

FUTURE FARMERS PLAN BUSY YEAR

Executive Committee Plans State Program

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The State Executive Committee is shown here making plans for carrying out the FFA State Activity Program at a recent meeting in Auburn. Reading left to right they are, L. L. Sellers, assistant adviser; Clarice Beech, sentinel; Dan Powell, reporter; Thad Salmon, president; Merrill Carlisle, treasurer; Louie Chapman, secretary; Wayne Thompson, vice president. Some of the highlights of the State Program are listed elsewhere in this issue.

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of the Future Farmers of America held its first meeting in Auburn on August 3-4 with all State Officers participating in organizing the State Program of Work for the year. Each item in the program of work was assigned to one of the officers whose duty it is to see that the activity is completed. This will be done through visits into the local chapters, through suggestions published in *The Alabama Future Farmer*, and through personal correspondence with the chapter officers.

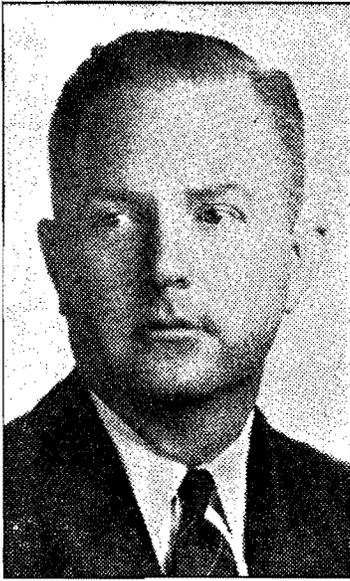
In order to assist the chapter executive committees in determining what points to stress in their local programs the following high points of the state program are listed:

1. Thorough planning of chapter programs of work.
2. Officer training.
3. Parliamentary procedure.
4. Chapter reports made on time.
5. Forestry program.
6. Quartet contest.
7. Public speaking contest.
8. Use of official secretary and treasurer books.
9. Chapter publicity.
10. Better chapter contest.
11. State Farmer Degrees.
12. Use of committees in carrying out programs of work.
13. Keeping members active after graduation.
14. Joint program with FHA.

It is hoped that each chapter will check these activities for special emphasis in its program of work, and will start now to make this a banner year in FFA. A good finish at the close of the year requires good planning now. Let's go chapter officers!

Dan Powell, Jr., Reporter.

Assistant Adviser



Mr. L. L. Sellers, district supervisor for Southeast Alabama and acting FFA Assistant Adviser while Mr. Scarborough is in the Navy, offers some valuable suggestions for the success of your chapter in the Adviser's Corner of this issue. Continue to look to this corner of each issue of The Alabama Future Farmers for ideas for your program.

Chapter Equipment

One good indication of a wide-awake FFA chapter is the appearance and completeness of the chapter room. The following list of recommended paraphernalia should be used for checking your chapter to determine what should be added or corrected:

U. S. Flag

Owl

Ear of corn

Picture of Washington

Plow

Gavel

Charter*

Creed*

Secretary's book

Treasurer's book

FFA Manuals (minimum of six)
Alabama Handbook (seven copies).

Filing case

Markers for officers' positions

FFA Song

Purposes*

*Framed under glass

FFA Award Valued

The following is quoted from "The Secretary's Desk" of "Alabama—Today and Tomorrow," the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce monthly bulletin edited by Mr. John M. Ward.

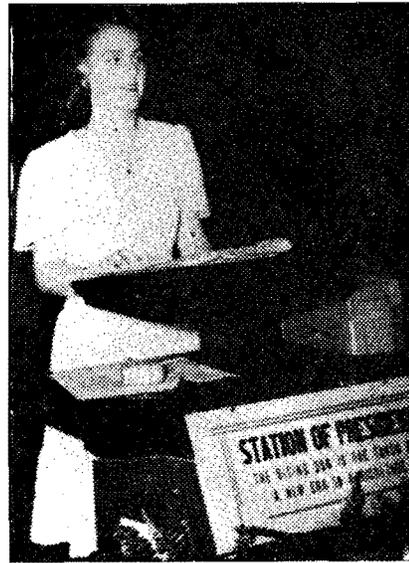
"FFA AWARD: Last month, we received recognition personally which we appreciated very deeply. The Future Farmers of America in Alabama awarded us The Honorary State Farm Degree and presented us a gold emblem of the organization with our name engraved. We are now wearing this on our watch chain and are glad to have had the privilege of working with this fine group of farm boys in Alabama. This came to us as a result of the program which the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce is carrying on with the FFA in the field of Forestry and Conservation. This program has already accomplished much and is just in its infancy. These 7,500 farm boys are learning to appreciate the forest resources of our state and are each year planting thousands of pine seedlings on unproductive lands of the state. We look forward to continued work with them."

Thanks, Mr. Ward! We appreciate you too, and are looking forward to working with you again this year in the tree planting program.

Successful Poultry Project

Billie Chance, member of the Florala Chapter, has 35 pullets from 50 AAA Single Comb White Leghorns purchased in February. He has culled his chickens to the best type for layers in the breed. Billie has also constructed a roost (100 hen size) and laying house according to the best plans recommended by Auburn Poultry Department. His pullets are now in about 50 per cent production. Billie has been assisted by his vocational agriculture teacher, H. C. Gregory. Billie is now planning to increase the size of his laying flock regularly. He plans to buy more chicks next February.

Joint Program



Elizabeth Groover, retiring State FFA President, appeared on the FFA State Convention Program this year to emphasize the value of joint program activities. Our new president, Thad Salmon, returned the visit when he appeared on the FFA Program in Montevallo. Both presidents agree that many activities can best be done by working together.

The importance of FFA-FHA joint programs was stressed at the State Convention in Auburn and Montevallo this year with Elizabeth Groover, out-going FFA president, appearing before the boys, and Thad Salmon, incoming FFA president, telling the girls about plans for the year. Both the FFA and FHA chapters were encouraged to work with their neighbors in carrying to completion worth while programs. There are many activities in both programs of work that are of mutual interest to both the boys and the girls, and for that reason can best be accomplished by working together.

**BUY MORE WAR BONDS
AND STAMPS**

Suttle Chapter Plans Year's Work



Mr. L. G. Walker, Perry County Superintendent of Education, is shown here giving a few ideas on chapter activity planning to the Suttle FFA boys as they gather around the spring for a rest between plan periods. Merrill Carlisle, State Treasurer, third from right, and H. D. McVay, adviser, first on left, also led discussion groups.

Midland City

The Midland City FFA Chapter held a special planning meeting following the State Convention for the purpose of studying the State Program of Work and making a chapter program in line with it. After planning the year's work the chapter decided to emphasize the following activities:

1. Members were encouraged and advised to enter the Public Speaking Contest.
2. Develop a chapter quartet to enter the state contest.
3. Have a baseball and a basketball team.
4. Give a social soon after school starts in honor of the new FFA members.
5. Give a play as a means of raising money for the chapter.

Louie Chapman, state secretary, gave a detailed report of the State Executive Committee meeting and his trip to Auburn. The treasurer reported a bank balance of \$64.

Pell City

The Pell City FFA Chapter concluded a very successful summer program of work and started the fall program by giving a watermelon cutting and picnic for prospective members from surrounding junior high schools in late August. The preparations for the coming year included a one-half day training school for State Farmer Degree candidates, one-half day of work on the scrap book by the scrapbook committee, and planning with one member who is planning to apply for the American Farmer Degree next year. The accomplishments reported included one member who sold \$257 worth of watermelons during the summer, another with two acres of popcorn already contracted with a vendor, and twenty-three members who have sold produce on the local curb market or in the Birmingham market. A program in the chapter room and a softball game concluded the day's program.

Fishing, swimming, and talking FFA featured the summer camp held by Suttle FFA'ers July 12-13 at Lake Margaret in Talladega National Forest. This busy group of Future Farmers and their adviser, H. D. McVay, spent two days packed with fun and program planning displayed in the typical FFA spirit. Visitors present to enjoy the outing were Mr. R. W. Montgomery, district supervisor of Agricultural Education; Mr. L. G. Walker, Perry County Superintendent of Education, and his sons, L. G., Jr., and Billy; and State Treasurer, Merrill Carlisle.

A portion of the first afternoon of camp was devoted to a "round-table discussion" of the high points in the State Program and practical activities for the chapter to include in their program. The importance of formulating a well planned and balanced activity program was also discussed. A talk by Mr. Walker commending the Public Speaking Contest was enjoyed by the group. He stressed the importance of public speaking and urged members to take advantage of the training gained through the contest.

Officer's training was the highlight of the second day. A meeting consisting of Chapter Officers and State Treasurer was held in which each officer's duties were discussed separately.

The group broke camp the afternoon of July 13 after having quite a bit of fun, but, also having accomplished a great deal for their FFA chapter.

Why not make plans for **your** chapter to combine pleasure and work in your camp next summer? If "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," so does "all play and no work!"

Merrill Carlisle, State Treasurer.

"Know where you are going and when you want to get there—Plan." Franklin.

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The world steps aside to let any man pass that knows where he is going. —Northport Chapter.

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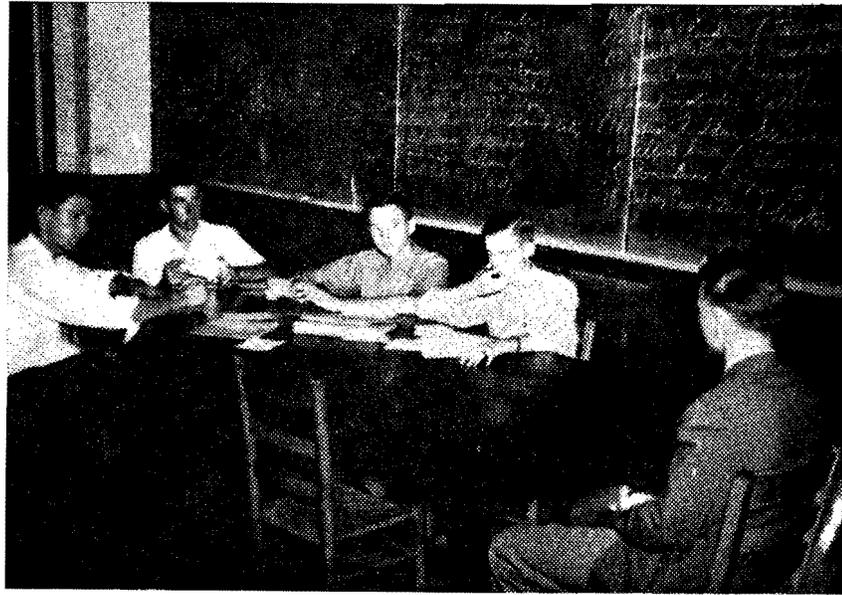
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Danville Wins

The Danville FFA Chapter cooperated in the staging of the Annual Tennessee Valley Dairy, Livestock, and Grain Show held in Decatur August 4, walking away with three of the five prizes offered in the FFA-4H Club Beef Calf Show and a first place in the dairy class. Max Sandlin won first place in the beef class while John Tanner took third and David Sandlin fourth.

Paul Prince took first place with his registered Jersey cow in the dairy class, and also took second place in the open class.

Realizing that the best of feed and care cannot make a winner of a poor animal, the Danville Chapter called a meeting immediately after the show for the purpose of making plans for buying the best animals available and starting now to prepare for the Birmingham Fat Calf Show next spring.



You must start now if you are to arrive at this conference table next summer. Thad Salmon (right) is being interviewed by State Officers Rex Locklar, Jack Helms, Numan Jacobs, and Hansell Groom. Thad must have done well, for he was later elected president. Has your chapter started an officer's training program that will develop officer candidates at the State Convention next summer?



Peter Webb, Coffeeville Future Farmer, is shown here with his Grand Champion at the Grove Hill Fat Calf Show. Weighing 915 pounds, and selling for 26c per pound, this calf netted \$197.46 for Peter. After placing first in the heavy weight group the calf won top honors for the annual show. During his second year in vocational agriculture Peter had a farming program including five hogs, three cows, five acres corn, one acre peanuts, and one-half acre beans in addition to his fat calf.

Note: FFA members who are planning on entering any of the calf shows next spring should buy the best animals available now and start a feeding program that will bring a nice profit and perhaps a winner.

—Assistant Adviser.

Adviser's Corner

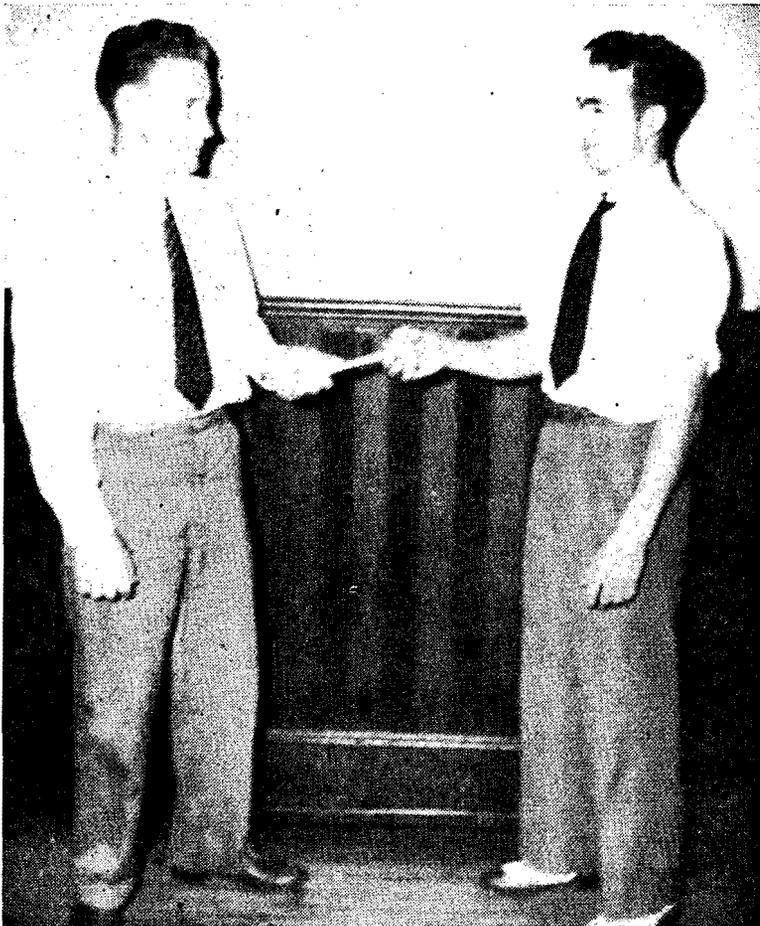
In this, the first issue of **The Alabama Future Farmer** for 1944-45, it is well that it be devoted to the big job ahead for each FFA member in Alabama during this year.

We sincerely hope that you in each local chapter will make definite plans for things to come. Our success in FFA is going to be what we plan now for it to be. In a war-torn world where every soldier and every battle is reckoned by a well-thought-out plan, we who must carry the battle on the home front to successful completion, can ill afford to wander aimlessly around without a plan.

Our success on the battle front can be attributed to every man on that front, be he a private or a general. Each has a job to do, and the great battle itself depends on each man having a job to do and doing that job well. In FFA chapters it isn't just the officers who determine success or failure, but instead, the entire membership of the chapter. From Greenhand to State Farmer, every individual should have the opportunity to make his contribution to the chapter. Thus, in making your chapter activity program for this year, see to it that every member has a job to do, and then see that he does it.

Now let's get down and really "talk turkey" about planning your chapter program. What are some of the things we should be doing right now? Remember, we can't wait until next spring to decide and make plans for our chapter to be in the Public Speaking Contest, Better Chapter Contest, Quartet Contest and the like. If you expect to have boys in your chapter recommended for State and American Farmer Degrees, we must start them out on the right road today. Do you think your chapter officers would make good state officers? How many boys in your chapter could fill local offices, with credit to themselves and the chapter? If you will think twice on these two questions, you will agree that a real, wide-awake officer training program in your chapter would be helpful, and would make

Gavel Changes Hands



The old president, Thomas Nevin, right, passes the gavel to the new president, Thad Salmon, left, at the 15th Annual Convention in Auburn this summer, and thus a new year was on its way. Both presidents agree that the only way to accomplish our State Program of Work is to plan well now, with every chapter member assigned a definite responsibility.

for better informed members and officers.

It is our sincere hope that you will review these few suggestions in the light of your own chapter, and that at this time next year we can point with genuine pride to a well-planned program faithfully and conscientiously accomplished.

Why not have your chapter quartet learn the FFA songs, especially "Hail The F.F.A.?"

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Nothing can put pep into your chapter meetings like group singing.

It's the feeling that you are unable to do anything that causes your defeat.

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Common sense is extremely uncommon.

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Every man should have a cemetery in his back yard to bury the faults of his friends.

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The chief difference between a gum-chewing flapper and a cud-chewing cow is the thoughtful expression on the cow's face.

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The best way to be a great man tomorrow is to be a great boy today!

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Zoysia grass at \$3 per sq. yd.—P. A. Cox, Adviser Arley Chapter.

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OIC gilts and boars.—D. P. Whitten, Adviser Centre Chapter.

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Registered OIC pigs.—M. Thornton, Adviser, Lexington Chapter.

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Want to Buy

White face calf.—R. L. Yielding, Adviser Cold Springs Chapter, Rt. 1, Bremen, Ala.

1 purebred Jersey heifer calf.—J. F. Turk, Adviser Hartford Chapter.

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2 wheel trailer in good condition.

FFA Chapter Contest Winner



Billy Nelson, president of the Athens FFA Chapter for 1944-45, and R. M. Avery, adviser, are proudly displaying the banner award for first place in the 1944 F.F.A. Chapter Contest. Chapters placing high in this contest must start early and work late, for the competition is growing stronger each year.

—H. L. Jacobs, Adviser Northport Chapter.

"The next person who interrupts the proceedings will be sent home," declared the Judge.

"Hurray!" yelled the prisoner, "where's my hat?"—White Plains Chapter.

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Preacher (coming out of church

door), "Young man, are you looking for Salvation?"

Young man (looking around), "No, I'm looking for Sal Jackson."—Cold Springs Chapter.

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Rivers and men get crooked by following the line of least resistance.

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Lexington Chapter Improves Farm Practices

Planning for a career in farming, Lexington Future Farmers have launched a program of improved farming which includes plans for practically all members of the local FFA chapter. Recognizing the importance of quality in products and livestock as a post-war objective efforts are being made to continue with the program of better seeds and better sires.

Through the chapter effort a three-star registered Jersey bull, a registered Hereford from Milky Way farm and a registered OIC boar from champion blood lines have been placed in the community for use. The chapter also owns a registered Duroc Jersey and Poland China boar. In addition to this phase of the program members are helping to promote a program of soil conservation and already two tractors have been placed on full time operation building terraces. John Thomas McCabe of Killen and Billy Adonymetz are operating the tractors, owned by G. H. Smith, of Lexington.

Recent visits have been made by members to various livestock auctions in order that a study of markets might be made. The group of boys have noticed that good quality animals can usually be sold at good prices.

Between September and spring over 60 individual FFA members will get into operation a home project to include one or more of the farm enterprises offering a reasonable opportunity in the community.

The West Point FFA Chapter has already initiated seventeen new members, spent a day swimming and boat riding in the Tennessee River near Decatur, and planned an activity program that provided a responsibility for every member.

Chapter News

Abbeville — Reorganizing chapter. **Addison** — Outlined program of work. **Akron** — Went on swimming party and weiner roast. **Arab** — Sending news articles to local papers; com-

mittee from each class reports news. **Arley** — Boosting continuation of victory gardens through Fall season. **Ashford** — Organized softball team. **Atmore** — 15 boys went to Little River State Park. **Auburn** — Softball game with college faculty; joint meeting with FHA.

Bear Creek — Worked out activity program for year; bought radio for chapter room; discussed responsibilities and duties of officers; each member got coveralls for Ag. work. **Belgreen** — Appointed new committees, elected new officers to fill vacancies; ordered FFA pins, secretary and treasurer books and FFA manuals; went on fishing trip and watermelon cutting. **Billingsley** — Planned better recreational program; painted classroom floor; helped get purebred Hereford bull placed in school district. **Blountsville** — Collected 4 tons waste paper making \$50. **Brantley** — Sold bonds in 5th war loan drive; organized softball team.

Castleberry — After chapter meeting made and ate ice cream. **Cedar Bluff** — Built dehydrator; organized softball team; did repair jobs about school and grounds. **Central** — Organized program of work. **Centre** — Opened FFA store; held a meeting for Cherokee County District and planned work for new year. **Cherokee** — Assisted in bond drive; sponsored service board in downtown Cherokee; joint party with FHA; setting up objectives; selling scrap; helped on cannery; built 3 wagon beds. **Cold Springs** — Made \$85 with picture machine during summer; went on camping trip; initiated Green Hands. **Collinsville** — Rebuilt and painted all tables in lunch room; organized a school store; repaired lights in lunch room. **Corner** — Watermelon cutting. **Cotaco** — Held chicken fry; sold 3 registered pigs. **Crossville** — Cleaned lab. area to plant garden. **Cullman** — 100% enrollment of first-year boys in agriculture; planting fall turnip patch to raise money. **Curry** — Planned year's activities.

Danville — Went on over-night camp in Black Warrior Forest. **Dozier** — Secured 1 acre of land to establish FFA orchard; bought Duroc gilt to start pig chain.

Elba — Worked out sweet potatoes and plans made to market them when ready; chapter meeting devoted to making plans for Better Chapter Contest next year. **Enterprise** — Chapter member, Martin Moates, recommended for American Farmer Degree.

Fairhope — Collected 6,200 pounds of scrap paper. **Fayette** — Bought registered Duroc gilt to start pig chain; built stock pen. **Flomaton** — Set up scrapbook for year and planned activity program. **Fort Payne** —

Developed 2 tennis courts on school grounds; initiated Green Hands.

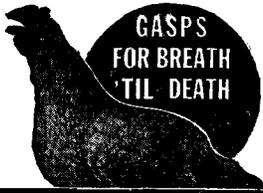
Geneva — Held County FFA-FHA Rally at Geneva, with officers presiding. **Georgiana** — Demonstrated dehydrator. **Glencoe** — Discussed chapter activity program for new year and plans for raising money; made a study of milk testing. **Goodwater** — Purchased plywood to cover tables in classroom; purchased owl for chapter room. **Gordo** — Officers and adviser met. **Gorgas** — Helped construct janitor's home on campus. **Goshen** — Planned officers training course; voted to repair motion picture machine for use. **Greenville** — Program organized and committees appointed.

Hackleburg — Initiated 18 Green Hands and 6 Chapter Farmers; sent one article to the local paper. **Haleyville** — Initiated 28 Green Hands; elected new secretary and treasurer. **Hamilton** — Served Alayam Products at chapter meeting; officers elected and plans made to organize string band. **Hanceville** — Held chapter initiation. **Hartford** — Had quartet at Geneva County Rally. **Hartselle** — Went on camping trip. **Hatton** — Elected officers; trip to Wheeler Dam swimming and fishing. **Hayden** — Purchased baseball equipment and organized team. **Heflin** — Discussed activity program and appointed committees. **Holtville** — Threshed 1,500 bu. oats and wheat with school thresher; cut grass and weeds on campus; repaired tractor. **Hubbertville** — Met 2 nights for officer training.

Jackson — 4 gilts placed in OIC Purebred Pig Chain; bought copy "Reporting FFA News." **Kinston** — 20 boys went on deep-sea fishing trip; harvested FFA peanuts. **Leroy** — Held officers' meeting to plan work for year; ordered "Reporting FFA News." **Lexington** — Field demonstration held on terracing; 100% first-year Ag. boys now pledged for Green Hand Degree.

Marion — Assisted in canning program over county; purchased cans cooperatively; held meeting at camp on Cahaba River to make plans for new year. **Midland City** — Plans set up for coming year. **Millerville** — Initiated 12 Green Hands; went on fishing trip; installed boiler for canning unit. **Moulton** — Organized year's work; initiated Green Hands. **Mount Hope** — Initiated 7 Green Hand members; went on weiner roast. **New Brockton** — Had watermelon cutting. **New Hope** — Pruned shrubs on school ground; initiated 16 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers. **New Market** — Ordered new manuals, secretary and treasurer books; gathered 9,500 lbs. scrap paper this month.

Northport — Held meeting of old



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and new officers; ordered manuals, secretary and treasurer books. **Notasulga**—Held all-day chapter meeting to help with construction of canning plant. **Ohatchee**—Planned activity program; repairing farm tools. **Oneonta**—Held FFA picnic and softball game; assisted in county scrap drive.

Paint Rock Valley—Planning program and means of financing chapter activities; voted to order 12 manuals, secretary and treasurer books and official scrapbook. **Pell City**—All members trying to put some produce on market this year; 4 articles in county paper. **Phil Campbell**—Joint party with FHA; initiated 16 Green Hands. **Pleasant Home**—Meeting of officers.

Red Bay—Worked FFA corn; held joint ice cream party with FHA; ran terrace lines for and attended terracing demonstration. **Riverton**—Piped water into lab. area; sponsored paper drive collecting over 10,000 lbs. of waste paper; initiated 9 Green Hands. **Robertsdale**—Featured fun night at chapter meeting. **Rogersville**—Cleaned around shrubbery and worked out nursery; organized softball team.

Samson—Attended Rally at Geneva; planned officers' training program. **Sardis**—Aiding county 5th war loan drive; appointed committees. **Sidney Lanier**—Ordered FFA jewelry; 3 members bought or are feeding 5 beef calves for fat stock show; bought FFA banner. **Southside**—Asked parents to attend chapter meeting. **Spring Garden**—Visited beef cattle farm; trip to Cave



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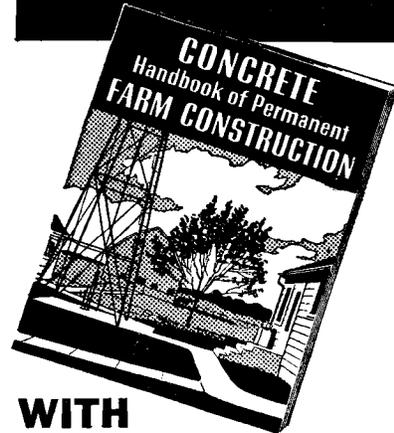
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Springs, Ga.; officers in Cherokee County met at Centre to plan year's programs. **Straughn**—Planning activity program for coming year. **Sulligent**—3 ball games with Vernon chapter, refreshments served. **Susan Moore**—4 games of softball with Oneonta Chapter; collected 2,500 lbs. of paper during month; initiated Green Hands. **Suttle**—Held officer training school at camp on Lake Margaret.

Tanner—Cleaned campus; initiated 28 Green Hands. **Town Creek**—Organized chapter and planned year's program. **Uriah**—Scheduled fishing trip. **Vernon**—Constructed dehydrator; softball game with Sulligent. **Vina**—Initiated 14 Green Hands; joint meeting with FHA and watermelon cutting.

Wadley—Planned initiation and

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money raising activities. **Walnut Grove**—Planning project tour. **Waterloo**—Worked out FFA nursery; built paper baler. **West Limestone**—Appointed committees. **West Point**—Sowed carrots and put out tomatoes in lab. area; initiated 17 Green Hands. **White Plains**—Chapter officers met, plans for year made.