"PROTECT THE OLD—PLANT THE NEW" is the slogan of the Leroy Chapter FFA as they continue their forestry program into another year. They are shown here in the forestry management phase of their program as they prune and thin those acres already established. Protection from fires and planting new areas are other phases of the program now underway.

This is typical of the State Forestry Program as hundreds of boys turn their attention to this objective in their program of work. Again this year the State Chamber of Commerce is working in cooperation with the State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry, and the State Department of Education and its Vocational Division to make pine seedlings available to FFA members. Starting in 1943 by planting 353,000 pines and exhausting the supply of approximately 400,000 by mid-season last year, these FFA boys are expected to order early this year in order to get their share. The State Chamber of Commerce is meeting this enthusiasm by making available over 600,000 pines for the year’s program.

As the FFA Forestry Program grows each year, more and more emphasis is being placed upon good forestry management and protection for those areas already planted. Future Farmers, Why Are We Here?

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Forestry

As this question is answered in chapter meetings all over the State the challenge offered in the following figures released by the State Forestry Division for the first nine months of 1944 should be accepted by every FFA member in the State.

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Certainly this is a job of educating the public against this greatest of all enemies of our forests. A good chapter forestry program will do this through chapter programs, school chapel programs, community programs, school and chapter publications, road signs, and many other means that the alert chapter leaders will take advantage of.

How To Get Pines

The procedure to follow in securing pine seedlings through the Chamber of Commerce Program is as follows:

1. See your vocational agriculture teacher and determine what steps have already been taken by other members and for further information.

2. Write the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery, Alabama, and ask for enough application blanks for your chapter. Separate blanks must be filled out for each boy wanting trees.

3. Fill out these blanks and return to the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce with fifty cent (50c) for each 1,000 trees ordered. This should be in cash or money order. Do not send personal checks or stamps.

4. Give your complete address and nearest express office.

My days are full of blunders,
Oh, how I've always yearned,
To live one life for practice,
Another when I've learned.
—Washington Future Farmer

FHA President Models Skirt Made For Russians

This winter Russian girls and women, left destitute by the war, will be wearing warm woolen skirts made by the Future Homemakers of Alabama. The FHA members, under the supervision of the vocational home economics high school teachers, are constructing 15,000 skirts from material allotted to Alabama by the Russian War Relief, Inc.

The colorful four-gored skirts were cut at the Julia Tutwiler State Prison for Women at Wetumpka and were shipped directly from the Montgomery warehouse to the 227 vocational home economics departments participating in the project. The completed skirts will be shipped to New York and thence to Russia. Each skirt will bear a card with these words inscribed in English and in Russian, “To the heroic people of the Soviet Union from the people of the United States of America.” The name and address and a personal message from the girl who made the skirt will be included on the card. A reply card is attached for the Russian girl who receives the skirt to write a note of thanks to the Alabama girl who made the skirt.

The Russians have a custom of blessing all articles before using them. To each skirt is attached the blessing, “Wear this in health”, written in the Russian language.

The executive council of the Future Homemakers of Alabama under the leadership of Miss Sylvia Tubbs, State FHA President, adopted the Russian Aid Project as a part of the state program for the year which has as its theme, “Better Future Homemakers, Better World Citizens.” It is believed that through this project the Russian women will be better clothed, the Alabama girls participating will be rendering a service, and a feeling of international good will shall be promoted.

Sylvia Tubbs

The Kinston FFA chapter members pulled, shucked, shelled, ground into meal and sold ¼ acre of corn. Funds from this project were used to buy 13 shop aprons for boys and a shop coat for the adviser.

Gorgas FFA boys picked cotton after school and raised money to pay for a 10 inch electric grinder which cost $95.00.

The Notasulga FFA boys have been talking about buying a camera long enough. The subject has been up for discussion several times during recent business meetings, but no action was taken because only expensive machines could be found. After a heated discussion at the last meeting, $110. was set aside for this purpose, and the camera is now ready for use.

—Notasulga Future Farmer
17th National Convention

The national convention of the Future Farmers of America was held in Kansas City October 9-11, in the Little Theater of the Municipal Auditorium. Those representing the Alabama Association, reading left to right were Mr. J. L. Dailey, adviser of Oneonta Chapter; Alton Lowe, one of Alabama's three American Farmer candidates; Louie Chapman, state secretary; Thad Salmon, state president; Mr. L. L. Sellers, assistant state adviser; and Mr. R. E. Cammack, state adviser, who is not in the picture.

The group left for Montgomery on the evening of October 7 and arrived in Kansas City on the night of October 8. Mr. Dailey and Alton left from Birmingham. Prior to the convention Mr. Cammack had attended a meeting of the National Advisory Council, of which he is a member.

The first session of the convention was called to order at 9 o'clock Monday morning, October 9, with national president Robert Bowman of Buttonwillow, California, presiding. The Little Theater was very artistically decorated with huge banners and scenes depicting the meaning and purpose of the FFA. After the roll call of delegates, the convention was entertained by the Wisconsin State Quartet and the San Bernadino Duo. This display of musical talent among FFA members was very interesting to us because we could begin to realize the great importance of our newly adopted Quartet Contest.

Monday night was the night to which FFA members throughout the nation had looked forward with great enthusiasm. It was Award night, the time designated to make the awards to winners. Elton Ellison of Texas won the Star Farmer of America Award. Mrs. Ellison appeared before the convention to receive the honor for her husband who is now in the Army Air Corps. Two Alabama chapters, Athens and Isabella, were placed in the silver emblem classification in the chapter contest. Alabama Future Farmers who received the highest degree of the organization were Alton Lowe of Oneonta, W. C. Myrick of Gaylesville, and Marvin Mostes of Enterprise.

Tuesday the convention was filled with an array of FFA leaders showing their ability to carry on meetings according to the rules of parliamentary procedure. A special feature of the day was the unveiling of a service flag in honor of the Future Farmers serving in the Armed Services. Immediately following the unveiling ceremony was an address by the Honorable Claude Wickard which was broadcast over the Blue Network. The afternoon was devoted to committee work.

Following a banquet given by Swift and Company the annual Public Speaking contest was held. Vincent Orr of Georgia won the national championship with his subject as "A Victory Farmer."

Wednesday, the last day of the convention, was devoted almost entirely to the reports of various committees. During the business session, Dr. Spanton who is Chief of the Agricultural Education Office of the U. S. Office of Education, explained the purpose and policies of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was founded in May, 1944, for the purpose of eliminating the sponsoring of contests by companies. This cast away the danger of the FFA becoming an advertising agency. An Amendment was made to the Constitution deleting the words "immediately preceding" from Article III, Section C, paragraph 1, and Article III, Section D, paragraph 1.

The last few moments of the convention were the most impressive times of all. The retiring officers made their farewell address and the new officers were elected. Robert Bowman, in his retiring speech, made a great impression on the delegates of the convention. He predicted a great future for the FFA organization. In discussing the problems of lasting peace, he declared that two great movements must come to pass if this peace is achieved. These he said were, (1) Highly intensified rural education, and (2) A great social and religious reform. Oliver H. Kinzie of Cushing, Oklahoma, was elected national president.

We were greatly impressed in the convention of the national Future Farmers of America of the great influence that the FFA has on the rural boys of America. We were fully convinced that the FFA is playing an important role in the training of leaders to bring agriculture to its rightful place in our national life.

Merrill Carlisle, State Treasurer
Clio Forestry Program

I think that the Clio Chapter is sold on the value of reforestation. During my first year as an F. F. A. member, the Forest Service and State Chamber of Commerce began offering pine seedlings to F. F. A. members. The members of our chapter were asked how many had land that they thought could profitably be set in pines. After getting these reports, we realized that the cooperation offered us could be of great value to members of our chapter. We have many acres of partly forested land that is almost a complete waste. We believe that this land should be put to some use and much of it could be reforested.

For instance our Vice-President, Perry Norton, has 200 acres of land on his farm. About 100 acres of land is in cultivation and the rest is open land, woods, and partly forested land. During the past three years, Perry has set out 7,000 pine seedlings; 3,000 through the F. F. A. and the rest through the regular farm program and he is going to set out more next spring. Members of the Clio Chapter have set out 17,000 pine seedlings during the past three years. Reforestation has been talked about in our chapter meetings and I believe we realize its value to us as future farmers. Since hearing reports from members who have gone to Auburn to State Conventions the past two years and have seen demonstration plots and heard talks about it at the Conventions, we now see the possibilities of this work for the state as a whole. Our chapter is glad to get help from the Forestry Service, the State Chamber of Commerce, and others in reforesting our waste land.

To create more interest in forest work and provide a means of studying forestry, last spring the chapter set out a demonstration plot of 1,000 pine seedlings. After several checks this fall, we find that the plot is in good shape and that over 90% of the seedlings are living.

The Horticulture and Sr. 1 Classes made two glass covered frames and lined them with cotton. The classes went on two field trips each to gather specimens of pine and hardwood to put in the frames. The specimens were identified, put in the frames, and labeled. The frames were used in class study and later placed on exhibit in the classroom. These exhibits created much interest in forestry among the younger boys as well as F. F. A. members. A field trip was also made to the nearest fire tower this fall to see what is being done to better the fire prevention service in our community.

The setting of at least 6,000 pine seedlings is one of the goals set forth in our activity program for this year. This is a long-time program that will take several years to show up well but we believe these reforested areas will be one of the best visible signs of our F. F. A. work a few years from now.

Gene Casey
Pres. Clio Chapter of F.F.A.
Adviser's Corner

Tree Planting

Trees and boys grow well together. This should be our theme as we launch our statewide tree planting program this year. Again we are cooperating with the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce in this worthwhile project. We have been informed by the State Chamber of Commerce that they have available for FFA members over 600,000 pine seedlings for planting this year.

Based on the applications that were made last year for seedlings, we will not have enough this year to take care of the demand. I would suggest, therefore, that you see your vocational agriculture teacher and make your application immediately. Remember, applications will be filled in the order in which they are received.

American Farmer Degree

How many young farmers will be applicants for the American Farmer Degree from your chapter this year? Last year we had three applicants for this degree, and all three received it. We were entitled to seven, but only three were recommended. Present indications lead us to believe that we will be entitled, on the basis of membership, to eight this year. Let's get our share this year. Why not make this a chapter undertaking. Couldn't each chapter sponsor and recommend a boy for this degree? Study the qualifications for American Farmer Degree and let's get busy. We only have until December 15, 1944 to make recommendations.

Better Chapter Contest

The Better Chapter Contest is now underway. Your chapter has qualified if you sent in your activity program on time. Just between us boys, I believe we can win the National Contest if we really make up our mind to do so. Of course, to do this will require some work on our part, but I also know, from my association with FFA members, that they know how to work as well as play. Now let me give you a little tip off. If your chapter is really interested in going somewhere in the Better Chapter Contest, have your local advisor get in touch with the district supervisor of vocational agriculture for your area, and get him to come by and help you make further plans. You can win if you plan to win.

Quartet Contest

Reports reaching our office each day indicate a widespread interest in the newly added Quartet Contest. We knew all the time that it would go over with a bang, because FFA members are a happy group, and as always, happy folks like to sing. However, your chapter may be one of the few that has not completed the organization of its quartet; if it is, complete this as soon as possible so that they can get the experience of singing together frequently.

Public Speaking Contest

How many boys in your chapter are working on their public speaking manuscripts? Sure, we know that your chapter contest is around three months off, but did you know that boys who have won this contest in the past had actually planned for months in advance to do that very thing.

Did you know also that of a total of around 7000 FFA members in Alabama last year, we only had 1500 in the chapter elimination in the public speaking contest? Let's all get behind this contest and at least double the number we had last year. We are counting on you, and we know you won't let us down.

At the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last month the announcement was made that the Alabama FFA Association had led the nation in the sale of war bonds in 1943-44, and had placed second in increase of membership for last year.

The Chatom FFA Chapter has gathered 70 bushels of pine burs, which is enough to plant several thousand pines. These will be sold to the State Department of Conservation to be planted by the State Nursery.
**FFA Trading Post**

**Want to Sell**

500-egg incubator, good condition, price $25. (Buckeye).—R. J. Chandler, Adviser, Clio Chapter.

50 yds. Zoysia grass.—P. A. Cox, Adviser, Arley Chapter.

Neal’s Paymaster Seed Corn as soon as harvested.—J. L. Bull, Adviser, Bear Creek Chapter.

Registered Poland China boar, 8 mo. old from litter of 13. $25. with papers.—Gregory Oakley, Adviser, Pine Apple Chapter.

Registered OIC boar; registered Duroc Jersey boar; registered OIC hogs year round.—M. Thornton, Adviser, Lexington Chapter.

Registered Duroc Jersey hogs all sizes.—J. H. Camp, Adviser, Clanton Chapter.

5 purebred Duroc gilts, wt. 75 lbs., $15.—J. F. Turk, Adviser, Hartford Chapter.

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

Kobe hay, Grass hay, Sericea hay, $30. per ton.—Byron Tompkins, Adviser, Red Level Chapter.

1 registered Jersey bull calf, 6 mo., one star—$150; 1 registered Jersey bull calf, 7 mo., one star—$75; 1 saddle horse, one gate, 4 years, $150. (saddle included).—E. S. Collier, Adviser, Wetumpka Chapter.

Honey breeding turkeys, Double Breed or Broad Breast Bronze. Can furnish unrelated toms and hens—45c per lb.—L. G. Pearson, Adviser, Red Level Chapter.

Purebred Duroc sow, 3 years, registered papers transferred to buyer.—Palmer Godsey, Adviser, Addison Chapter.

**Want to Buy**

Beautiful Mallard ducks — $1.25 each.—L. G. Pearson, Adviser, Red Level Chapter.


OIC pigs, registered in buyer’s name, $10. each.—C. R. Wood, Adviser, Belgreen Chapter.

Registered two-star Jersey bull, 3 years, $125.—T. B. Hagler, Adviser, Auburn Chapter.

Kudzu crowns, 2-3 yr. Quote prices.—I. P. Thornton, Adviser, Cherokee Chapter.

Interested in club order prices on June bud peaches 24”-36”, J. H. Hale and Elberta varieties. Also 2 yr. grape cuttings.—I. P. Thornton, Adviser, Cherokee Chapter.

16mm. projector with sound track.—H. C. Gregory, Adviser, Florala Chapter.

Small camera, 127, for large one.—H. L. Jacobs, Adviser, Northport Chapter.

380-egg incubator (kerosene) for sale or trade for patent bee hives.—I. S. Johnson, Adviser, Heflin Chapter.

**Chapter News**

**Abbeville** — 2 members bought beef calves to fatten. **Addison**—Installing water works. **Alexandria**—Initiated Green Hands at chapter meeting. **Aliceville**—Had street dance after football game, cleared $15. **Arab**—Placed Jersey bull in school area; bought 6 purebred gilts for members. **Arley**—Bought seed scarifier costing $100. **Ashford**—Aiding and encouraging neighbors to bring in farm equipment for repair. **Ashville** Initiated 44 Green Hands; subscribed to two county papers. **Atmore**—Sold $120. worth of peanuts and popcorn at four football games; making dog pens for local feed.
store. Auburn—28 members picked cotton, sold to local processor; bought 10 new official manuals for chapter, added 5 new books to library.

Bay Minette—Made tables for school; officers met with 3 other chapters to organize county FFA. Beatrice—Halloween party with FFA. Beauregard—Bought and presented U. S. flag to school; cleared $300. on school store. last year. B. B. Comer—Ordered FFA chapter equipment and "Reporting FFA News.\" Belgreen—Helped make rural electrification survey. Billingsley—Initiated 16 Green Hands. Blountsville—Gave picnic with FFA for Jr. III boys and girls. Blue Springs—Assisted in construction of canning plant. Brantley—Chapter listened to Sec. Wickard's speech broadcast from National FFA convention. Brookwood—Constructing hotbed; planned playground for elementary children. Camden—3 boys plan to feed out calves for spring show. Camp Hill—Ordered magazines for library; installing septic tank and sewage disposal for canning plant; cooperated with school in collecting scrap paper and tin. Carbon Hill—Initiated 5 Chapter Farmers. Carrollton—Conducted back gate line spreaders; tested peach trees for borer. Castleberry—Selling pop corn from corn grown in Lab. Central—Initiated 5 Chapter Farmers, 12 Green Hands; made $25 on chapter exhibit at N. Ala. State Fair. Centre—Conducted chapel program. Chatom—Bought pigs to feed lunchroom scraps; bought electric motor and lathe; gathered pine burs; put out fertilizer and sowed winter grass on campus. Crossville—Initiated 6 Green Hands; bought electric grinder. Goshen—Initiated 12 Green Hands; bought flag for school. Grand Bay—Explained program to new members. Grantville—$11.01 Chapter picking cotton; initiated 6 Green Hands. Greenville—Constructed onion bed; made $13.75 selling drinks at games. Grove Hill—2 boys bought calves to feed out for calf show; sent weekly news items to three county papers; sold $520. in war bonds in October. Guin—Initiated 8 Green Hands; sponsored livestock show. Hackettburg—Ordered degree pins; vaccinated 29 pigs in community against hydrophobia; cleared $75. from Halloween Carnival. Haleyville—Building sidewalks around vocational building; making and hanging doors to lunchroom. Hamilton—Initiated 4 Green Hands. Hanceville—Drained boiler room at grammar school. Hartselle—Built playground. Hartsville—Members bought 5 registered gilts and 4 hereford calves. Hatton—Sponsored athletic team with FFA. Hayden—Bought drink box; built salvage house. Heflin—Have 1000 bu. potato curing house ready for use. Isabella—Initiated 17 Green Hands; repaired window shades; field selected corn; treated oats for smut; built shower house. Jackson—Initiated 10 Green Hands; officers trained. Kinston—4 acre corn pulled, shucked, shelled, ground and sold, funds used to buy 13 shop aprons for boys and shop coat for adviser. Leroy—6 new books to library; secured needed FFA equipment; feeding out 3 pigs in cooperation with lunchroom; 4 members bought calves to feed for calf show; working chapter forestry demonstration. Lexington—Exhibits at N. Ala. State Fair bought $47.75 in premiums; initiated 40 Green Hands; raised 3 registered boars from lunchroom scraps. Livingston—Initiated 11 Green Hands, 10 Chapter Farmers; sponsored program for football game, clearing $93. Louis ville—Initiated 6 Green Hands; organized basketball team. Marbury—Bought 2 pigs to feed from lunchroom scraps; butchered cows for lunchroom; sending Xmas cards to former members in service. Marion—Entered feeder cattle contest by assisting boys in purchasing 12 calves; started pig chain with 6 gilts; installed bell system in grammar school. McAdory—Initiated 13 Green Hands; several members already trying out for Public Speaking. McKenzie—Reworked school water system; harvested and marketed 2 acres sweet potatoes;
ed 20 Chapter Farmers.

**Ranburne** — Initiated 16 Green Hands; grade and operated school grounds; planted grass, and built walk. **Red Bay** — Constructed bleachers on ball field; sowed winter grass on lawn; organized chapter; helped with terracing demonstration. **Reelfoot** — Initiated 11 Green Hands, 12 Chapter Farmers.

**Reedville** — Ordered chapter supplies. **Robertdale** — Mixed and distributed rat poison to all business places in town; went on fishing trip to coast.

**Samson** — Program on fire prevention; helped dig sweet potatoes for curing house. **Sardis** — Organized quartet and band; initiated 14 Green Hands, 10 Chapter Farmers. **Sidlow** — Ordered 12 x 14 room scraps. **Riverton** — Ordered book case for library; constructed school lunchroom.

**Odenville** — Sponsored series of health pictures in community. **Ohatchee** — Initiated 12 Green Hands; planted vetch in lab. area; constructed 250 foot terrace on school campus; built book case for 6th grade; built house for pump. **Oneonta** — Collected 4½ tons scrap paper; building concrete wall on school grounds. **Ozark** — Chapter raising 3 calves.

**Palmetto** — Initiated 9 Green Hands. **Pell City** — Initiated 23 Green Hands, 16 Chapter Farmers. **Phil Campbell** — Initiated 3 Green Hands; installed drinking fountain in school building. **Pine Hill** — Initiated 11 Green Hands. **Pigah** — Made bulletin board for chapter use; sprayed apples to control codling moth. **Pleasant Home** — Initiated 8 THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER

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