Future Farmers Fix Farm Equipment
Each FFA Chapter Sponsoring Shop Program

More than 10,000 pieces Farm Equipment Repaired in 1943

More than 20,000 pieces Farm Equipment Will Be Repaired in 1944

Future Farmers in Alabama are helping solve the problem of machinery shortage. They are doing it by repairing the farm equipment for the big 1944 crop year. "Make it do," always a motto followed by thrifty farmers, is now a wartime necessity. The top picture shows Millard Redmon, Jack Denny, James Yearta and Melvin Stephens, Milltown Future Farmers with Mr. E. L. Stewart, chapter adviser. Lower pictures show (1) Geneva Future Farmers pouring concrete floor for their shop, (2) method used at Athens in getting equipment to the shop, and (3) equipment repaired at Ozark, painted and ready to go back to the farm.
Two years ago Hansell Grooms was featured in *The Alabama Future Farmer*. At that time the story was told of his beginning in hog raising and FFA work. Since then Hansell has greatly increased his farming program as well as FFA activities.

A special feature of Hansell's farming program is his Home Improvement Project. Using money made from his productive projects, he made a number of improvements about home. In his own room he replaced 4 windows, bought bedroom suite, rug, radio and window shades. He has a good place to study near his personal library, and a special place for his own belongings. Other Improvement Projects carried by Hansell include Home Ground Improvement, Soil Conservation, Pasture Improvement, Home Garden, and Agricultural Library.

Hansell's Productive Projects this year are 2 sows, 7 shoats, 1 boar (all pure-bred Durocs) 1 cow, 5 acres corn, 2 acres peanuts and 2 acres watermelons. He plans to continue this farming program until he can enter agricultural college. Hansell says that these plans are subject to change by Uncle Sam!

Hansell is now president of the Isabella FFA Chapter and has also served as vice president and secretary, as well as chairman of several committees. He received his State Farmer Degree in 1942 and was elected State Reporter at the 1943 Convention. He is also active in the general school program, being president of the Senior Class, captain of football team and regular on basketball squad.

Hansell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Grooms, Maplesville, Route 1. He has two younger sisters at home, an older brother, Bill, is in the Coast Guard.

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**Our State Reporter**

**FFA Calendar**

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1st—Mail March Chapter report to district supervisor
Send dues to Mr. Cammack, Montgomery for new members (since Nov. 1st).
3rd—March Chapter report and results of quarter final speaking contest must be in Auburn.
5th—Prepare Annual Chapter Report.
8th—Tune in Nat'l. FFA Radio Program 11:30 A. M.
?—Hold regular chapter meeting.
—Elect chapter officers, 1944-45.
13th—Farmer Thomas Jefferson's Birthday.
29th—Send Annual Chapter Report to Mr. Cammack, Montgomery.

**MONTHLY FFA QUIZ**

1. Who is our new State Secretary?
2. When will the State Convention be held this year?
3. Can I still get pine seedlings at “20 for a penny”?
4. When will the semi-final speaking contests be held?
5. What Future Farmer produced 69 bushels of corn per acre last year?

*(Check with our answers)*

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**District Supervisor**

T. L. Faulkner

"All I know is what I read in the papers," said Will Rogers, and Mr. Faulkner! A great believer in FFA and vocational agriculture, Mr. Faulkner says that everybody should know more about our work and that publicity is needed by every chapter if the job is done.

Mr. Faulkner, a native of Lamar County, Alabama, received his B. S. Degree from Mississippi State and M. S. from A. P. I., Auburn. Previous to this he had attended the University of Alabama and a Junior College. He was principal of a high school in New Mexico for three years. Here he met Miss Odette Northrup who is now Mrs. Faulkner. Their daughter, Mary Ann, is two years old.

Before becoming District Supervisor in Southwest Alabama, Mr. Faulkner taught vocational agriculture at Fayette, practicing then what he now preaches about publicity, the chapter was active in local and state FFA programs. Copies of *The Alabama Future Farmer* during those years carry lots of Fayette news. Taking and making pictures, valuable publicity ally, is another hobby Mr. Faulkner has developed which has meant more Future Farmer pictures in local and state publicity.
Forty-eight Future Farmers at Vernon have finished over 300 farm repair jobs in their shop work this year. Some of these completed jobs are shown above. Where possible, new parts needed were made in the shop while others were salvaged from old discarded equipment. These Vernon Future Farmers figure they saved at least $550 on labor and repair parts, as well as making the farm machinery work like new again. Edwin Finch is president of the Vernon Chapter and J. H. McRae is adviser.

New Chapter Active

The first big job facing the newly organized Brookwood FFA Chapter was the school water system. The old system was inadequate and run down. A conference of chapter officers, Mrs. Jones, principal, and Dr. Spearman, Tuscaloosa County Superintendent of Education, resulted in the Brookwood FFA taking over the job of planning and setting up a new water system for the school.

The project included cutting, threading, fitting and laying 1800 feet of pipe; construction of pump house and storage vat; installing electric pumping system; setting poles and putting up power line to the pump; constructing tower with concrete foundation; assembling 2,000 gallon cypress storage tank on the tower; and laying main lines to three buildings on the campus. Employees of County Board of Education assisted in the task of assembling the tank and other phases of the job. In addition to gaining many valuable shop skills, the Brookwood Future Farmers feel that they have rendered a real service to the school and take pride in the new water system supplying plenty of water. And to make the work still more interesting, Dr. Spearman has promised the chapter a bonus for the fine job.

Officers for the new, wide-awake Brookwood chapter are: Andrew Hayes, president; Lee Allen Hallman, vice president; Maurice Lee, secretary; George Herring, treasurer; David Kelly, reporter, and S. H. Alverson, adviser.

J. R. Nutt, teacher of vocational agriculture, Foy Pearson and Edward Beck, members of Sand Rock FFA chapter in Cherokee County, are shown here scarifying lespedeza sericea seed in the chapter-owned machine. This machine was bought by the Sand Rock Future Farmers to meet a community need. Starting from a small seed patch in the laboratory area 6 years ago, sericea has grown to be a major crop in the Sand Rock community. The machine was bought by chapter in February, 1943, and housed near vocational building. Donald Cromer, chapter president, and Mr. Nutt are responsible for operation of the machine, but all FFA members can and do run it. Any farmer can have his seed scarified and the charge is 2c per pound of clean seed. Officers of the Sand Rock Chapter this year are Donald Cromer, president; Forrest Pearson, vice president; Edward Beck, secretary; Wayne Edwards, treasurer; H. W. Jackson, reporter; and J. R. Nutt, adviser.
The Sentinel

The State FFA Executive Committee in session March 10, voted to recommend that each chapter elect a sixth officer for 1944-45. This officer will be known as Sentinel. His duties will include (1) setting up meeting room, (2) caring for chapter paraphernalia and equipment, (3) attending the door and welcoming visitors, (4) seeing that meeting room is kept comfortable, (5) assisting with entertainment and refreshments.

Don't you believe that such an officer would improve your chapter?

Chapter officers don't forget to send in list of new members (since Nov. 1st) with 50c dues for each to Mr. R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, not later than April 1st.

NATIONAL OFFICER

Our State Adviser was recently elected to represent the South on the National FFA Advisory Council. This Council, together with the National FFA Officers, makes up the National Board of Trustees who direct the affairs of our National FFA organization. Regular meetings of the board are held during the year, the final session being at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in October.

IT'S FREE
Come To The
DISTRICT F. F. A.
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
To Be Held At
LIMESTONE COUNTY COURT
HOUSE
February 26, At 2 O'clock P. M.
The Following Boys Will Take Part
Mack Coleman, West Limestone
Chapter
Billy Nelson, Athens Chapter
J. W. Hudson, Tanner Chapter
The Winner Of This Contest Will
Receive A $25.00 War Bond
The Public Is Cordially Invited!

How do you like this idea? It is a copy of colored posters printed and distributed over Limestone County. Can you beat it? Seems like the District FFA Speaking Contest up there is really something—Who won? Billy Nelson, Athens Chapter.

Growing Food

The 1944 goal of the Athens FFA Chapter is "Produce Food and More Food," says R. M. Avery, teacher of vocational agriculture and local FFA adviser. To reach this goal, 39 Future Farmers have set up their farming programs for maximum food production. Some of the methods being used are given here.

To help produce more and better pork the Athens FFA Chapter voted to buy 5 purebred registered gilt s to start a "pig chain". Boys receiving these gilts will each return one gilt from the first litter, thus lengthening the chain each year. In addition to these gilts, 40 other pigs will be raised in 1944 by chapter members.

To increase poultry production 10 brooders have already been built and 25 others are being constructed and placed with Future Farmers. With these new brooders added to the 26 built in the vocational shop last year, more than 4,000 chicks will be raised by Athens Future Farmers in 1944.

Ten FFA members are starting a farm dairy herd by raising purebred heifers. Each member is raising sufficient feed for his livestock. Every Future Farmer is growing a garden, and planting best varieties along with other recommended practices. To complete the picture, 210 fruit trees have been added to home orchards.

To improve the land for better production in the future as well as 1944, terraces are being constructed and legumes planted.

Mr. Avery says that the Athens Future Farmers are taking very seriously their part in the production of vital foods, and trying to make practical plans to see that their efforts do help in 1944.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Numan Jacobs, Northport Chapter.
2. May 31—Night session on 30th if possible.
3. No. Sorry but supply is exhausted. More next year.
4. In April.
5. J. C. Pentecost, Southside Chapter.

(What was your score?)
New State Secretary

Numan Jacobs, Northport Chapter, shown here with his 2 mares and colts, was recently elected by your State Executive Committee as State Secretary to fill the vacancy left when Paul Wilson was called to the army. Numun, son of Mrs. B. L. Jacobs, Ralph, Alabama, plans to farm, in fact, is already farming. He holds the State Farmer Degree and is already planning for the American Farmer Degree. The amazing growth of his farming program is revealed in the summary given here.

My Swine Project

Jack Knop
West Point F.F.A.
(Wins $1.00 In War Stamps)

For one of my projects in vocational agriculture work I chose a registered O.I.C. gilt. I began this project on November 7, 1942. My pig weighed 18 pounds and cost me $11.25.

I was interested in an O.I.C. gilt because I wanted to know just what could be made from a registered sow when handled as I had studied in my agriculture classes.

When my gilt was about eight months of age, to my great disappointment she was attacked with a disease. This hurt her very little, but the time of breeding was delayed a few weeks.

Expenses of my gilt have been: cost of gilt, $11.25; treatment for skin trouble, $1.50; feed, $20.13; a total expense of $32.88. I would not take less than $50 for her now.

I have found that it takes a lot of reading and hard studying to know how to properly take care of a gilt. I have also found that it takes different kinds of feed to get the proteins, carbohydrates, fats, minerals, etc. that the hog needs.

The things that I wish to accomplish from this project and others are to make money, learn to farm so as to make money in years to come, and to have a knowledge of agriculture so that I can give information to my fellowmen.
Want To Sell

Purebred Duroc pigs.—Grover Morrow, Adviser, Vina FFA.

360 egg kerosene incubator; automatic egg turner, three compartments. In good condition, cheap.—I. S. Johnson, Adviser, Heflin FFA.

14 registered OIC pigs, 12-16 weeks old.—J. D. Duke, Adviser, Smith’s Station FFA.

Duroc Jersey pigs.—M. L. Curvin, Adviser, Grant FFA.

Little bone Poland China pigs, 10 weeks, $8.00 with papers. — L. C. Shields, Adviser, Red Bay FFA.

Registered OIC pigs, 8 weeks, $7.00, FOB Cullman.—Felston Mulkins, Adviser, Fairview FFA, Route 2, Cullman.

FFA Trading Post

Registered Poland China boar pigs, 8 weeks old March 31, with pedigree papers, $12.50. From a litter of 13 pigs—Gregory Oakley, Adviser, Pine Apple FFA.

Baby chick prices reduced: U. S. Ala. certified N. H. Reds, 13.50 per 100; U. S. Ala. approved N. H. Reds, Barred Rocks, White Wyondottes, 12.00 per 100.—J. D. All dredge, Adviser, Guin FFA.

Zoysia grass. Write for prices.—P. A. Cox, Adviser, Arley FFA.

Tomato plans ready for shipment: Marglobe, 75c per 100; Stone, $1.00 per 100; Gulf State Marker, $1.25 per 100.—W. F. Knight, Adviser, Ashford FFA.

Want To Buy

No. 400 Champion blower.—S. H. Alverson, Adviser, Brookwood FFA.

16 m.m. movie projector.—H. C. Gregory, Adviser, Florala FFA.

One honey extractor, 4 frame serviceable preferred.—N. B. Lawhon, Adviser, Thomasville FFA.

Garden tractor with all plows.—T. B. Hagler, Adviser, Auburn FFA.

Interested in 2, 3, or 4 year Kudzu crowns in traveling distance of Cherokee.—I. P. Thornton, Adviser, Cherokee FFA.

Alabama’s Baby Chapter

The first 1944 addition to our FFA family was the Sidney Lanier Chapter in Montgomery, organized February 7th. Although new in vocational agriculture and FFA work, these boys say that we will be hearing from Sidney Lanier Chapter in all State FFA activities!

The new chapter officers leading the 18 charter members are shown above. They are, (from right to left): President John Eagerton, a farmer at heart, helps his father operate a 56-cow dairy. Likes FFA work but says Uncle Sam will probably have first call. His supervised farm program includes 2½ acres of oats, sow and litter, acre of watermelons, and 2 dairy cows. T. D. Johnston, vice president, has a farming program of truck crops and shrubs. He and his father own and operate the Dal raida Nursery.

Secretary Collins Gordon is very interested in agriculture and FFA, already talking about the American Farmer Degree! He and his family are milking 96 cows. His own farming program this year includes 2 acres corn, sow and litter, 50 chicks, 3 dairy cows, 1000 pines and orchard. George Sanderson, treasurer, is active in all school affairs. He helps operate the Masonic Home Dairy. His farming program at this time is corn and a dairy cow.

Reporter Walter Kilburn likes public speaking and is already planning to enter the state contest next year. His farming program includes hogs, garden and oats.

Adviser B. P. Dilworth came to Sidney Lanier from Enterprise, a chapter always active in local and state FFA programs.

Six Sulligent Future Farmers planted 1000 pines each as part of their regular supervised farming program. They are Hildon Otts, Grafton Otts, Harrison Brown, James Weeks, Marlon Otts and Ted Hill.
nursery. Cedar Bluff — Raising 100 chicks for banquet; built 2 book cases for church; pruned fruit trees for committee; organized FFA quartet; plant garden; set out 4000 pines; set 524 eggs in incubator. Collinsville — Collecting farm machinery to repair and sell. Columbus — Initiated 26 Green Hands; planted 800 pine seedlings on lab. area; 5 members set 1000 pine seedlings each; chapter ordered 500 kudzu crowns for lab. area; completed notebook holder for classroom and constructed 3 lamp brooders. Cotaco — Sold 1 registered gilt; bought 700 winged baby chicks; organized FFA quartet. Crossville — Set 1000 pines on part of lab. area; operating FFA store; made seed boxes and planted seed to produce planter stocks. Dosier — Chapter set goal of 500 acres of land to terrace; ordered 9000 pine seedlings; ordered and distributed fruit and nut trees; planted hotbed; pruned orchards for members and farmers; selling garden seed. Evergreen — 100% members aided in campus improvement; 6 FFA boys ordered 1000 pines each. Fairhope — Collected 34,420 lbs. scrap material making total 142,884 lbs. Fairview — Bought pasture grass seed and seed corn for community. Falkville — Planted 2 acres for forestry demonstration; ordered 5000 pines; prepared hotbed. Florala — Built 8 brooders during Feb.; invested $16,811 in reference books. Fort Payne — 22 members sold over $14,000 in bonds during 4th War Loan drive; initiated 3 Chapter Farmers and presented them with pins. Fyffe — Constructing hotbed for growing plants; treating classroom cabinet. Gaylesville — Operated school store; to treat cotton seed for farmers as a community service. Glencoe — Ordered 9000 pine seedlings; constructed hotbed. Gorgas — Conducting cleanup campaign on campus. Goshen — Bought $100 bond; ordered 2500 pines for members and 500 for campus. Grand Bay — Hauling coal for school. Grant — Set 1 acre pine trees on school ground for demonstration; sponsored 4th War Loan drive, sold $7000 in bonds. Greensboro — Planted 5000 pine seedlings; planted FFA garden; castrated 6 calves and 2 pigs; purchased orchard spray material for farmers. Greenville — Built 50 bu. sweet potato bed; set demonstration fire; set out 3000 pines to school. Grove Hill — Set 1/2-acre demonstration plot of pines; put out 300 shrubbery cuttings. Guin — Worked out plans for forestry project.

Hackleburg — Gave chapter speaking winner official FFA ring; planted 2 landscape seedlings for local paper. Hanceville — Excavating and building concrete steps to school lunch room; 3 boys set out 1000 pines each. Hamilton — Repairing fertilizer distributors, planters and other farm tools; pruned shrubbery on school ground; landscaped 3 homes and 1 church. Hayneville — Set out tree in honor of Wallace Bland, killed in service. Hartford — Participated in sale of bonds and stamps in school. Hartsville — Sold $40,000 in bonds during 4th War Bond drive; collected and sold 5,815 lbs. scrap metal; State Troop. Elson Powell visited chapter. Hayden — Ordered 7000 pine seedlings. Haywood — Pruned shrubbery at 3 homes; constructed hotbed.

Heflin — Pruned school shrubbery. Holly Pond — Pruning orchards for farmers in community and shrubbery around vocational building; running terraces for farmer. Isabella — Bought 2 $25 war bonds; chapter to buy scroll for names of members in service; set out grass on school grounds. Jackson — 4 boys set 4000 pines; chapter set demonstration plot of 1000 pines; growing out 75 baby chicks; 6 boys have 9 calves to enter Fat Calf Show. Kinston — Sold $60 worth of victory garden seed; set out zoysia grass on school grounds; set 1000 shrub cuttings in cutting beds.

Leroy — Sent news articles to local paper; selling garden seed; pruned pines and cleaned area already established in pines. Loutzville — Repaired stoves, wiring system for high school; sold $7,239.50 in bonds during 4th War Loan drive.

Marble — Sold 1 1/2 7972.25 worth war bonds; gathered 2,700 lbs. scrap iron; building chicken brooders. Marion — Set out 6000 pine seedlings, 1000 for FFA demonstration plot; selling garden seed, spray material, brooders and mash hoppers; put 150 chicks for layers and broilers in battery brooder. Garden football team.

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New Brockton — Bought owl for local chapter; sold cabbage. Newville — Ordered 5000 pine trees; built brooders for farmers; spraying peach trees for farmers.

Oneonta — Selling scrap iron. Phil Campbell — Built forrowing house; pruned 100 fruit trees. Pine Apple — Bought 50 chicks; chapter's Poland China sow farrowed 13 pigs.

Ranburne — Netted $82 on box supper. Rawls — Chapter put on play, making $25. Repton — Cooperative order fruit trees for members and farmers; made $150 growing vegetables for lunch room; built terraces on lab. area. Red Bay — Pruned 4 orchards; placed 2 purebred gilts with new members; set tree on school campus.

Reeltown — Wrote 6 news articles for local papers; selling fruit trees.

Riverton — Sold $176.21 worth of top hogs; added 5 new books to chapter library; had joint Valentine Party with FHA. Rogersville — Sold $13,000 worth bonds in 4th War Loan drive; landscaped 4 homes.

Sardis — Sent news articles to local papers each week. Sidney Lanier — Elected officers; social with FHA; ordered FFA manuals and membership cards for officers; ordered FFA equipment.

Smith Station — Set 1000 pine seedlings; fixed plant bed; pruned fruit trees; built lamp brooders; repaired trailer; ordered 102 fruit trees for FFA members. Southside — Three boys bought 1000 pines each; building FFA store on school ground; pruned 218 fruit trees and grape vines; landscaped 2 homes.

Sulligent — Ordered 250 fruit trees for farmers of community; published 4 new articles; hottest ready to plant; constructed 2 brooders; 6 members put out 1000 pines each; each member to have victory garden; Susan Moore — Developed new type slag distributor, and FFA members helped construct 15 of these distributors for use in community.

Tanner — Repaired $100 worth farm tools. Tanner Williams — Chapter organized with group of farmers in community to keep shop open one afternoon each week; made $68 on box supper.

Thomasville — Made $17 putting in sound-absorbing board in school auditorium. Vernon — Increased individual libraries by bulletin each; operating FFA store.

Vina — Buying and selling pulp wood; repairing farm machinery. Waterloo — Sold $4,152.85 in bonds and stamps during 4th War Loan drive. West Point — Constructed 2 hotbeds for tomatoes, dehydrator and 5 electric brooders. Winterboro — Won 3 of 5 basketball games. Woodland — Set 1000 pine seedlings in lab. area.