Our Vice President

Rex Locklar

The busiest fellow around Goshen" just about describes Rex Locklar, says R. S. Jones, local FFA adviser. His first love is FFA where he is chapter president after having served as vice-president two years as well as heading several major committees. He has also been in the Goshen FFA string band since it was organized.

As vice-president of the Alabama FFA Association, Rex has already visited seven chapters and plans to visit fifteen others during the year. His supervised farming program has included poultry, corn, peanuts, cows, hogs, pasture and orchard improvement, and farm shop.

In reply to a letter asking for some personal items about Rex, Mr. J. L. Parish, former teacher at Goshen who had Rex in vocational agriculture and FFA for three years, sent the following interesting write-up. "As to facts about Rex, he is the oldest of two children, both boys, the younger being exactly like Rex. He is liked by all of the girls and as you know very witty. All of his life he has made speeches and played his banjo and guitar. In plays he is best as an old man. While he isn't in school he is riding his horse over the farm and loves to lasso cows. Rex helps his father run a country store and manage a farm at Henderson, Alabama, where he was born. His greatest desire in life is to manage the "P. N. Locklar" store and farms. He plans to grow large numbers of cows and hogs. He might be called a jack-of-all trades and too, he is good at most all of them."

Ned Chandler

Ned Chandler Grows Chickens

Ned Chandler, Future Farmer of Millerville, Clay County, is rapidly becoming a real farmer. His supervised farming program shows good planning and constant growth. The first year in vocational agriculture Ned's projects were 300 chicks, one acre of corn and one calf. This program grew to 125 laying hens, 400 chicks, 2 acres of corn, and 2 calves the second year. And again this year Ned has increased his projects and at present has 176 layers, will raise 400 more chicks, 4 acres of corn, and is adding 2 acres of oats and 3 acres of lespedeza sericea, having sold his two cows.

In addition to these productive projects, Ned has done the following shop and improvement projects; built kitchen sink; repaired brooder; built feed troughs and nests, also built a milking stool, slag distributor, and two poultry houses.

Ned lives on a 160 acre, two-mule farm, and does his share of regular farm work. He receives full cooperation and encouragement from his parents as evidenced by his growing supervised farming program and the fact that profit or loss from the projects goes to Ned. A. T. Webb, teacher of vocational agriculture, advises that Ned is also very active in FFA work, receiving the Chapter Farmer degree this year and planning to apply for the State Farmer degree next year, if he is not in the army.

Associate Supervisor

J. C. Cannon

If it's vocational agriculture or FFA no hours are too late or too long for Mr. Cannon, as is known by advisers all over Alabama and FFA members in the northeast district. Always a booster for the FFA, Mr. Cannon believes in 100% participation in worthwhile FFA activities by every chapter member.

He has been known to do a little boasting that chapters in northeast Alabama could be depended upon to take a leading part in any and all state FFA activities. He is even willing to take a look at the records to prove his point!

According to a special vocational agriculture edition of "Who's Who" these facts are noted about Mr. Cannon: Born in Coosa County; moved to Autauga County, graduating from high school at Marbury; received B. S. (in famous class of '23) and M. S. degrees at A. P. I., Auburn; taught vocational agriculture at Straughn and Lee County High, Auburn; principal State Secondary Agricultural School at Abbeville; married Rebekah Pruitt, they have two boys, Jimmy and David; district supervisor in northeast Alabama since 1928; also Associate State Supervisor since 1940.
JANUARY IS PUBLIC SPEAKING MONTH

Believes In Public Speaking

Two years ago I entered Corner High School and became a member of the Future Farmers of America, and entered the speaking contest.

As reward for my work I was placed second in the Chapter contest. This contest made me more eager and determined to win a larger contest. Last year I entered this contest again, and having profited by my last year's work and experience, I won first place in the Chapter contest.

The next obstacle was the Quarter Finals, in which I also won, although not easily. Luck, fate or something was with me in the Semi-Finals, for there I was again placed first. Then I really began to study my manuscript, and with the help of my adviser, who had been working with me constantly, and others, I learned a little about the importance of correct articulation.

The morning of the second of June we drove down to Auburn for my participation in the State Finals. As those excellent speakers began to get into the spirit of their oration I became a bit uneasy, but, when it was my turn, I was eager to speak and with the best of my ability. When the decision was announced I was overwhelmed. Could it be? Yes, I had won first place in the State contest!

I represented Alabama in the Tri-State Contest at Camp O'Leno, Florida. First on the program was an address by the National president from which we all derived much inspiration. Then came the Public Speaking Contest. Truly now it was the time for the strong to survive, the weak to fall by the wayside. I, being weak, didn't win first place, but I won! I won in experience and in many other ways.

The one thing I have been leading up to is to try to encourage, to urge you fellows to enter this contest. You will gain from it more than I can tell you. One regret that I have is that I didn't spend more time on this contest. Everyone who can should enter. Enter it with a will, a determination to win. To go farther than I did. To make a GOOD showing for Alabama.

RALPH TANNER

A record number of FFA members in the Public Speaking Contest in 1944 is the goal of Alabama Future Farmers. January is the month! Every chapter in the State has already entered and many are in the contest 100%. Pictured here is A. E. Harrison, Excel Future Farmer, practicing his speech before his rather critical audience of classmates who will each take his turn. Adviser H. L. Terrell reports that every FFA member at Excel is already in the contest. The first report received of eliminations already being held was from Blue Springs. Mr. Porter, adviser, says that they are following the plan of class eliminations to determine final chapter contestants and have had their preliminary contests. It looks like the 1944 goal of the most FFA members yet to enter the speaking contest will be reached.

JANUARY IS THE MONTH.

FFA Calendar

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Public Speaking Month

1st—Mail Dec. chapter report to Dist. Supervisor
5th—Last day for Dec. report
8th—Tune in Nat'l FFA Radio Program, 11:30 A.M.
?—Chapter meeting
31st—Mail Jan. chapter report to Dist. Supervisor
Send name winning speaker to C. C. Scarborough

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MONTHLY QUIZ

1. Name biggest chapter in Alabama.
2. What chapter has largest percentage of Ag boys in FFA?
3. When should we hold our chapter speaking contest?
4. Can I get pine seedlings again this year?
5. How many State Farmers should my chapter have this year?
(Check with our answers)

Some chapters have found it a good practice to hold their finals in speaking contest at regular school assembly. They say it makes a very fine chapel program and at the same time gives the speakers experience before a large audience.

State officers in business session—left to right, Elson Powell, treasurer; Hansell Groom, reporter; Thomas Nevin, president; C. C. Scarborough, assistant adviser; Rex Locklar, vice president; Paul Wilson, secretary. Others attending the two-day executive meeting were R. E. Cammack, adviser; S. L. Chesnut, J. C. Cannon, L. L. Sellers, T. L. Faulkner and Mrs. Littleton.

The meeting on December 2 and 3 was devoted to checking accomplishments on State FFA Program to date and making special plans for the next two months. Heading the list of things to be done is the Speaking Contest to be held in EVERY chapter in Alabama in January. Also to receive special attention by chapters and FFA members soon will be planting pines, State Farmer applications and increasing food production projects.

ADVISER'S CORNER

(Glad to get comments on this corner, will try to keep it going. If you don't want to send in personal items on yourself tell us about your neighbor, you know, follow the usual custom!) Extra! John Henry Kitchens is a married man. He made it a real Thanksgiving Day by making that his wedding day. Congratulations! (Watch this column, it may be Frank Martin next!) Jake Thorn must still be handling the ballot boxes up at Gaylesville, noticed he was elected mayor for another four-year term . . . Ben Dilyworth has moved to town. He is the first Ag teacher for Sidney Lanier High in Montgomery. In the three-way change, Krudop goes to Enterprise and Fred Wood to Kinston . . . and T. L. Bass is the new teacher at Brilliant . . . Capt. Neal, formerly at B. B. Comer, is in S. Carolina after finishing special amphibian training . . . Bryant, Matthews, Stone and Culver are slated to attend A.V.A. meeting in Chicago in December. The first three go as oldest in Ag group not having yet attended and Culver as president of Alabama Vocational Association. Hope they have as big time as Dad Cox did! . . . Lt. (j. g.) Sammy Pate, formerly at New Market, sends Christmas Greetings from somewhere in the Pacific . . . R. T. Smith, Greensboro, and Chandler, Clio, are to be added to our long list of new papas. Both are doing as well as could be expected . . . Did you notice that B. H. Walkley, J. C. McClintock, J. R. Nutt, H. F. Mc Croskey, R. L. Tait, Wallace Steele and Grover Morrow were all officers in their county teachers' association? . . . Godsey and Tait have been on the sick list, but both are O. K. now.
Story Of My Project

By Gerald Freeman
West Point Chapter
(Wins $1 in War Stamps and subscription to the American Farm Youth)

My favorite project of all is poultry. I purchased 50 cockerels which were raised in a lamp type brooder to an average weight of two pounds each. I had good luck with these, losing only two out of the bunch. They were sold for 27 and 28 cents a pound. A net profit of $10.00 was made on these fifty. I thought that was very good for the first chicks I had ever raised, so I then decided to get 200 straight-run chicks so I would have about 100 pullets for layers. The mortality on these 200 was very low. I sold 99 roosters from the 200 at an average weight of two pounds for 28 cents a pound. Culled pullets were sold a few weeks later. I now have 75 hens from which I get a case of eggs a week. Next year I am planning to get 500 straight-run chicks so I will get approximately 200 pullets for layers. I really enjoy feeding my hens and gathering the eggs every evening.

The first of June I purchased 100 cockerels which I grew out and sold for 29 cents a pound to a local cafe in Cullman with whom the West Point Chapter has a contract. A net profit of $15.00 was made from this project.

This year I have ten projects, four of which have been completed. Some of the other projects that I am carrying are: registered Jersey bull, registered O.L.C. sow and O.L.C. boar, acre of peanuts, acre of sweet potatoes, and acre of cotton.

Tree Planting Demonstration

If the State FFA goal of planting demonstration plots of pines is reached, such a scene as this in Coffee County will take place at 207 FFA Chapters in January. These demonstration plots, to be set in January by each FFA Chapter on school grounds or a nearby farm, will be followed by chapter members' plantings in February. A total of 500,000 pines will be planted by Alabama Future Farmers in January and February as they continue their cooperative program with Alabama State Chamber of Commerce.

Jesse Culp, Speaker, Writer

Every FFA member at Isabella and in Chilton County knew that Jesse was a good speaker because he has won the chapter and district FFA speaking contests for the past two years. Last year Jesse went to the semi-finals, placing second there. However, Jesse's picture appearing in the Birmingham News-Age Herald in October was not in recognition of his speaking ability but to accompany his short story, "Letter From Bill." Every FFA member should read the story.

Jesse, a senior this year, has been very active in FFA work at Isabella, serving as reporter and vice-president of the chapter. He says, "I would like to encourage all FFA members in the state to take a more active part in all FFA activities, especially the Public Speaking Contest. I have found that public speaking helps you to attain poise, improves your personality and power of expression. Here's the idea, fellows, we need some real dirt farmers who are capable of leading us onward. The destiny of farming is shifting to the hands of us Future Farmers. Let us accept that challenge!"
**FFA Trading Post**

### Want To Sell

- **40 White Leghorn laying hens.** High producers.—H. K. Bolt, Adviser, Beauford FFA, Rt. 2, Opelika.
- **1 Durac Jersey male with papers, age 19 months.**—T. H. Jones, Adviser, Butler FFA.
- **1 registered Guernsey bull; age 6 months, $80.**—H. T. Pruett, Adviser, Cullman FFA.
- **1 registered Duroc pig, 8 weeks, $10.**—C. D. Thomas, Adviser, Haleyville FFA.
- **2 O. I. C. pigs not registered, 10 weeks, wt. 40-45 lbs. $8.50 each.**—C. D. Thomas, Adviser, Haleyville FFA.
- **Purebred Duroc pigs, $15 each at 8 weeks.** Registered and delivered to railroad station.—J. H. Camp, Adviser, Isabella FFA.
- **Registered O. I. C. pigs.—M. Thornton, Adviser, Lexington FFA.**
- **3 purebred Little-boned Poland China boars. $12.00 F. O. B.—L. C. Shields, Adviser, Red Bay FFA.**
- **Durac pigs for sale.—Grover Morrow, Adviser, Vina FFA.**
- **Registered O. I. C. pigs, 7 weeks; registered in buyers name $11.25.** F. O. B. Cullman—M. E. Wilson, Adviser, West Point FFA, Rt. 5, Cullman.
- **Want To Buy**
  - **125 lb. anvil; No. 400 champion blower and post drill.**—S. H. Alveson, Adviser, Brookwood FFA.
  - **Good 3½ h. p. garden tractor.** State price when replying.—W. W. Rodgers, Adviser, Fayette FFA.
  - **Registered Jersey Heifer 3 to 6 months.** Price not over $50 F. O. B. with registration papers.—E. S. Collier, Adviser, Wetumpka FFA.

### Want To Swap

- **1 registered O. I. C. male pig. Quote price.—B. H. Walkley, Adviser, Jackson FFA.**
- **Registered Duroc males and Poland China gilts and males.—L. W. White, Adviser, Lyefion FFA, Rt. 1, Evergreen.**
- **36 inch poultry wire, 1 inch mesh.** W. S. White, Adviser, Marion FFA.

### Larry And His Cow

Larry Waldrop, FFA member from Millport, with his cow on a good permanent pasture he has developed. This is his second year in agriculture and he is active in all FFA activities. Larry's supervised farming program this year includes 12 acres of corn, 8 acres of cotton, 2 acres peanuts, 3 acres hay, 3 acres pasture improvement, one brood sow, one cow, and a garden of 1 acre. Larry's teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA adviser is Mr. O. L. Hunt.

### Larry And His Cow

One hand drill press (iron).—R. S. Jones, Goshen FFA.

One small boiler to be used for canning.—R. T. Smith, Adviser, Greensboro FFA.

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### These Were Sent In For JOKES

**FHAer:** How much are your eggs?

**FFAer:** Thirty cents a piece, miss.

**FHAer:** My goodness—that's too high.

**FFAer:** What are you grumbling about—that's a day's work for a hen.—Evergreen FFA.

**Pat:** What well known weather sign does a man sitting on a tack denote?

**Mike:** An early spring.—Falkville FFA.

It was a very dark night and the cyclist was lost. Presently he saw a post. With much difficulty he climbed the post, struck a match, and read: "WET PAINT."—Isabella FFA.

**Colonel:** "I'm stepping out tonight. I'm having dinner with the upper set."

**Major:** "The steak may be tough. Better take along the lower set too."

—Midland City FFA.

"Don't you patronize the town barber any more?"

"No, he's too absent-minded. Last time I went in for a shave he pinned a newspaper around my neck and handed me a towel to read."—Newville FFA.

1st moron: Do you know how to make anti-freeze?

2nd moron: No, how?

1st moron: Hide her wool pajamas.—Wadley FFA.

### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Sweetwater with 73 paid members.

2. Don't know. Pell City reports 105%.

3. Must be held in January.

4. Yes, start planning an acre or more. Details later.

5. One or more. Some chapters have goal of 10% of chapter members.

**What was your score?**
Sam Rosser, Chapter Farmer at McAdory, has a well-rounded supervised farming program and is becoming a leader in FFA activities. His productive projects at present are 2 young beef cows, 2 dairy heifers, 3 acres of oats, and 1 1/2 acres of corn. Improvement projects include pasture improvement, farm machinery repair, soil improvement, agricultural library and home improvement. To round out this program, Sam has already carried out a number of supplementary practices and others are planned. He also does his share of regular farm work, including milking 75 cows and operating a tractor.

In addition to this farming program, Sam has found time to take the lead in all FFA activities. These varied activities have not kept Sam from being a good student, serving as class president, and playing basketball. Ambition? To remain on the farm in the dairy and beef cattle business.

Chapter News

Addison — Sold 2 registered Duroc hogs; Elson Powell, State Treasurer, spoke at FHA and FFA party. Akron — Harvested 54 lbs. kudzu seed; collecting scrap iron. Aliceville — Practicing parliamentary procedure. Auburn — Visited victory gardens. Ashford — Program on parliamentary procedure; organized basketball squad. Athens — Bought hectarograph; subscribed to 2 county papers. Atmore — Donated $5 to war chest and $5 to charity. Auburn — Replaced furniture for USO Center; initiated 12 new chapter farmers. Autaugaville — Gathered 115 lbs. kudzu seed; initiated 9 Green Hands.

Baker Hill — Collecting kudzu seed. Bay Minette — Sold subscriptions to magazine to get FFA emblems. Beauregard — Initiated 9 chapter farmers. Berry — Sponsored 2 motion pictures. Billingsley — Cooperative order for fruit trees; held monthly meeting at night — big success.

Blue Springs — Won District Parliamentary Procedure Contest; elected honorary member; securing drapes for officer's stations. Brookwood — Initiated 16 Green Hands; collected 3,080 lbs. of scrap iron. Butler — Initiated 29 Green Hands, 18 Chapter Farmers; harvesting kudzu seed.

Carrollton — State President Thomas Nevin visited chapter. Centre — Initiated 13 new Green Hands.

Chattom — 100% membership; feeding out pig; picked $12 worth of kudzu seed and 200 lbs. crotalaria seed. Cherokee — Initiated 10 Green Hands, 2 Chapter Farmers; held FFA-FHA Social, scrap or stamps as admission. Clayton — Initiated 16 Green Hands, 7 Chapter Farmers.


Elba — Initiated 12 Chapter Farmers; planting acre in cabbage. Evergreen — Each officer has erected symbol on the wall above his position in chapter room. Falkville — Initiated 17 Green Hands; has 100% membership.


Foley — Initiated 32 Green Hands; made toys with help of Home Ec girls to be placed in homes.

Fort Payne — Printed special Christmas cards carrying picture of chapter mailed to 98 former members in armed services. Fyffe — Harvested sericea seed.

Gaylesville — Harvest Festival jointly with FHA and Gaylesville Band; receiving $228.75. Cherokee County War Chest.

Georgetown — Initiated 24 Green Hands, 7 Chapter Farmers; planted 4 acres blue lupine seed patch. Georgiana — Secured official chapter scrapbook.

Glencoe — Assisted in collection of tin cans. Gorgas — Organizing Tuscaloosa County District. Goshen — Published first issue of chapter club paper, the Voc-Ag-Mag.

Grand Bay — Helped in scrap drive. Greenville — Harvested $61.75 worth of kudzu seed; purchased potato shredder. Grove Hill — Started scrap drive; continuing bond and stamp sale each Friday; members assisting in local stock sale.

Greensboro — Organized FFA basketball team; started public speaking. Guin...

Highland Home - 100% membership. Hubbertville - Built trailer for chapter. Isabella - Building, painting, and selling lamp brooders; 8 new pigs to add to pig chain. Jack son - Raised pigs to be given to garden; 4 boys secured calves for fat calf show. Jemison - Bought 2 more feeder calves; 2 registered gilts for 2 year olds; members bought registered pigs. Kennedy - A program on farm jobs for 1944

Leroy - 100% membership. Lexington - 70 active members; initiated 5 Green Hands, 4 Chapter Farmers. Lincoln - Sold magazines to get chapter equipment. Louisville - Contest between FFA and FHA for buying war stamps; collecting kudzu seed; charging each member 5c that did not participate in seed collection. Lyellton - Made booklet of FFA program of work; set up committees for handling scrap iron; selling bonds and stamps daily; every member responsible for some activity of chapter meetings.

Lynn - Initiated 17 Green Hands; sponsored scrap iron drive. McKenzie - Shredded sweet potatoes, bought $25 bond; initiated 27 Green Hands. Marion - Studied Ala. Future Farmer to compare what others are doing with work of own chapter. Mollow Valley - Supplied each member with scrap iron. Green Hands with new members. Heflin - Chapter helping with scrap drive; initiated 14 Green Hands.

Reform - Sponsored special Thanksgiving page honoring Capt. Paul McArthur, L. D. Orr, and James Scott Bowning; member of the chapter. Riverton - Initiated 3 Green Hands; purchased $75.50 worth of visual aid equipment; built book case for FFA library and added 4 books. Robertsdale - Initiated 44 Green Hands. 9 Chapter Farmers; laying out 2 acres for growing shrubbery and fruit trees; planting 1000 pines on school ground. Rogersville - Initiated 28 Green Hands; elected 3 honorary members.

Samson - Began work on speaking contest; donated $10 to war chest. Sanders - Initiated 15 Green Hands; sponsored scrap drive. Slocomb - Cleared 3000 last month opening "Jot-Em-Down" store. Smith Station - Over 100% membership.

Southside - Pulled corn for a farmer who had been sick for several months. Spring Garden - 22 new members. Straughn - Started chapter public speaking contest.


York - Burt Allen is president of new chapter.