Future Farmers Enlarge Forestry Program
Each FFA Chapter Planting Demonstration Plot

353,000
Pines
Were
Planted
In
1943

500,000
Pines
Will Be
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In
1944

Demonstration plots like these in 207 FFA chapters plus individual plantings will result in reforested areas in all parts of Alabama. (Photos courtesy Alabama State Chamber of Commerce.)
"In The Army Now"

James Paul Wilson, State FFA Secretary and president of Lexington Chapter is "in the army now." His farming program has been, and is now exceptionally good, having one of the outstanding programs in North Alabama. However, draft regulations which did not permit school attendance while on draft deferment caused Paul to be called into the armed service.

Paul's supervised farming program has included the following:

**First Year: 1941-42**
- 1 acre cotton
- 1 acre corn
- 1 acre peanuts
- 2 beef animals
- 2 orchard improvement projects
- 1 dairy heifer
- 2 home improvements, home garden

**Second year: 1942-43**
- 2 pigs, 1 1/2 acres peanuts, 3 acres cotton, 6 acres corn, 40 beef animals, 7 dairy heifers, 2 orchard improvements, home improvement

**Third year: 1943-44**
- 6 acres cotton, 8 acres corn, 1 1/2 acres peanuts, 12 beef animals, 7 dairy cattle, orchard and home improvement

Paul's cash record shows that his profit has been $925 from these projects until he entered the army.

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FFA Calendar

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1st—Mail January chapter report to district supervisor
5th—Last day for Jan. report
12th—Tune in Nat'l FFA Radio Program, 11:30 A. M.
22nd—Early American Farmer's Birthday
29th—Mail Feb. chapter report to district supervisor

HOLD DISTRICT SPEAKING CONTEST

District. In addition he represented the district FFA at the National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in 1942. Paul was awarded the State Farmer Degree and elected State FFA Secretary at the State Convention in June 1943. He attended the National FFA Convention again in October 1943 as delegate from the Alabama Association.

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L. L. SELLERS

It is appropriate to feature Mr. Sellers, district supervisor in Southeast Alabama, in this special "Forestry Edition" of The Alabama Future Farmer. It was he who took the lead in the beginning of the three-way cooperative forestry program. (FFA—State Chamber of Commerce—State Forestry Department). Incidentally, Mr. Sellers likes to point out that the southeastern district led the state in this program. Another "first" was scored by the peanut section in the recent Alabama FFA Jeep Campaign as they led the state in high chapters as well as total bonds sold.

Our thumbnail sketch of Mr. Sellers says that he was born in McKenzie, Butler County, graduating from high school there. He received his B. S. degree from Auburn in 1928 and started teaching vocational agriculture at Foley, transferred to Citronelle and later to Albertville. Here, it is reliably reported, he was adviser to one of the most active FFA chapters in Alabama at that time. In February 1936, Mr. Sellers was made district supervisor for South Alabama, filling the place left vacant by the death of Mr. P. C. Brook.

Mr. Sellers married Marie Pate and they have one daughter, Harriett.
FFA PARTICIPATES IN TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Ward Says:

To Future Farmers of Alabama

This year 500,000 pine seedlings will be made available to you, the vocational agriculture students and FFA members throughout Alabama. This means that the state can add approximately 500 acres of new forestland to its present forest reserves, if these seedlings are taken by you and planted in areas where new forests are needed.

To you young Tree Farmers who contemplate planting seedlings for a plot of your own, this means that you can get nursery stock of top grade, have the direction and cooperation of your vocational teacher in obtaining and planting these seedlings, and add materially to your own wealth as well as that of the state and the nation.

Of the 500 acres to be planted this year, the actual tree value itself at maturity will amount to more than $40,000, and this, figured in terms of the new wealth created when this wood is processed, milled and turned into a finished product, will create nearly $2,000,000 in new capital within our own state. All of this rises from the trees planted in just one year—imagine what this means as more seedlings are planted each year to reforest more barren land.

Again this year, the State Chamber of Commerce is working in close cooperation with the State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry, and the State Department of Education and its Vocational Division, to make these seedlings available. The time to make application for your seedlings is now, so that your trees can be planted during the most favorable months of January and February, for every seedling that takes root and grows on your land means money in your own pocket and a substantial step in increasing the state’s wealth in forestlands. Talk to your teacher of vocational agriculture today.

John M. Ward, Executive Secretary
Alabama State Chamber of Commerce

Coffee County Led In '43

Future Farmers at Enterprise, Coffee County, believe in planting pines. During the past year they planted 10,500 pines in the statewide FFA Forestry Program. They have adopted a three-point forestry program of their own. (1) A woodlot on every FFA member’s home farm, (2) put to productive use those fields now idle, (3) promote sound forestry practices, including fire protection and selective cutting.

FFA members who developed this program are backing it 100%. Edwin Johnson, FFA chapter secretary, says, “I think that reforesting is a very important improvement project. With the shortage of lumber and the big demand during the war, 20 to 30 years from now there will be a greater shortage if something isn’t done. Every Future Farmer should plant at least enough trees to replace those cut for lumber and wood.” Charles Barnes stated, “I secured only 1000 trees last year, but want twice that many this year if I can get them.” And Murry Forehand sounded like a real farmer when he said, “I feel proud every (Continued, Page 3)

Letter From Mr. Stauffer

It is my earnest hope that a goodly number of Future Farmers are making plans to participate in this year’s tree planting program, which, as was the case last year, is being sponsored by the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation as an activity of the Alabama Tree Farms System. Even though some of you may not be able to arrange individual planting projects, it is suggested that you offer your services to some boy who is planning to plant trees this year. Then, perhaps next year he can repay you in kind, should you be in a position to set up a project for yourself. Working together in this manner is real cooperation. It provides an excellent opportunity for self-training and the development of initiative. That in itself is important for successful farm management in the future is going to depend more and more on local cooperation with neighboring farmers, particularly with respect to inter-changing the use of equipment and labor and to the marketing of farm products.

The forest resources are being taxed to the utmost in order to meet (Continued, Page 4)
of pines cannot be compared to the planting of fruit trees or dormant hardwoods. Care must be taken that the roots are kept moist from the time the trees are dug in the nursery until they are given their final setting on the planting site. Furthermore, see that the hole is sufficiently deep to take the roots without crowding and set the plant at the approximate depth or slightly deeper than it grew in the nursery. Mistakes in planting pine are more serious than in planting hardwoods, but by following the proper planting technique it is not at all difficult to establish a successful plantation. I give you these simple precautions for they must be observed if your trees are to survive and grow.

There is a little something more to tree planting than the mere fact that it is good business. You are putting idle land to work growing a useful crop; you are building for the future; you are increasing the intrinsic value of the farm and improving its appearance; and you are training yourself in the ways of good citizenship. To some people the planting of trees is just another job to be done in a hurry and forgotten but I do not feel that to be true of the Future Farmers of Alabama. Of a certainty, those of you who are looking forward to a career in the growing and harvesting of the products of the soil will take pride in your work and accomplishments. One of the rewards of your labor will be a definite feeling of self-satisfaction in a job well done, on which a monetary value cannot be placed. In fact, that is the incentive that will spur you on and prove to be the key that unlocks the door of success.

Meanwhile, the planting season is here and it is time to get about the business of planting those trees. Let us know if we can help you. You may rest assured that you have our interest and cooperation at all times.

J. M. Stauffer, State Forester

How did you like the picture of Ralph Parker on the front page of the Nov. Alabama Future Farmer? See, all you have to do to get your picture all over the paper is to make the American Farmer Degree!
Story Of My Projects
By Eugene Crider
West Point Chapter
(Wins $5 in war stamps and subscription to the American Farm Youth)

Some of my more outstanding projects in agriculture are: 1 acre of cotton, 6 hogs fattened, 1 acre of peanuts, a registered jersey bull, 200 broilers and 300 straight-run chicks for pullets. I also carried a project of 100 broilers.

Considering the investment, I made more money from the 100 chick project than any other. On November 26, 1942, I got 100 White Rock chicks for this project. The day that the chicks arrived, the house was clean, warm and dry. Two of the chicks died the first few days. When they were four weeks old, they took a cold and two more died. I raised 96 in all. At nine weeks of age I sold 50 of the broilers, and they weighed 108 pounds. I sold the remaining 46 at 10 weeks of age and they weighed 94 pounds. The 96 brought $60.75.

To feed these chicks, 100 pounds of starting mash, 175 pounds of 32% supplement, and 336 pounds of corn meal was used. Milk was used in place of water since we had it going to waste. The total feed cost was $17.49, and the cost of the chicks was $4.40, making a total cost of $25.89. This left a profit of $24.86 from this 100 chick project.

I find my project work interesting because it gives me a chance to make some money of my own. I also have fun in my FFA work. I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to the State Agricultural College at Auburn to get my registered bull.

Coffee County Led In '43
(Continued from Page 3)
time I walk through the trees that were planted last year on our farm, because I was responsible for getting them. Richard Fleming, Green Hand member, says, "I wasn't taking agriculture last year, but kept hearing the Ag boys talking about the pines they were getting at little cost, and now that I'm in Ag I certainly hope the forestry program continues."

And this is the way Lunie Motley sees this pine tree business, "There isn't going to be an idle acre of land on our place if I can secure the trees to put on them. I hadn't thought about setting out pines until Mr. Dilworth started us studying about it in class, but since I set out 1000 last year and see what they are doing I plan to have plenty of wood on our place in years to come. Every FFA member should take advantage of this program and get him some trees started this year."

Future Farmers at Enterprise securing trees in the cooperative FFA. State Chamber of Commerce program last year were Clifford Thornton, Charles Barnes, Carl Barley, Douglas Miller, Edwin Johnson, Richard Wise, Lunie Motley, Murry Forehand, Marx Le Compte, Bennett Godwin, James Stephens, Weeburn Currenton, and Alex Miller.

These Were Sent In For JOKES

The tightwad, out of town on his wife's birthday, sent her a check for a million kisses as a present. The wife, a little annoyed at his thrift, sent back a postcard:

"Dear Jim: Thanks for the perfectly lovely birthday check. The milkman cashed it this morning."—Newville FFA

Sammy: Pop, tell me, how loud does money talk?

Pop: Usually so loud, son, that you can't hear your conscience is trying to whisper to you.—Vernon FFA

Housewife: Well, I'll give you a job. You can gather the eggs in the hen house if you won't steal any.

Tramp: Lady, you could trust me with anything. I was manager of a bath house for ten years and never took a bath.—Lincoln FFA

Joe: Our new Ag teacher is a man of few words.

Bill: Who said so?

Joe: He did for an hour and a half.—Hartselle FFA

A little boy wrote Santa Claus a long letter and asked for a lot more than a boy would think about asking for during normal times, to say the least in such critical times. At the close of his letter the little fellow added a large P. S. which read, "If this deal is too big for you just let me know and I will get HENRY KYSER to handle it for me."—Dozier FFA

Goebbels: America is about to surrender.

Hitler: Why do you think so?

Goebbels: Every time I tune in on American broadcasts I hear them say: "Lay that pistol down."—Clio FFA

Rookie: Say Sarge! I must be a bird fancier. One stopped on my head yesterday.

Sarge: It must have been a woodpecker.—Midland City FFA

MONTHLY FFA QUIZ

1. How many active members in Alabama FFA Association?
2. What chapter has largest percentage of Ag boys in FFA?
3. How can I get some of those pine seedlings at "20 for a penny"?
4. What is the first step in becoming the State Champion Speaker?
5. When will the district speaking contest be held?

(Check with our answers)
**Adviser's Corner**

Mr. O. F. Wise, our modest and unassuming secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Vocational Association, came by the office on what he said was official business. But as far as we could tell the results of his visit were a little meager. In fact, he didn’t even leave one of his good (?) jokes. Oh well, it was soon after the holidays, better luck next time, maybe . . . Among the former Ag teachers sending Christmas cards here were: Capt. Frank Turner (Evergreen), Lt. Howard Green (Auburn), Lt. (j. g.) Sammie Pate (New Market), Lt. Oscar Baldwin (Athens), Sgt. C. S. Bazemore (Grand Bay), Pvt. Floyd King Agee (Holly Pond), Pvt. Junius Thorpe (Crossville), and Lt. Ray Morgan (Vincent). We tried to get to these fellows as well as all others whose address we have, a copy of the Christmas Greetings sent you from the staff . . . What is wrong? Only one new Future Farmer (and she’s a Future Homemaker!) to report this time. Miss Dana Jo Camp came January 3rd to make her home at Isabella . . . Ben Dilworth came by the office to get information and material needed in starting the new department at Sidney Lanier. Dil says he’s missing Coffee County but already enjoying the new job, and will like it better when he stops getting lost in that “school house” in Montgomery! . . . May 1944 be the best year you have ever experienced!

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**FFA Trading Post**

**Want To Sell**

One white face heifer, weight about 200 lbs, $20.00—Athens FFA, R. M. Avery, Adviser.

One Argus candid camera.—Cold Springs FFA, R. L. Yielding, Adviser, Rt. 1, Bremen, Ala.

Registered medium bone Poland China pigs, $15. F.O.B. railroad.—Cotaco FFA, A. N. Mitchell, Adviser, Rt. 3, Somerville, Ala.

Eight OIC pigs, 8 weeks old, $5.00 each. One sow and one six-year old mare for sale.—Hartselle FFA, T. C. Owen, Adviser.

Purebred Duroc pigs $12 each at 8 weeks. Registered and delivered to railroad station.—Isabella FFA, J. H. Camp, Adviser, Rt. 1, Maplesville, Ala.

One registered spotted Poland China gilt, 8 months, weight 200 lbs. Papers transferred to buyer’s name, price $30.00.—Jemison FFA, H. H. Denson, Adviser.

Little bone Poland China boar, registered.—Milltown FFA, E. L. Stewart, Adviser.

Small craftsman lathe; will swap or sell.—Pell City FFA, J. W. Locke, Adviser.

Registered Hereford pigs, red with white face, with pedigree papers, $15.00.—Pine Apple FFA, Gregory Oakley, Adviser.

Duroc pigs, will furnish papers, price $8.50 each.—Vina FFA, Grover Morrow, Adviser.

Registered spotted Poland China sow, first litter of seven pigs, age 15 months, weight 250-300 lbs., $35.00 F.O.B. Six purebred spotted Poland China pigs, 10 weeks old, weight 75-100 lbs., $10.00 each with registration papers, F.O.B.—Wetumpka FFA, E. S. Collier, Adviser.

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**Want To Buy**

1 good 3/4 h. p. electric motor.

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**Speaking Contest**

All records for the number of Future Farmers taking part in the statewide public speaking contest will be broken this year, judging by reports already received. These final reports of chapter contests have been piling in since the report of Hayes Gore as winner at Liberty was received in Auburn January 4th! (Thanks to Kellum Atkins, chapter president).

All chapter winners must be reported to C. C. Scarborough, Assistant State FFA Adviser, Auburn, Alabama, by February 5th.

A number of chapters reported that 100% of members prepared speeches for the contest, thereby offering plenty of competition to State price when replying.—Newville FFA, Carl Parker, Adviser.

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**FFA Quiz Answers**

1. 6,484. Largest ever!

2. Don’t know. Billingsley reports 130%.

3. See your Ag teacher and rush your order to State Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery.

4. Win the chapter speaking contest.

5. In February. See your adviser. (What was your score?)

The chapter winner.

District contests will be held in February. Time, date and place to be arranged by chapter advisers in each FFA district. See the Alabama FFA Handbook for all details concerning the speaking contest.
Sweet Water Is Largest FFA Chapter

Alabama's largest FFA chapter, with 73 active members, is shown above with J. C. Yeager, teacher of vocational agriculture, and W. M. Johnson, high school principal. This is the first time the Sweet Water Chapter has led Alabama in membership and is due largely to the good work of the chapter officers also pictured above at a regular officers' meeting. They are, left to right, T. R. Harris, reporter; Roger William Solley, treasurer; Wilbur Flowers, president; J. G. Yeager, adviser; George Perry, vice-president; and Toulmin Young, secretary.

This big chapter does things in a big way. Right now they are busy ordering pines (9 boys planted 9000 last year, more in 1944 they say) and holding the public speaking contest in addition to their regular FFA and vocational agriculture work. By the way, these wide-awake chapter officers say their membership will reach 80 before the year closes!

If you need a definition we suggest that you go to the dictionary—not to The Alabama Future Home-maker! Did you see their definition of "FFA Member"? Well, according to their October issue a FFA member is, "An appetite with a skin pulled over it." Now, isn't that something! Or is it? Speaking of definitions, do you know what a feller told me? He said a Home Ec expert is one who can tell you what is wrong with her cooking!

The champion one-man jeep salesman is Jackie Swertfeger, Jr., of Camp Hill. Jackie sold 25 war bonds for $3,000 during the Alabama FFA million dollar jeep campaign. He says his best sales talk was the fact that he bought three bonds himself. In sending this article to The Alabama Future Farmer, Ben Cook, Camp Hill chapter reporter adds that Jackie has been earning his own money for several years and has a well-rounded supervised farming program.

Chapter News

Addison—Running the school supply store. Aliceville—Christmas tree and party held jointly with FHA. Arley—Collecting seed, nursery stock and fertilizer orders. Ashford—Members are making wagon bodies; voted to construct hothouse for tomatoes. Athens—Ordered cooperatively and set 210 fruit trees. Auburn—Constructed a table for USO. Auburn Collegiate—Initiated 12 Chapter Farmers for Auburn High Chapter. Autaugaville—Getting up joint order for fruit trees.

Beatrice—Judge Philen was elected vice-president. Beauregard—Joint Christmas party with FHA. Berry—Helping sponsor a box supper with FHA. Billingsley—130% membership. Blountsville—Planned pig chain; purchased seed corn and fruit trees cooperatively. Blue Springs—Held annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; winner of public speaking contest was Howard Shehane, speaking on "The Future Farmers of America." Brundidge—Built hat rack and notebook case. Butler—Held joint Christmas party with FHA.

Castleberry—Bought owl, emblem and books. Cedar Bluff—Organized FFA band; awarding $5.00 prize to winner of public speaking contest. Central—FFA has financed several vocational agriculture students who are buying purebred pigs. Clio—Gave a debate—Resolved: That the government should give subsidy payments to keep down cost of living; organized basketball team for games after Christmas holidays.

Cold Springs—Bought $50 war bond; made cuttings of shrubs to go in FFA nursery; improved vocational lawn. Cotaco—Placed registered gilts; purchased pins for 27 Green Hands, 3 Chapter Farmers, and 4 Honorary members. Crossville—Initiated 20 Green Hands, 10 Chapter Farmers.

Doster—Cleared $15.00 on FFA play. Falkville—Sponsoring scrap drive. Florala—Sold subscriptions to Broeders’ Gazette, and secured an owl and ear of corn, as chapter equipment as premiums. Fort Payne—Organized Thrift Bank War Savings Account. Fyffe—FFA boys all aiding adviser in organizing OSYA classes.

Gaylesville—Repaired toys for members of chapter in vocational shop; held public presentation of Jeep Certificate by chairman of Cherokee County War Finance Committee. Geraldine—Corn husking, invited FHA; Virginia Richey chosen FHA queen. Glencoe—Studying
state, county and national agriculture leaders. Gorgas—Four contests for chapters in district to compete in are Athletics, Debate, Essay and Public Speaking. Goodman—Herman Carter is new vice-president and Henry Thomas, Jr., secretary. Grand Bay—In charge of scrap drive. Grove Hill—Began farm machinery repair.

Hackleburg—Conducted terracing demonstration with slip-scraper method; made plans for giving away registered gilt; ordered fruit trees for farmers of community. Hanceville—Joint FFA-FHA party. Hartford—Initiated 7 Green Hands. Hartselle—Used wagon in collecting scrap; bought Ag books; bought paint for inside of FFA meeting room. Hatton—To purchase new paraphernalia for chapter meeting room. Hayden—Voted to purchase chapter room equipment and manual for each member. Hayneville—Made 3000 hardwood cuttings; pruned shrubbery around school buildings. Heflin—Average labor income per boy for 1942-43 projects was $146.92.


Lynn—To hold four meetings during next month. Marbury—100% membership; pruning peach trees; picking fujiuza seed. Marion—Renewed doors in vocational building; pruning, spraying and terracing for nearby farmers. Macedonia—Gave program on Food and Feed for War Effort. McKenzie—Vocational boys made $3,726.27 profit from projects in past year.

Midland City—Taking county paper; several boys attended a tractor school sponsored by the Ford Company. Milltown—Bought fruit trees for community. Moundville—100% FFA members taking part in Public Speaking Contest; fattening out pigs for sale. New Brockton—100% membership. New Market—Sponsored radio program. Newville—Bought coveralls for FFA boys; bought FFA rings; started FFA scrap book. Northport—Organized basketball team; played 3 games; assembly program. Notasulga—Put on joint Negro minstrel; operating supply store.

Odenville—Pictures of FFA members in armed service placed in scrap book. Ohatchee—Ordered fruit trees for members and farmers. Ozark—Making plans for scrap drive; selected names for State Farmer applications, also American Farmer Degree applications; set definite date for chapter meeting and FFA banquet.


Sardis—Collected 200 lbs. paper; 100 lbs. tin. Silas—Set 1200 capacity electric incandescent lamp purchased by chapter. Slocumb—FFA-FHA have victory garden. Straughn—Ordered $75.00 worth of fruit trees cooperatively; ordered complete paraphernalia for chapter. Tanner—Set out 4 orchards; terraced 1 farm and killed 2 hogs as demonstration.

Uriah—Cooperative order of fruit trees. Thomasville—Bought 5 calves for feeding out by 5 members. Vernon—Ordered and set out 125 fruit trees in home orchards; brought in 163 farm tools to vocational shop for repair. Vina—All members busy repairing and building new farm equipment. Walnut Grove—Sold $163.00 worth of war savings stamps to school children.

Watercock—Collected tin cans and sending them to scrap collectors; ordered ten Green Hand and three Chapter Farmer pins; have been completing forest fire rakes. West Point—Gave chapel program on parliamentary procedure; built chapter library. Gerald Freeman elected reporter, and Jack Knop secretary, replacing Carlton Steele and Winfred Hale, now in the army. Wetumpka—Sold $98.00 worth of vegetables from FFA fall and winter gardens; gave program at Sewell Memorial evening school; purchased FFA sweaters and rings.

White Plains—100% members participated in chapter eliminations of Public Speaking Contest. Winterberry—Supper and social with FHA; 80 members, present; largest membership in history of chapter—109%. Woodland—Sponsored a community sing with great success; purchased 225 trees for home orchards of FFA boys. York—Scrap drive organized.