to local newspaper; conducted walk from high school to vocational building; had party to help finance chapter; attended district public; constructed fence about lab. area; six members entering public speaking contests; started landscaping program for vocational building.

Magnolia—American Legion chapter presented FFA chapter with flag; sponsored hunting trip; conducted chapel program; had “Rising Sun” emblem painted. Marbury—Sowed lawn and fenced outdoor living room; several boys built saw horses for the shop; helping FFA girls build tables and chairs for outdoor living room, McAdory—Working on public speaking contest; assisting teacher in making a study of former students of vocational agriculture; ordering fruit trees to start home orchards; initiated two Green Hands. McKenzie—Treated 200 peach trees for borers; made a map of schoolyard; started work on landscaping the schoolyard and pruning shrubbery; added two new lockers to shop; helped sell chances on P-T.A. bale of cotton; have 51

chicks three weeks old (out of 51 bought); put on chapel program; attended chapter meeting; opened chapter; Mellow Valley—Initiated 4 Future Farmers; added electricity to vocational department, member of Executive Committee meetings. Midland City—Eleven members entering public speaking contest; sponsored showing of “The Green Hand.” Millerville—Initiated seven Green Hands and three Future Farmers; gave chapel program; put in cocoa cola stand; made arrangements to show “The Green Hand.” Millport—Presented radio program in cooperation with FHA chapter; initiated 4 Green Hands; cooperated in rat-killing campaign.

Milltown—Initiated 2 Green Hands and 8 Future Farmers; appointed committees for different activities; sponsored showing of “The Green Hand”; 13 boys entered public speaking contest; 10 members entered Swift Essay Contest. Mount Hope—Initiated 1 Green Hand; attended boat show at district meeting, had FHA; raised $35. Ozark—Had F-S, M-D banquet; continued selling drinks and candy at ball games; selling tickets for quartet which chapter is sponsoring; attended district meeting at Goshen.

Ozark—Had F-S, M-D banquet; attended district FFA meeting; repaired pump house; arranged shop tools in tool room; had meeting with FHA; had F-S, M-D banquet; had social. Pleasant Home—Built shop tables; attended district FFA meeting; repaired pump house; arranged shop tools in tool room; had meeting with FHA; had F-S, M-D banquet; had social.

Red Level—Completed program of work for year. Pleasant Home—Initiated 11 Green Hands; FFA and FHA chapters had a box supper and cleared a total of $14.88. Princeton—Made plans to sell peanuts and popcorn at ball games throughout the year; taking orders for fruit trees.

Rawls—Program started by Rotary Club in Andalusia; fattening steers; will give prize to winner of chapter; public speaking contest. Renton—Collected $5 from FHA members to feed FFA steers; participated in district program at Rotary Club in Andalusia; attended district meeting at Rawls; entered public speaking contest. Reeltown—Treated 200 pecan trees for peach borer; attended district FFA and FHA meeting at Camp Hill; entered State chapter contest; sponsoring cooperative order of trees and shrubs; had $10 worth of equipment to shop; landscaped three three home grounds. Riverton—Initiated 3 Green Hands and 4 Future Farmers; host to district FFA; sponsored Hallowe’en carnival jointly with FHA and cleared 5000 square feet in lab. area. Robertsdale—Initiated 8 Green
Hands and 15 Future Farmers; put out 2,000 cuttings; planning to beautify Elsanor School; pruned shrubbery around school building; planted new shrubbery around the new part of school building; eight members landscaping their homes; planning to plant three acres of forestry demonstration on campus; painted inside of shop. Rockford—Attended district meeting; four boys entered public speaking contest. Rogersville—Initiated 4 Green Hands; attended district meeting; landscaping homes of members.

Samson—Initiated 12 Green Hands; bought three beef steers to feed out to finance educational tour; sponsored musical concert and cleared $24.05; entered chapter contest and public speaking contest. Sardis—Initiated 10 Green Hands; four members entered public speaking contest; purchased 10 Manuals for use of members; worked up district activity program. Scottsboro—Initiated 17 Green Hands. Slucomb—Six members entered public speaking contest; entered chapter contest; planned Christmas party with FHA; planned fishing trip to Gulf for December; Initiated 17 Green Hands. Southside—worked out monthly calendar; built a storage locker for football equipment; gave a Thanksgiving program; built partition in ag. room; accepted one new member. Spring Garden—Initiated 12 Green Hands; attended district meeting; made plans for landscaping vocational building. Straughn—Attended district meeting at Florala; continued to feed out three beef calves as chapter project; district officers made talks at a meeting of the Lions Club; appointed committees to carry out activity program; sent in State dues; gave a party for FHA chapter; initiation committee is working on Green Hand initiation ceremony. Sulligent—Initiated 13 Green Hands; purchased owl and drapes for officers' desks; studied parliamentary procedure in joint classes with home economics girls; string band put on program at two evening schools; three members entered public speaking contest. Susan Moore—Initiated 4 Green Hands; sponsored fiddlers' convention; contacted two well-known bankers and asked them to speak at district meeting; planned social with FHA; entered chapter contest. Sweet Water—Decided to organize a string band; attended district meeting at Dixon’s Mills; had joint meeting with FHA.

Tanner—Attended district FFA-FHA meeting at Athens; replaced broken windows in school auditorium; repaired school auditorium; had social with FHA. Thomasville—Terraced three farms; set out strawberry plants each to set out; 

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Dr. Clark Elected Honorary Member

At a recent meeting, the Wadley FFA Chapter elected Dr. Thomas Clark to honorary membership in the organization. Dr. Clark has a farm near Wadley where he practices new methods of farming. Although he has been blind for a number of years, Dr. Clark is an active leader in the community, taking part in all worthwhile affairs of the town, and is a practicing physician in the Wadley community and surrounding territory.—Joe Green, Reporter.

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