Ralph Parker, Beauregard Future Farmer, who was recently awarded degree of American Farmer at Kansas City, Mo. This is the highest honor than can be earned in the National Future Farmer organization.
Our State FFA President

About the most surprised FFA member at the State Convention last year when Thomas Nevin, Moundville Chapter, was elected president was Thomas Nevin! Although he has been very interested and active in FFA work for several years, Thomas says he did not expect to ever be State FFA President. After all just one out of 6000 is elected president!

"An all-round good fellow" just about describes our State President, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Nevin, Moundville, Rt. 2, in Hale County. Let's take a look at the record so far to see that every FFA member will know more about our State President, Thomas Nevin.

He’s a good farmer. Increasing farming program each year from a start 3 years ago with 2 pigs and 2 acres of corn. In addition he is a mainstay in helping operate their 283 acre Hale County farm. This work has included terracing needed areas and improving pasture. One major plan for the future is the purchase of a tractor.

He’s a good student. Has a scholastic average of “A” through grammar and high school. To prove he is not a “bookworm” he is president of the senior class, member of Citizenship Club and Honorary Society, and captain of the football team.

He’s a good FFA member. Served as secretary and president of Moundville Chapter and reporter for Hale County district. On committee to develop State Activity Program and delegate to State Convention two years. In addition, he has taken part in local and State contests including essay and speaking contests.

He’s making us a good State President. Leading the other state officers in a busy FFA year. Has already visited 5 local FFA chapters and plans to visit at least 15 more during the year. Most recent activity as your president was attending the Alabama Farm Bureau Convention where he made a speech telling of your activities. He is pictured here during this speech at Montgomery.

He has plans for the future. In case army duty does not come first, he wants to continue his study of agriculture or veterinary medicine at college.

Speakers At Farm Bureau Meeting

Thomas Nevin and Dorothy Roszell, State 4-H Club president, Jackson, Rt. 2, addressing Alabama Farm Bureau meeting in Montgomery on Nov. 3rd. Two of the best speeches too!

State Adviser

Mr. Cammack has been our state adviser since FFA work was started in Alabama in 1929. But that was not the beginning of his work with vocational agriculture or his special interest in the boys enrolled. Mr. Cammack will celebrate his 25th birthday in vocational agriculture next year. (Editor’s note: He started on the job when a very young man!) So he has watched the FFA grow and doctored our “growing pains” through the years.

Every FFA member in Alabama should know personally our state adviser. He believes in the FFA and the Future Farmers who make it the best boys’ organization in the state. In Alabama we have good state officers, but they change every year—except the office of adviser. For his continued interest, in spite of additional responsibilities, we Future Farmers owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Cammack for his steady guidance in making the Alabama FFA Association one of the best in the whole country.

MONTHLY QUIZ

1. Who is State FHA president?
2. Did Jeep Campaign succeed?
3. Who is the new supervisor in Central Alabama?
4. Define the term “Alayam.”
5. Who were Alabama’s delegates to the National Convention?
Alabama Delegates in Kansas City, Mo.

We left from Birmingham October 9, at 1:05 P. M. and arrived in Kansas City October 10, at 9:45 A. M. Next day we registered at the Municipal Auditorium, the place where the Convention was held. The State Advisers met in the afternoon and on Monday night a get-together dinner was held for all FFA officers and delegates at the President Hotel.

On Tuesday we attended the first regular session of the 16th National FFA Convention. After the seating of delegates and welcome from the mayor and several other prominent men of Kansas City, all National Officers reported on their activities accomplished during the past year. During the day, reports were given and business was attended to, and we were entertained with music. That night was award night. The awards included: American Farmer awards, Star Farmer awards, Honorary Farmer degrees, and Chapter Contest awards.

Thursday, October 13, we continued unfinished reports and business, and later attended a banquet and Public Speaking Contest. This contest was won by Howard Barlow from Utah. Bob Meriwether of Arkansas, who had won first place in the Southern Region Contest at Auburn, placed second.

Thursday delegates were assigned to work on different reports. After the committees had reported and new business had been taken care of, the president made his retiring address. The new officers then took charge and closed the Convention.

Friday, October 15, we went over to the stockyards. The barns and pens where they keep the cattle before selling cover more than 200 acres. We saw the Grand Champion calf of the stock show, grown by a FFA boy from Oklahoma, sell for $2.50 per pound. On Friday evening, October 15, we left for home and arrived in Birmingham Saturday afternoon. We were glad of the opportunity to attend the National Convention, and we feel that we gained much from an educational standpoint. We also feel that we will be able to serve you better as state officers.

Several changes in teachers during late summer and recently, not space to name 'em all but will try to help you keep up in this column during the year. A new department has been added at Russellville with Earle Thomas running it—or vice-versa. Other new departments and teachers are Brookwood, Sam Alverson; Woodland, Gus Young; Lynn, Elton Hinton; York, Jess Harvey. Had you heard that it is Papa Elmer Salter now? And how—twin boys! Which reminds us that Moon Thornton's daughter now has a brother. Now, we have started something; bet it'll take a special edition to keep up with the baby announcements. Lt. Rowe Johnson came by the office recently and says he's working real hard. If so, he's getting fat at it! A letter from Lt. Ray Morgan advises he's still in Tennessee and all O. K. learning some new jokes on the side, maybe. Regret to hear that O. O. Manning, '34, was killed in North Africa. Maybe the report is not true. He had a fine college record and understand that he was one of the best teachers in North Carolina. Our bee man Purser has moved to South Carolina and giving full time to his beloved bees. Betcha honey production picks up in S. C. Notice that Homer Jacobs is a consultant in some kind of program over in Tuscaloosa County. Sounds interesting if you could pick your clients! Now if you advisers want us to reserve this corner for you, better say so or we won't have an excuse!

Hitler to Tojo (on phone): "Heil, Tojo, vots wrong? You tell me you'd be in America in three weeks."

Tojo: "So solly, Adolph. Where you phone from—Moscow?"

Smith's Station FFA
Received an interesting chapter news letter from Notasulga. One feature was a good letter by Principal Clements commending FFA for their fine activities. Has your chapter issued a news letter this year? We didn’t get a copy! 

Dear Uncle Sam,
Enclosed find check for $1,054.725.10 for buying you some more jeeps. Don’t bother ’bout sending receipts, cause we already have those and they’re increasing in value every day.

Jeeps of luck!
Your nephews,
ALABAMA FUTURE FARMERS

Did you read the short story in The B’ham News-Age Herald by Jesse Culp, FFAer from Isabella? Good and a good picture (with FFA pin showing up well) of Jesse too.

We hope to run that picture in the next issue of The Alabama Future Farmer.

Any machine when put away Should be ready for another day

Hackleburg FFA closed their bond

FFA Calendar

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1st—Mail November chapter report to District Supervisor
3rd—State Officers meet
5th—Last day for November report to get to Auburn
11th—Tune in on National FFA Radio Program, 11:30 A. M.
17th—Chapter meeting
25th—Christmas
31st—Mail December chapter report to District Supervisor

drive by selling $20,000 worth of war bonds at a rally sponsored by the chapter. The FFA Chapter took the lead, but also received full cooperation of everyone in the town and beat. FFA members not only sold bonds, but bought them too. Russel Voce, Dellie Wighton and Andy Hood bought bonds at the rally while other members had bought earlier in the Jeep Campaign.

Your delegates to the National FFA Convention, Secretary Paul and Treasurer Elson, attended every meeting and on time. How’s that for representing you?

Should every FFA member know exactly the AAA provisions as they apply to his home farm? We think so because it will mean a better farm and better production. If you are not thoroughly familiar with your own little AAA program for your home farm, talk with your Dad and Fessor, and better do it now! There are lots of good jobs needing to be done now.

Speaking of War Bonds, State President Thomas Nevin has the best bargain yet heard of here. He has $75 in bonds for a cost of $18.75. Yep, it’s all O. K., he won the $50 free when he bought the lucky $25 bond at the Moundville rally!

Gaylesville and Frisco City, State winners in the Chapter Contest, won certificates of merit at the National Convention. Good, but we should get still higher awards next year—maybe.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Elizabeth Groover, Hartselle.
2. A million dollar success! ($1,054,725.10).
3. Mr. R. W. Montgomery.
4. "Alayam" is the name given the tasty products made from sweet potatoes by Prof. Ware of Alabama Experiment Station.
5. State Secretary Paul Wilson and State Treasurer Elson Powell.
Southern Region Speaking Contest At Auburn

Auburn was host to the Southern Region speaking contest this year. Shown above are some FFA leaders as snapped at this contest. At upper left are the four speakers who placed as they are pictured left to right, Bob Meriwether, Arkansas; Jack Robbins, Oklahoma; Donald Adams, Florida; and James Brown, North Carolina. Mr. Clements, (2) regional supervisor and native Alabamian, was present to conduct the contest. Billy Salmon (3) State Farmer, Auburn Chapter, presided, keeping the contest going along smoothly. At the right are several former state FFA leaders. They are, left to right, Pete Turnham, former State Treasurer; Ralph Parker, former State Reporter and newly elected American Farmer; John Eddins, State Treasurer last year; Roy Fuller, former State champion speaker and State Secretary; R. C. Horn, former state winner in speaking contest. These “has beens” are still interested in FFA! The Auburn chapter officers were in charge of the meeting. The Reeltown band and Durwood Tyler, Collegiate FFA, furnished music.

Lyeffion Future Farmers Repair Farm Tools

The story behind the results of the Lyeffion shop program pictured here may be of interest to other farm boys. Each 1st year boy made out his shop program for the year based on his projects and home needs. The idea sounded good to everyone except Dad who doubted if his boy could get the planter together again! A promise of a good-as-new job at practically no cost resulted in some farm tools for each boy to repair. Most of these were brought to the vocational shop in the FFA-owned trailer behind Mr. White’s car.

Each piece of equipment was studied, taken apart and a list of needed materials made. While these parts were being secured or made, all old parts were thoroughly cleaned and oiled. A good paint job was the last thing done before carrying home. By this time the boys and Dads were sold on the idea of Farm Machinery Repair. Several boys have traded for old, discarded equipment, repaired it and resold for a second life of usefulness on the farm.

(1) Unloading a trailer of farm equipment for repair. (2) Carl Davis, putting the finishing touches to harrow he has repaired. In (3) Carl Davis, Jimmy Fields, Leslie Dean, Lewis Jones, Terry Coker and Heywood Jones pose with plow tools they repaired.
Want To Sell

Feeder pigs.—Arab FFA, V. C. Kitchens, Adviser.

5 purebred Black Poland China boars 7 months old, weight 120 lbs; will furnish papers if desired. $25.00 each, F.O.B., Clio, Alabama.—Blue Springs FFA, L. E. Porter, Adviser.

Three registered O.I.C. gilts.—Centre FFA, D. P. Whitten, Adviser.

Medium type Poland China pigs, $15.00 with papers, males or females.—Cotaco FFA, A. N. Mitchell.

Pure field selected, Mosby's Prolific seed corn, 60¢ per gallon.—Cullman FFA, H. T. Pruett, Adviser.

Registered Little Bone Poland China male pigs for sale. 8 weeks old.—Eclectic FFA, T. L. Crowder.

One concrete block machine—good as new.—Fayette FFA, W. W. Rodgers, Adviser.

50 Lucidum Ligustrums.—Greenville FFA, K. V. Reagan, Adviser.

One 3½ h. p. standard garden tractor complete with plows and sweeps. Had less than 100 hrs. operation since complete factory overhaul job.—Guin FFA, J. D. Allredge, Adviser.

A few pedigreed O.I.C. pigs, $8.00 with papers.—Hamilton FFA, I. D. Thornton, Adviser.

Purebred Duroc pigs. $15.00 each at 8 wks. of age. Registered and delivered to railroad station.—Isabella FFA, J. H. Camp, Adviser, Rt. 1, Maplesville.

15 purebred large Bronze toms, $7.50 each. 50 N. H. Red pullets, Wt. 5½ to 6 lbs. Laying a few eggs now. $1.50 each.—Red Level FFA, L. G. Pearson, Adviser.

Registered Poland China hogs.—Waterloo FFA, J. M. Ferguson, Adviser.


Want To Buy

One O.I.C or Poland China gilt.—Waterloo FFA, J. M. Ferguson.

One garden plow and planter.—Cold Springs FFA, R. L. Yielding, Adviser, Rt. 1, Bremen.

One air compressor and tank.—Bakerhill FFA, I. E. Hammond, Adviser.

Two good registered Jersey calves with good pedigree. Farm tested dams and sires if possible.—Collinsville FFA, S. G. Black, Adviser.

Projector for 35 mm. pictures. State condition and price in first letter.—Florala FFA, H. C. Gregory, Adviser.

Fowler cultivator; Registered Guernsey bull.—Grant FFA, M. L. Curvin, Adviser.

Good popcorn popper and peanut parcher.—Woodland FFA, Gus Young, Adviser.

One boar and two gilts, all registered Poland China.—White Plains FFA, J. C. McClinton, Adviser, Rt. 1, Choccolocco.

Small 2 wheel trailer.—Northport FFA, H. L. Jacobs, Adviser.

O.I.C. registered male.—Jackson FFA, B. H. Walkley, Adviser.

Two purebred Poland China gilts, bred to registered male. State price.—Leroy FFA, O. D. Gissendanner, Adviser.

8" to 10" mechanized rip saw without motor. Must be in good condition. Also 4" or larger edger without motor.—Marion FFA, W. S. White, Adviser.

Registered small type pigs both boars and gilts.—Reeltown FFA, J. H. Kitchens, Adviser, Rt. 1, Notasulga.

Mr. Brown: The boy that gets my girl will get a prize.

Young man: Let's see it.—Woodland FFA
Chapter News

Akron—Sold $26,531.25 in war bonds; selected a cutting team for district. Alexandria—Officers meeting regularly; contracted for job of school janitor. Aliceville—Planted wheat in fall garden; plan to operate hotbed. Arab—19 vegetables in fall garden; bought popcorn popper; using corn from lab. Arley—Feeding out one or two war hogs. Ashville—Meeting every two weeks; operating supply store at school. Athens—Ordered FFA books. Amory—Initiated 24 Green Hands; sold peanuts and popcorn at football game. Auburn—Southern Region Speaking Contest held by chapter at Auburn; plans made to buy shoots and fattens from garbage to cafeteria; brooders to be constructed and sold at profit. Baker—Already making plans to enter public speaking contest; committee appointed to help advisor select accurate hog. Bakerhill—Initiated 4 Green Hands and 4 Chapter Farmers. Bay Minette—Joint social with FFA; B.B. Comer—Purchased radio for department. Beatrice—Initiated 12 Green Hands. Beauregard—Put sewage system in for cafeteria. Blountsville—Organized 54 of county for Scone Bank; 50 members in chapter. Blue Springs—Initiated 6 Green Hands; all members participated in buying and selling bonds. Brantley—Initiated 20 Green Hands. Brundidge—Initiated 32 Green Hands. Butler—Continued hog chain; reopened supply store. Camp Hill—Painted officer placement signs to use in meetings; 7 members attended Southern Regional Speaking Contest; ordered magazines for FFA library. Carrolton—Initiated 5 Green Hands; will rent and cultivate 4 acres of land. Castile—100% Ag boys FFA members. Chastom—To buy pig to feed out; initiated 10 Chapter Farmers. Cherokee—Construce 2 garbage shredders; established two pure bred males in community. Clio—Initiated 12 Green Hands; setting incubator; demonstration of potato to shredder. Coffeyville—Initiated 23 Green Hands, 2 Chapter Farmers. Collinsville—Ray Collins serving as district president. Cotaco—Elected 4 honor- ary members; checking on State Farmers for next year. Crossville—Operating store on campus. Cullman—Initiated 23 Green Hands, 20 Chapter Farmers. Curry—Ordered Manuals for all members; made $20 cleaning cemetery. Danville—Offi- cers hold regular meetings. Daviston—Initiated 6 Green Hands. Dozier—100% Ag. boys FFA members. Eclctic—Planned program around feed and food needs for the year. Elba—Each member to take part in the thrift bank this year; every member to have one or more bonds by end of school year; continuing growing of garden for sale, to be planted by chapter and individual members. Enterprise—Ordered scrap book. Evergreen—Official FFA Owl, ear of corn, bust of Washington, secretary and treasurer book purchased by chapter. Excel—Will sell cabbage plants to farmers. Fairhope—Initiated 33 Green Hands; divided FFA garden into three plots, group raising best garden will be given party by other two classes. Fayette—Initiated 14 Green Hands; selling drinks at football games; selling school supplies. Felix—Selling drinks at school; initiated 8 Green Hands. Florence—Selling popcorn—gross approx. $4 per day. Florala—Castrated 24 pigs. Foley—Planning 1/2 acre garden, feed and care of 2 sows.

The question in Physiology examination read: "How may one obtain good posture?"

The country boy wrote: "Keep the cows off it and let it grow awhile."—Isabella FFA

The sergeant in charge of the recruits at the firing range said, "Now men, when I blow this whistle I want you to fire at will." Just then a very frightened young man tore over the hill and was out of sight in a minute.

"Who was that and where was he going?" bellowed the sergeant.

One of the recruits answered, "I'm afraid, sir, that we are all a little late, for there goes Will."—Rockford FFA
Initiated 20 Green Hands; started pig chain. Helman—Again operating community storing house for sweet potatoes. Isabella—Have 47 members; initiating West Point; on record; erected an electric fence near Ag building, and raising hogs.

Jackson—Built pig lot and bought 3 pigs; operating school store. Jacksonville—Plan for 100% membership. Jeffersonville—Initiated 28 Green Hands; bought 7 high-grade beef calves to feed out. Kennedy—Initiated 3 Green Hands; attended district meeting at Vernon.

Leighton—Ordered Green Hands, Chapter Farmer pins for all members; also FFA pennant for Chapter room. Leroy—100% membership; starting pig chain; study of parliamentary procedure by all members; fattening out four hogs from scraps from lunchroom.

Louisville—Initiated 14 Green Hands, 8 Chapter Farmers; parliamentary procedure contest. Lincrown—Initiated 13 Green Hands. Livingston—Initiated 11 Green Hands; purchased 6 FFA Manuals and 4 other books for FFA library. Lynn—Initiated 18 Green Hands; organizing chapter and making application for charter.

Marion—Purchasing beef calves, dairy calves and gilts for supervised programs; studying parliamentary procedure. McCady—Initiated 8 Green Hands and 4 Chapter Farmers; members helped advertise adult meeting; 280 lbs. forage legume for community use. McKenzie—Enrollmen of 44, largest in our history.

Midland City—Initiated 16 Green Hands; 100% Ag. boys in FFA. Millerville—Attended Southern Regional Speaking Contest. Milltown—Attended Southern Regional Speaking Contest. Moulton—Plan to grow out some hogs with scraps from lunchroom. Moundville—Ordered 9 FFA Manuals. 5 Helps in Parliamentary Procedure; and Reporting FFA News; held 3 officers’ meetings.


Paint Rock Valley—Organized work days for the construction of lunch room. Palmetto—Initiated 9 Green Hands; built and demonstrated 3 back gate slag distributors, and self hog feeder. Pell City—105% Ag boys in FFA including 1 State Farmer, 24 Chapter farmers and 31 Greenhands; joint study of parliamentary procedure and social manners with FHA; edits monthly newsletter for FFA members in armed services.


Sardis—Practicing parliamentary procedure. Silas—On second day of school, 100% Ag. boys had paid FFA dues for coming year. Slocomb—Chapter operating Jot Em Down store averaging $25.60 per day. Smith’s Station—Planted victory garden in Lab area; practicing parliamentary procedure. Southside—Placed 4 OlC gilts with Ag boys making total of 10 in chapter; bought OlC boar.

Sullignton—Raised money to bore artesian well on campus; painted signs for lab area; initiated 6 Green Hands. According to 6 Green Hands, 7 Chapter Farmers. Weogufka—Initiated 20 Green Hands; started with 3 gilts. Red Bay—Built pig lot and bought OlC boar.

Thomasville—Initiated 41 Green Hands; 100% Ag. boys in FFA. Tanner—Williams—Initiated 6 Green Hands, 7 Chapter Farmers. Thomasville—Initiated 41 Green Hands, 100% Ag. boys in FFA. Tanner—Williams rebuilt self feeder and waterer for chapter pigs; bought Manuals, Bible and secretary’s book. Russellville—Organizing new chapter.


White Plains—Built lime spreader for community use. Winterboro—Writing weekly letters to FFA members of criticism of farm materials. Many jobs need just one of a few bags of cement, and some sand and gravel or stone.

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