Sulligent FFA Boys Prove Hogs Are Fine Profit Makers; Buy $500 War Bond

Sulligent is the first Alabama FFA Chapter to buy a $500 War Bond. Where did they get the money? Well, that's the best part of the story! As all chapter officers and members know that amount of money isn't always found in the FFA bank account. Here's the story behind Sulligent's big War Bond.

This purchase was a major objective of the year for the chapter. Last August a study of the markets was made and it was decided that a hog project would be a good starter and maybe serve as a feeding demonstration, too. So 20 shoats and a sow with 6 pigs were bought for the main project for the year. Committees were set up for feeding and caring for the hogs; and if you have ever had the job of looking after 27 hogs you know the job facing the FFA members. However, as usual with the Sulligent Chapter, all members agree to serve willingly as individuals, committees, classes or chapter. So the hog project proved successful, netting $230.28. Other activities to raise money included operation of FFA store and cooperative trading.

Ben Byrd Keeps Up Fine Family Record

Keeping up the family reputation didn't bother Ben Byrd, Ozark State Farmer. Ben's three older brothers had all made outstanding records in vocational agriculture, but these feats only served as a challenge. Ben is completing his third year in vocational agriculture and has compiled a record to brag about. Let's take a look.

At this time Ben is fattening out two steers for spring sale which he expects to weigh over 1000 lbs. each. He showed and sold two hogs in the Victory Hog Sale at Ozark. In this show and sale he had the Reserve Champion pig and won a $25 War Bond and $15 in war stamps. The two pigs then sold for $98.10, which was invested in War Bonds. So the Victory Hog Sale netted Ben and Uncle Sam better than $135! Just before Christmas he bought two more pigs which were sold in February. No figures on this project are now available, but Ben used profits to buy 5 more pigs to feed out.

Other projects for this year include 4 acres of corn, 4 acres of peas.

Greeny Greenhand Says

"My brother in the Army says they have plenty of good eats. Makes me feel better to think my 2 hogs and 100 chicks will help keep it that way."

"My Pa's already figured how he's gonna solve the labor problem on our farm—judgin' by my Saturday work!"
Edgar Newton Has Flourishing Projects

Although Edgar Newton, Former FFA member at Lexington, has been engaged in regular farm work with his father since leaving high school in 1937, he has developed an outstanding farming program of his own in the production of registered Poland China hogs and Jersey cattle which netted him a profit last year of $735.24.

A look into part of his livestock records for 1942 gives this interesting summary.

Income: 4 Jersey bulls, $270.13; 58 pigs, $790; 3 hogs, $160; breeding fees on cows, $115; breeding fees on sows, $83.

Expenses: 2 registered bulls, $60; 35 pigs, $320; 2 gilts and 1 sow, $73; 1 boar pig, $18.25; feed costs, $124.14; registrations and miscellaneous, $5.50.

Net profit: $735.24.

In connection with this project, Newton has shipped the pigs to several states as well as many counties in Alabama. The demand has been so great that many orders have been booked far in advance.

Lyeffion Boys Develop Own 150-Book Library

The Lyeffion vocational agriculture boys still enjoy reading good books. These boys have their own FFA library with a total of 150 books at present.

In addition to the books, a daily newspaper, 3 weekly, and 6 monthly magazines are received regularly. This is in addition to the regular magazines received by the department.

Three librarians are in charge of the library each year. One boy from each class is selected to serve as librarian for his class. The books are indexed with the standard library cards and are checked out to the boys at the beginning of each period. Each boy has his own card and the books may be checked out for seven days without penalty. A small fee is charged for each day a book is overdue.

The FFA library is financed by donations from the FFA members, fees collected for overdue books, and from the FFA treasury.

New books added each year are selected by a committee of three and approved by chapter and adviser.

Picture of Lyeffion library shows Jimmy Fields checking over the books in the FFA bookcase, while David Burt, sitting at the table, checks out some books to Jimmy Howell. These 3 FFA boys are the librarians for this year.
'Bouquets and Bricks'  

More letters like this one from Belgreen Chapter would mean a better Alabama Future Farmer. 

Dear Mr. Editor: 

We found the last issue of The Alabama Future Farmer more interesting than before. We all think the "Here and There" page is the best one. Here are some suggestions we think would improve the paper still more: (1) Have a "tall story" in each issue, (2) Publish cartoons, (3) List jobs to do each month, (4) Have a contest once a year with questions on agriculture and let each chapter submit answers and give small prize to winning chapter.

Belgreen FFA Chapter

The Alabama Future Farmer for February was most interesting. The accomplishments of you Future Farmers are really an inspiration. Will appreciate receiving other issues.—Anita Appleyard, State FHA Secretary.

Congratulations on the last issue. Liked the articles and pictures. Might use more pictures.—Bob Romack, American Farm Youth.

Believe Trading Post a good idea and plan to use it.—Five Point Chapter.

Trading Post will duplicate State Dept. of Agriculture bulletin and not be as effective.—Ashville Chapter.

Think Trading Post a big idea.—Brilliant Chapter.

Thanks for The Alabama Future Farmer. It was very interesting and I learned a lot from it. It is worked out well. —Ralph Parker, former State Reporter.

"Here is another little story coming from Auburn telling what an Alabamian is doing" is the way the Editor of Alabama Journal started a recent editorial based on the story of Edward Sasser of Atmore in the last issue of The Alabama Future Farmer.

"Tree Planting Day" in Coffee County was a big day for Future Farmers of that section. We quote in part from The Enterprise Ledger's feature story on the occasion. "Armed with homemade planting dibbles and buckets of pine seedlings these Future Farmers started the planting of 50,000 pines in Coffee County alone. About 500,000 seedlings are expected to be planted throughout Alabama by FFA boys this year. During Mr. Cammack's address to the gathering, he emphasized the importance of training the youth of Alabama to realize the natural wealth that could be theirs. 'Trees planted by you students,' he said, 'will mature and pay valuable dividends to you when you are taking your places in the business and agricultural life of the State.'"

FFA Calendar

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VOC-AG-MAG Takes Honors for Goshen

Honors for the best local publicity this month go to the Goshen Chapter. They published a big 6 page mimeograph newspaper called "VOC-AG-MAG" and distributed 150 copies.

The February issue was dedicated to Supt. Sanders and the Pike County Board of Education in appreciation for the mimeograph machine purchased for the school.

The "VOC-AG-MAG" is devoted mainly to news of agriculture and home economics, but also includes sports, society, and other general school news. The staff is headed by Wilburn Byrd, Chapter reporter, as Editor-in-Chief.

(Why not send a copy of your chapter publication to The Alabama Future Farmer?)
ELECTION TIME NEARS

When and how does your chapter elect officers? The answer to this question will probably have more to do with the success of your chapter than any other one thing. Let's discuss both parts of the question.

When? It is generally agreed by officers of the most active chapters that election of officers in the Spring has many advantages over fall elections. One of the biggest reasons is that if new officers are elected in April, say, then they will have a chance to observe the old officers in action and take over in May. In this way the new officers will be all set for an active summer for the FFA and go at top speed in early Fall. The only trouble in Spring election is that sometimes an officer is elected who will not be taking vocational agriculture next year. Some chapters solve this by making the first necessary qualification for chapter officer that he be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture. So, we will conclude that April is a very good time for election of officers.

How? Many plans for electing officers may be used. The important thing is to adopt a plan. Any plan beats no plan. Mr. President, be sure that "Election Day" in April finds you with well arranged plans. A sure bet for a poor election of poor officers would be to say, "Well, we elect our officers for another year today," and start the whole thing like that; or let elections be "funny." It is serious business. Many very active chapters use a nominating committee which makes a very careful study of chapter membership and reports on Election Day their recommendations for each office. Of course, members always have the privilege of nominating others for office before the vote is taken. When more than one person is nominated for an office, the vote should be taken by a secret ballot rather than by voice or raising hands.

These are a few guideposts you might use in the big job of deciding when and how to elect officers. We believe if FFA members stop and think about duties of each office, and the chapter members who will best fit these offices, then Alabama Chapters will have their best year in 1943-44. Do you agree?

LET'S DEVELOP LEADERS

Leadership should be a definite part in the program of work for the coming year. The conditions that we are working under now will require better leaders than ever before.

Each chapter should arrange the programs to encourage and develop leadership in its members. A very good practice that our chapter has found successful is to have lessons in parliamentary procedure, letting each member act as chairman. After each member has served, the chapter decides which of the group has conducted the meeting the best.

With the goal of better leaders in mind let's keep our motto uppermost, especially the part, "Learning to do, and doing to learn." Thus we can develop the nation's best leaders in the F. F. A. We have the material! Hilton Register, State Vice President

FFA Trading Post

Several ads came in this time on the bottom of regular monthly chapter reports. Good idea and don't forget to mail it by the 1st of the month.

Did anyone write you about your ad in last issue? Did you trade? Be glad to hear! Write the chapters at once if interested in their ads.

For Sale

Cottonseed direct from Crossville Substation. Stoneville No. 5 at $5.50 F.O.B.—Collinsville Chapter, S. G. Black, Adviser.


Wanted To Buy

Mosby-Graham and Indian Chief field selected seed corn.—Collinsville Chapter, S. G. Black, Adviser.

Purebred OIC or Duroc Jersey pigs. State prices with papers furnished.—Central Chapter, R. H. Reeder, Adviser, Route 4, Florence, Ala.

Old stands of bees in good condition.—Ohatchee Chapter, J. P. Eden, Adviser.

1½ H. P. gas motor.—Brantley Chapter, M. L. Carroll, Adviser.

MONTHLY QUIZ

1. When is the National FFA Program Broadcast?
2. What is the 2nd degree of active FFA membership?
3. When should the Quarter-Finals Speaking Contest be held?
4. What Alabama FFA Chapters had a big "Tree Planting Day" and got their pictures in the papers?
5. Who is "Tom Woodson"?

(Preference with our answers.)

CHAPTER PROGRAM

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Music—Chapter and FFA Quartet
3. Business
   a. Treasurer's report
   b. Plans for raising money
   c. Report of District Speaking Contest
   d. Baby chick project
   e. Report of Nominating Committee
4. Election of Officers
5. War Activities of Our Chapter
6. Closing Ceremony
7. Social or Softball Practice
Our state FFA officers are pictured here during a regular Executive Council Meeting held in Auburn.

Top: President Dan Easterling is in charge, while other state officers and Mrs. Littleton, secretary, help him check records of accomplishments.

Lower left: Vice-president Hilton Register, and Treasurer John Eddins feed the press that publishes "The Alabama Future Farmer." Secretary Revis Hall, Reporter Hudson Calfee and Dan are seeing that they do the job right. Miss Kirbo, news editor of the Lee County Bulletin, who helps edit the FFA news gives instructions.

Bottom right: Mr. Marion Hyatt, radio announcer; Hilton Register, vice-president; Revis Hall, secretary; Dan Easterling, president; Hudson Calfee, reporter; and John Eddins, Jr., treasurer, as they gave a broadcast over WJHO, Opelika.—Photographs by T. L. Faulkner,


**HERE AND THERE**

**Spring Garden FFA Chapter celebrated Farm Mobilization Day by honoring farmers of their section with a supper and program. "A large group enjoyed the affair and farmers pledged every effort to greater food production," says Milton Sutherlin, Chapter Reporter.**

"Brown never completed his education did he?"

"No, he lived and died a bachelor."

The Silas FFA program is based this year on the question, "What can I do to help feed our Nation this year?" One major result has been improved home gardening by each member. Definite plans for home gardening are drawn up for parents' approval. Two copies of the plan are then made, one for the Ag teacher and the other used by the boy at home. Sounds practical doesn't it?

It is better to forget 80% of what you learn and do 20% than to remember 100% and not do any of it. —Lone Star Farmer.

**If you are having any trouble with point rationing you might want to write Grove Hill FFA. Six of their members have served as "explaners" at the registration centers and later at the grocery stores to assist the consumer and merchant in getting used to the O. P. A. regulations.**

Each of us has two ends: One to sit on and one to think with; Our success depends upon which one we use most; It's a case of heads you win, Tails you lose!

Belgreen FFA members did not limit their drive for increased food production to chapter members. One other participating in the program is Miss Aldredge, home economics teacher, who is raising 35 chicks in a brooder at school!

**Northport Chapter crashed the Tuscaloosa News recently with a big 3 column picture of members together with a good article outlining Plans and Accomplishments.**

**The man who watches the clock usually remains one of the hands.**

**Gaylesville is another Alabama Chapter using official FFA stationery in colors. Mr. President, do you and your officers use FFA stationery in writing your business letters? They tell me it makes a good letter better.**

**Newspapers tell of girls doing work formerly done by men, but Phil Campbell FFA boys have reversed this! They have been learning to cook and their story is that they did a better job than the girls.**

**Columbiana FFA boys are star salesmen for Uncle Sam. Through the cooperation of Principal Elliott they visit each class in elementary and high school during the 10 minute opening period to sell War Stamps and Bonds. A large chart in the hall shows daily record of purchases made by each class. A check up March 1st showed total sales of $2,916.80. "We can't all face the Japs and fight, but we, at home, can help. Don't wait till you can buy a Bond, buy stamps now," says Howard Mitchell, Chapter Reporter.**

**QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Tune in March 13, 11:30 A. M. and each 2nd Saturday same time.
2. "Chapter Farmer." (Yeah, we know this was on last quiz, but did you know it this time?)
3. Now. April 10th is the deadline!
4. Chapters in Coffee County planting over 50,000 pines.
5. The hero of "Tom of Peace Valley," "Moon Valley" and "Peace Valley Warrior," exciting stories of his rise from a backwoods Ag. boy to Governor! Have you read them? (What was your score?)

A Short Shop Story:

Prof: "Tom, I wish you wouldn't whistle while you work."

Tom: "I'm not Prof, I'm just whistlin'."

An article in Alabama Conservation Magazine was headed "Reagan Again." As expected, it referred to Adviser K. V. Reagan of Slocomb and his reelection for about the 5th time as President of Slocomb Sportsmen's Club. "This is one of Alabama's oldest and most progressive conservation organizations," was the comment.

One way Hackleburg FFA members tackled the war situation was like this. They examined their programs and decided even more "war crops" could be added. With the help of Adviser H. L. Mansfield, these new units were added—Hogs for meat—2; poultry—2; cotton—4 acres; beef cattle—8; peanuts—5 acres; corn—3 acres; cotton—4 acres; truck crops—25 acres.

There's only one place you can find success without work—in the dictionary.

**Pell City Chapter has a special committee to write their members now fighting over the world. Over 70 former members are now in the armed service and Paul Abbott, Floyd Smith, and Ralph Johnson have given their lives.**

Curry FFA Chapter members are pledging their best war efforts to their 35 former members now in armed service.

Someone said that the WAVES got their name by using the first letter in each word of this statement—Women Are Very Essential Sometimes!

A productive home orchard on every farm in Highland Home Community is the goal of the local FFA Chapter. They practiced what they preach by setting 443 fruit trees in February, besides pruning and spraying all their old orchards and many of their neighbors' orchards.**
Chapter News

Isabilla — Pruned shrubbery around school; 100 members taking home garden as improvement project; landscaped 1 home; bought FFA banner; made cutting bed; 19 boys have registered Duroc Jersey gilts or sows; sold truck load of scrap iron and rubber. Jackson—Initiated 2 Green Hands; cleared $7.50 on school store and magazine rack; 7 boys feeding calves for fat calf show. Jacksonville—Built tennis table and shuffle board equipment for class room; sold 29,000 lbs. scrap iron; 21 members carrying 48 head beef calves; 16 members carrying 1,250 broilers; 22 members carrying 41 hogs for market; 10 members carrying 12 brood sows; 37 members carrying home victory garden. Kiniston—Built 100 peach, 100 pecan, and 10 fig trees; ran terrace line on 50 acres of land; selling garden seed; vaccinated 75 head of hogs for swine fever; bought $75. in war bonds—totaling $250 for year; each member planted seed patch of Blue Lupine; each boy buys 2 war stamps per week; gathered 6 tons of scrap iron; treated 50 chickens for lice. Leighton—Sent representatives to Farm Mobilization Meeting; bought and set out 750 worth fruit trees; put out 350 shrubs; landscaped gym and voc. blg; Leroy—Selling garden seed in community; constructing concrete walks on campus; bottling milk for lunch room; furnishing vegetables for lunch room; fattening 2 hogs. Lexington—Promoted sale of 30 registered OIC pigs; purchased visual education equipment; making model planes; landscaped 1 church; put out 2 1/2 acres of orchards; sold 6 pigs; painted ag building; set 5,000 cuttings; ordered official FFA pins. Liberty — Community improvement project in landscaping. Lincoln—Bought 200 chickens to feed into broilers; building lamp brooders for 20 farmers; ordered 500 pine seedlings; constructed 150 rush brooders for 5 farmers; repainted class room and shop; bought new heatola for class room; collected and mounted new illustrative materials. Livingston — Joint social with FFA. Luverne—Initiated 15 Green Hands; planted 12 vegetables in lab area; 50 plows being repaired in school shop; 18 orchards pruned by members; 400 fruit trees ordered. Magnolia—Gathered 3 tons scrap iron; put on chapel program; purchased softball equipment; secured pigs for members. Marbury—Published newsletter; bought war bond; gave winter roast for FHA; members ordered 8000 pine seedlings; landscaped lunch room; pruned shurbbery around buildings; set out cuttings in nursery. McAdory — Building hot beds, pruned old orchards; improving vocational ag and vocational home ec buildings; practiced parliamentary procedure; constructed 20 brooders; making service flag for boys in service; enlarging nursery in lab area. McKenzie—Set one 1/2 yds. zoysia grass; put up new flag pole for school; repaired school water system; set out 100 cabbage plants in lab area; built cutting bed; bought 350 fruit trees, planted lab area; bought $25. bond; pruned shrubs on campus; started work on sweet potato shredding machine. Mellow Valley—Collected 4 tons scrap metal; fattening 2 pigs at school; built brooder house; ordered pine seedlings. Midland City—Purchased official Secretary and Treasurer's books; painting and repairing school store and rack; set out 80 peach trees; ordered 1,250 pine seedlings. Millerville—Built 4 book lockers for school; ordered 3600 chicks for community; pruned shrubs at vocational building; constructed concrete walk; stenciled all tools in lockers; built table tennis. Milltown—Bought $50. war bond; furnishing shrubs to landscape boys' homes, 1 church; ordered fruit trees for community. Moulton—Built curtain screens for auditorium; installed 8 tool lockers in shop and painted shop; initiated 6 Green Hands; constructed blacksmith tool locker. New Brockton—Sold 301 fruit trees; ordered 7000 pine seedlings; sprayed fruit trees. New Hope—Initiated 17 Green Hands; bought new Manuals and official Secretary and Treasurer's book; made and painted 2 notebook racks, 2 additional lockers; reconditioning tools. New Market—Initiated 1 Green Hand; bought motion picture machine; put on 2 cutting demonstrations. Moundville—Selling candy at school; made seed treater for cotton seed. Mt. Hope—Bought 2 pigs to feed on lunchroom scraps; bought 25 chickens for brooder at ag building; bought $25. war bond. Newville—Initiated 10 Green Hands, 8 Chapter Farmers; gave series of radio programs; have 22 members in arm service. Notasulga—Initiated 7 Green Hands, 12 Chapter Farmers; purchased 500 fruit trees cooperatively; donated $5. to Boys' Town; made 2000 hardwood cuttings; graded and fertilized 2 acres of playground for school. Northport—Initiated 2 Green Hands; ordered 500 pine seedlings for school grounds; ordered 536 fruit trees for...
members; purchased 12 basketball suits for FFA team; gave 30 minute radio program.

Ondelville — All members have helped organize a planned farm equipment, fencing, and landscaping.

O'katchee—Initiated 5 Green Hands; raised $3, raffling turkey; 7 members landscaped homes from shrubs in lab area; furnished 6 members with 23 grape vines; repaired 7 pieces of farm equipment. Ononta—Organized softball team; ordered 3000 pine seedlings; bought $100 worth bonds.

Paint Rock Valley—Initiated 10 Green Hands; painted school building; put up flag pole. Palmetto—Initiated 2 Green Hands; constructed 6 chicken brooders; ordered fruit trees cooperatively; landscaped school grounds; each member ordered official manual; pruned 4 orchards; spent $12. to buy a new moldboard for vocational class; planted garden in lab area; repaired farm machinery. Pell City—Pruning orchards; made $103; sponsored turkey supper; had joint social with FHA.

Phil Campbell—Attended County Farm Mobilization Day; planted 2000 pine seedlings. Pine Apple—Initiated 2 Green Hands, 15 Chapter Farmers; sold $80 in war stamps in Dec.; bought registered Poland China sow; $50 baby chicken; raised young to outfit 1000 each of pine and black locust seedlings. Pine Hill—Made brooders for farmers; made book rack for church. Pleasant Home—Initiated 4 Green Hands; sponsored turkey shoot with PTA, made $103; gave Green Hands; bought and operated new saw and saw set for ag equipment for "Food for Freedom."" Portland—Order new saw and saw set for ag equipment.

Spring Garden—Raising money to equip lounging room for Camp Siebert; repaired and painted farm equipment for "Food for Freedom."" Portland—Order new saw and saw set for ag equipment.

Southside—Operating candy store and wholesaling shrubs around high school. Sparta—Built 4 ironing boards, 2 La. lettuce patch, initiated 11 Chapter Farmers; replaced broken panels in school. Southside—Operating candy store; bought $25. war bond; building brooders for broth projects; purchased soft-ball equipment.

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Sulligent—Sold 12 hogs for $450—$85; sponsored rat campaign in town, mixed 300 lbs. poisoned bait; attended FHA Red Cross party; landscaped 14 homes; purchased $500 war bond; ordered $52. fruit trees; ordered new saw and saw set for ag equipment; conducted lounge for boys in service placed on plaque.

Susan Moore—Made field trip on hope to skating party. Rogersville—Approx. $300. worth machinery been repaired in shop. Tanner—Approx. $300. worth machinery been repaired in shop. Tanner—Williams—Raised $20. sponsored hill-billy show and $50 on box supper; had joint social with FHA. Thomasville—Set out 400 pine trees on campus. Town Creek—Awarded degree pins to 8 Chapter Farmers and 11 Green Hands.

Valley Head — Held joint social with FHA; removed old fence from football field. Vina—More pigs given out to members. Walnut Grove—Conducted walks and drives on school grounds. Waterloo—Built side shed to barn, 3 hogs houses, 4 hog feeders; bought 30 bu. corn for FFA hogs; ordered 10 new FFA Manuals. Secretary and Treasurer book. Ward—Raised $1,101.50 on bond and stamp drive; donated $25.50 to Infantile Paralysis fund. Weogufka—Ordered pipe seedlings; built 8 brooders, 1 lime spreader.

West Point — Constructed electric fence for 18 hogs being fattened; list of boys in service placed on plaque on bulletin board. Wetumpka—Elected 9 honorary members; sold 350 fruit trees; purchased 8 baby beef and dairy calves; harvested 32 lbs. kudzu seed. White Plains — Initiated 1 Green Hand, 7 Chapter Farmers; bought 25 heavy barred chickens to raise and sell for broilers; buying pair pure bred pigs for chain. Winterboro—Initiated 17 Green Hands; conducting dairy herd improvement work in 3 herds in county; constructing school store; helped construct home for vocational teacher.