FORESTRY PROTECTION PAYS
Forestry Protection Pays

The State goal that every chapter participate in the forestry program can still be reached, even though the State Chamber of Commerce has just announced that it will be unable to furnish the pine seedlings as expected. However, this does mean that the emphasis will have to be shifted from planting to forest fire control and good management. The importance of this is shown in the front cover picture. The upper picture is of well-managed, 13-year-old loblolly pines. Some idea of the rate of growth may be had by comparing the height of the trees to that of the man at the left of the picture. The bottom is of a plot the same age, same soil type and same species, the only difference being that of fire protection. Future Farmers can do much to promote forestry in Alabama by continuing to practice and teach good management and fire protection.

No Trees Available from State Chamber of Commerce

In a letter to all FFA advisers on November 23, Mr. John M. Ward, Executive Vice President of the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce, said:

"It is with sincere regret that we find it will not be possible for us to carry on our program of furnishing pine seedlings to the members of the FFA Chapters in the State this year." After explaining that this condition was due to a complete failure at the State Nursery, and that their efforts to locate seedlings elsewhere were unsuccessful, Mr. Ward added, "Every effort will be made to have an adequate supply of seedlings next year, and we hope very much that interest in the program will not lag because of this interruption." He then ventured the prediction that "If this program can be continued over a period of years, we can literally change the face of the State of Alabama in time. Advisers can still get a half dozen cork oaks for each FFA chapter. The Forestry Manual, The Green Gold of Alabama Forests, is still available for all members.

F. F. A To Benefit From Foundation

The Alabama Association will receive from the Future Farmers of America Foundation the awards for at least three new contests in addition to other benefits. To promote establishment in farming, four awards are being offered, three of them new to Alabama members. In addition to the old American Farmer award, there will be new awards for a Star State Farmer, a Farm Mechanics award and a Farm and Home Electrification award for each state.

All awards coming under the classification of "establishment in farming" will be made on the basis of outstanding accomplishments in the various activities enumerated. No recognition is to be given to essays, tests, examinations or plans for future development or action. Foundation awards will be made only on a basis of "results accomplished" by farm boys during the time they are enrolled for systematic instruction in vocational agriculture, or during their period of active membership in the F.F.A. No individual will be permitted to receive more than one State award under this section in any one year.

All awards will be made primarily to assist deserving F.F.A. members to become established in a farming occupation. Each recipient of a Foundation award will, therefore, be expected to use it toward the purchase of rental of land, purchase of farm machinery or equipment for the farm or farm home, supplies (such as seed, fertilizer, paint, glass, etc.) livestock, or such other equipment, material, supplies needed or necessary to further assist him in farming as an occupation.

Winners of all state and national awards in this section must supply the national office with a story not exceeding two typewritten pages telling of their achievements, together with a glossy photograph of themselves, at least 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" in size, together with some glossy photos showing chronological development of their farming programs.

New Contests

The three following contests will be added to the Alabama program for the 1945-46 school year:

1. Star State Farmer Award (For F.F.A. members who receive the Star Farmer degree during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1946) $100.

Star Farmer awards have been made on a national, regional, and in a few instances on a State basis since the founding of the Future Farmers of America in 1928. The Star Farmer award is recognized as one of the most outstanding and coveted of all F.F.A. awards. Since it has proven stimulating and helpful on the national and regional levels, it should be equally stimulating on the State level as a means of promoting achievement and advancement in the F.F.A.

2. Farm Mechanics Awards (one to each State) $100.

Since departments of vocational agriculture have well-equipped farm shops, it is fitting and proper that an award should be made in each State to recognize and stimulate achievement in farm mechanics. Unquestionably the teaching of farm machinery operation, care, and repair will receive much more attention in the postwar period than ever before. The following types of farm mechanics activities and accomplishments should be given consideration in making this award:

a. School Farm Shop Activities such as: construction projects, farm machinery repair jobs completed; and care, operation, and adjustments of farm machinery and equipment.

b. Participation in establishing and equipping a home farm shop.

c. Farm mechanics projects completed in the home farm shop.

d. Construction and repair of farm structures and equipment.

e. Installation of farm and home conveniences and appliances.

f. Soil and water conservation activities.

g. Construction and repair of farm fences.

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American Farmer—Successful Adviser

Quinton Cummings, left above, of the Isabella Chapter, and his Adviser, Mr. J. H. Camp, are in the seat of honor in this issue of The Alabama Future Farmer. The occasion—Quinton was awarded the American Farmer degree at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City in October. The story of Alabama’s applicants for this degree may be found in the September issue. Quinton is now an outstanding farmer in his community, and deserves much credit, but it is doubtful if he could have attained his present success without the assistance of his alert and progressive adviser, Mr. Camp.

Notice To Fat Calf Showmen

Plans are now being worked out to give special awards for the three top grades, prime, choice, and good, of beef calves shown at the Birmingham show next spring. These awards will be in addition to the prizes won in the show ring. The exact amount for a calf making a certain grade will be announced when the total number of calves to be shown can be better estimated. Those boys who are preparing calves for this show can be assured that the production of superior grades will pay regardless of the outcome in the show ring.
Assistant Adviser's Corner

Since the new year is just around the corner, I wonder if now is not a good time to start taking stock on just how much your chapter has accomplished on its activity program. It would be impossible to point out all the things that your chapter should check on and plan for; however, I would like to point out a few things that we should look to and plan for in the early part of the new year.

Community Services — What are they? How should you go about determining those that are most needed in your community? Talk this over with your adviser and set up a plan of action that will start the ball rolling. By all means, let's get something done! Future Farmers can't and won't stand still.

Leadership Activities — What plan does your chapter have for developing present and future officers? Your chapter is going to be just as good as the leaders you elect, and the leaders you select are going to be just as good as the chapter membership wants. Therefore, leadership training is needed not only by your officers, but each member as well. Keep your eyes on the future. Train today your officers for tomorrow.

Supervised Farming — Spring will soon be here, and each of you will be putting into practice the plans you have made during the Fall and Winter. Have you really studied these plans to the point that you know why you made them? If you are not sold on a sound supervised farming program, you have missed something somewhere along the line. Your supervised farming program is a business, and the extent to which you follow good business practices determines to a large degree the kind of business man you are at present. Follow intelligent business methods and lead the way on tomorrow's farms.

Although we have discussed only a few points in our activity program, that does not mean that such things as recreation, earnings and savings, conduct of meetings, cooperative activities and the like are not important. Why not call a meeting of the entire chapter at an early date, appoint any additional committees that are needed, and have reports of those committees already appointed? Let's start the new year off with flying colors.

He tried to cross the railroad track, Before the rushing train, They put the pieces in a sack, But couldn't find the brain.

Thirty-five chapters had all reports in on time last year. Unless some reporters fall down on the good record they have to date, this item is going to be greatly improved this year.

I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do.—Willa Cather.

What Do We Plant?

Henry Abbey

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship, which will cross the sea.
We plant the mast to carry the sails;
We plant the planks to withstand the gales—
The keel, the keelson, the beam, the knee;
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the houses for you and me.
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors,
We plant the studding, the lath, the doors,
The beams and siding, all parts that be;
We plant the houses when we plant the tree.

A thousand things that we daily see;
We plant the spire that out-towers the crag;
We plant the staff for our country's flag;
We plant the shade, from the hot sun free;
We plant all these when we plant the tree.

 Greenville Sweet Potato Program

The Greenville Future Farmers Chapter is keeping abreast with the sweet potato program in Butler County by growing their own certified potatoes and slips.

For the past two years the chapter has purchased certified La. Copper Skin potatoes and produced slips on the campus of Greenville High School by means of flue heated beds.

Last year, however, the boys decided to grow their own seed potatoes. A nearby field was secured for this purpose. The crop of potatoes has been harvested and is now stored for bedding next Spring. The potatoes have stood the inspection test in the bed and also in the field. An inspection will be made before the potatoes are put in the heated bed in March.
New Year’s Resolutions

1. I will study thoroughly the F.F.A. Manual and the State Handbook so that I may become a more intelligent chapter member.

2. I will know the degree requirements, and will start now to qualify for the next degree.

3. I will master the parliamentary procedures needed in F.F.A. work, whether they be those of an intelligent member or of a State President.

4. I will think much about my future, and will plan and carry out a farming program in line with my purposes, and large enough to accomplish my purposes.

5. I will faithfully meet any responsibility that is assigned to me or else refuse the assignment when it is made.

6. I will show my appreciation to my parents by honoring them at a Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

7. I will practice thrift through a planned budget and a systematic saving plan.

8. I will improve my ability as a speaker by entering the Public Speaking Contest.

9. I will see that the items in the Program of Work assigned to me are accomplished on time and in a thorough manner.

10. I will contribute at least one good idea for school or community improvement to my chapter for consideration for the Program of Work.

Largest Chapter

Due to the extra large enrollment of 110 members in the Lexington Chapter, members have advanced a plan whereby new members can have about the same training as those coming into some of the smaller chapters. Each of the three sections of vocational agriculture classes has been organized into separate units, each with a separate set of officers. This plan will provide for the training of three sets of officers in addition to the regular chapter officers.

Meetings are held in the three divisions twice each month, each with its own program. The entire chapter meets once each month with the regular officers in charge. A special effort is made to get each member to participate by assigning everyone to at least one committee responsible for an item in the program of work. The items in the activity program are assigned to the different sections for completion. The combined meetings are used to promote and coordinate this work.

Foley Boys Plan Diversified Programs

The kind of farming programs that these Foley boys are planning with their adviser, Mr. M. H. Bryant, would sound very strange to their fellow FFA members of the Tennessee Valley, but their procedure of “growing into farming” with a supervised farming program while studying vocational agriculture would be very familiar. Instead of thinking in terms of cotton, corn, hay, cattle, and hogs, these boys are talking about Irish potatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn, soy beans, and cut flowers.

At the beginning of last year, the FFA undertook the task of assisting their agriculture teacher by promoting better farming programs. The purpose of the project was (1) to meet the needs of the war effort, (2) to improve the standards of the department, (3) to work for the State Farmer degree, and (4) to increase individual incomes. This goal resulted in 65 boys completing 136 productive projects, 144 improvement projects, and 424 supplementary practices. Thirty different enterprises were represented in the productive projects and twenty in the improvement projects. Both the adviser and the chapter members feel that the efforts of the FFA had much to do with these results.

Every young man should make a picture in his mind of the kind of life he wants to lead. After this picture has been thoroughly imprinted on his mind, it will be the beacon that will guide his steps.—Bradley A. Fiske.

Talk not to me of the stock whence you grew; But show me your stock by what you can do.—Spurgeon.
FEA Trading Post

Want to Buy
One-row tractor in good condition.
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One registered Jersey Heifer from nearby person.
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—D. F. Holcombe, Adviser
Millerville, Ala.

Four registered O.I.C. sow pigs.
—J. P. Eden, Adviser
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Large pop-corn popper in good condition.
—S. B. McClure, Adviser
Columbiana, Ala.

Registered cholera immune gilts around 70 lbs. each of medium type, black Poland China. Write prices.
Within 50 miles of Cherokee.
—I. P. Thornton, Adviser
Cherokee, Ala.

Two registered O.I.C. pigs, 8-10 weeks old. Male & female, unrelated.
—T. M. Pruitt, Adviser
Camp Hill, Ala.

Two registered Jersey heifer calves.
—M. H. Bryant, Adviser
Foley, Ala.

Three O.I.C. registered pigs; not less than 6 weeks old.
—R. M. Avery
Greenboro, Ala.

Want to Sell
Registered little bone Poland China boar, weigh 500 lbs. Fine breeding specimen.
—J. R. Robertson, Adviser
Rogersville, Ala.

Registered Duroc-Jersey pigs, $22.50 with papers and crated to ship.
—J. L. Dailey, Adviser
Oneonta, Ala.

Fairhope Builds Brooders

In the picture to the left, students of vocational agriculture at Fairhope high school are putting the finishing touches to their brooders that are to be used in the development of their supervised project plans. The picture shows but a few of the 17 brooders built last year under the supervision of L. H. Harris, teacher of vocational agriculture. The boys enrolled in agriculture classes under Mr. Harris have had much training in growing fryers for the local markets as one of their cash projects, due to the great demand and high prices for fryers. Students have turned in records carefully kept and have shown net profits on fryers at high as $45.00 per hundred; this high net profit has been due to the fact that boys could sell their fryers right out of their brooders to the consumers for $1.00 each. No weights were necessary as the demand was so very great in this war defense area, and often would have emptied their brooders before the chickens were nine weeks old. Over 2000 chickens were grown by the Fairhope agricultural boys last year for fryers as their project work in fryer production.

Inspection of a brooder is being made by vocational agriculture teacher, L. H. Harris, right above, that has been made under his supervision by one of his students. The brooder is the Fairhope version of the Auburn Lamp Brooder, and as can be seen, many changes have been made. This brooder is made all in one piece with hinged doors on one side and top. This makes the brooder harder to move around, but adds much to the ease of caring for the chickens and in changing sand on the metal floor. It is very easy for one person to do all the necessary work in cleaning and caring for chicks in this type brooder. Most all brooders built now in the Fairhope section are based on this version, as boys taking agriculture the past five years have made their brooders like the one seen in the picture. The boys have averaged making over 15 such brooders each year of the five years that Fairhope School has had its vocational agriculture department.

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Lexington, Ala.

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—B. T. Gibbons, Jr., Adviser
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Two Jersey bulls, one 9 months, one twelve months old. Both registered and one has one star.
—V. C. Kitchens, Adviser
Arab, Ala.

Potato shredding machine mounted on trailer and tires.
—K. V. Reagan, Adviser
Greenville, Ala.
Learns From Poultry Enterprise

When Leroy Dunn entered the agricultural class at Greenville High School as a Junior III, he was a very ambitious young fellow. While the farming programs were being planned, he fully made up his mind to carry out a poultry project which was the thing he was most interested in. He decided to get a year ahead of the other boys. He purchased hens instead of baby chicks. The hens were secured from five different sources. Before very long, however, Leroy had discovered his mistake and sold out. But a valuable lesson has been learned. Don't buy into the chicken business!

Leroy capitalized on his mistake and started all over again. This time he purchased 250 baby chicks and applied the knowledge gained by past experience to the growing of the chicks. Now you can see 92 hens in the yard at Leroy's home that are products of his own hands. These hens are paying off to the tune of $10 per week profit.

To date Leroy has spent $228.25 on his chicken project and has taken from the sale of young roosters, eggs, and a value on the hens, $348.25. The loss on his first experience has already been gained and a nice income daily is being realized.

Greenville Pig Chain

The Future Farmers of America of the Greenville High School have organized a pig chain, the objective being to improve the hogs in this area of Butler County.

The chapter has raised the funds to purchase the hogs by harvesting Kudzu seed for the Soil Conservation Service. Two gilts of good breeding have already been purchased and placed in the hands of two chapter members who agree to conditions set forth in the contract.

The FFA chapter will purchase the pigs to give to the boys with the understanding that they turn two pigs back to the chapter. These pigs will go to other boys, and the cycle goes on until a distribution of good hogs is well established. The boys agree to feed and care for the hogs as they have been taught in agricultural classes.

The best boars that can be found will be purchased at a later date to breed to the gilts that are now being distributed.

The gilts already purchased are now in the care of Cranford Tremble and Winfred Sturky.

The successful farmer of tomorrow is the Future Farmer of today.

To achieve success not by heritage, but by individual effort, is the greatest joy of life.—J. P. Morgan.

Opportunity knocks only once, but temptation bangs on the door for years and years.

A chip on the shoulder indicates wood higher up.

Clearness of sight is the foundation of all talent.—Thomas Carlyle.

CHAPTER NEWS

Addison — Fifteen boys had 24 acres cotton as project, producing 27 bales of cotton. Alabaster—Practiced songs and studied parliamentary procedure at meeting. Arab—Held officer training program; entered Jersey show in Guntersville and won second prize. Ashland—Initiated 5 Chapter Farmers, 20 Green Hands. Athens—Organized string band, played on assembly program; made table and benches for lunch room; bought 5 hogs to feed out. Auburn—Organized FFA quartet and string band and presented program at evening school social; approved 14 applications for Chapter Farmer degree. Autaugaville—Picked kudzu seed for Soil Conservation Service; held joint FFA-FHA social.

Beauregard—Meeting with fathers present; picture show on soil conservation. Berry—Organized basket ball team; planted 200 June Bud peach trees in lab. area to grow out for sale as 1 year trees. Billingsley—Joint social with FHA; gave 15 members training in parliamentary procedure; organized quartet; provided spray for community use. Blountsville—Ordered seed corn cooperatively. Camp Hill—Harvested 307 lbs. kudzu seed. Chatom—Canned beef, snap beans and turnips in canning plant for lunch room. Cherokee—Assisted in bond drive; assisted farmers in hog killing at our cannery scalding vat on two days. Citronelle—Initiated 14 Green Hands. Clanton—Principal spoke at chapter meeting; sponsored Victory Loan Drive. Collinsville—Operating FFA bookstore; growing out one beef calf for B'harm show; growing out 300 broilers. Columbus—Appointed committees; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet in November. Corner—Completed painting halls of main building; ordered 18 FFA manuals and book on parliamentary procedure; beautification of campus.

Danville—Placed 6 more calves for B'harm show. Eibau—Commitees reported at meeting; held box supper and Miss Elba High Contest jointly with FHA; picked and sold $106.85 off peanuts grown by chapter; chapter assisted in conditioning building for lunchroom.
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next Spring; established pig chain.


Hubertville—Chapter sold 2000 fruit trees in school district. Isabella—Built gym floor; installed hot water in gym; ordered movie projector. Jackson—Aided in bond sale; joint party with FHA party; cleared court; aided in Victory Bond Drive.

Kinston—Awarded 5 chapter pins to new Chapter Farmers; had fillers’ convention and turkey raffle clearing $50. Lexington—Aided in raising $800 for war chest. McAlester—Gave program on “Needed Soil Conservation Practices”; joint social with FHA. McKenzie—Built out-door furnace; organized basketball team; organized quartet; assisted with Victory Loan Drive.

Rogerville—Initiated 10 Green Hands; purchased 23 beefs and 2 hogs; visited corn pickers; initiated 16 Green Hands; purchased 29 head cattle; ordered 400 fruit trees; sold 1500 pounds of canned plant to landscape; planted peach and pecan seed; 15 members treated peach trees for borers; 6 members started new orchard; added 6 new books to library.

Marbury—Joint social with FHA. Marion—Repaid lunch room equipment; sold fruit trees. Mellow Valley—Repaid 95 chairs for school; ordered pins for members.

Mullins—Debated; 18 head of cattle; wormed 29 head of cattle; ordered 341 fruit trees; purchased 23 books for FHA library; purchased banner. Mountain Home—Set up pillow for lunch school; studied parliamentary law. Northport—Organized basket ball team; continuing boiler project.

Oaks—Organized freight.

Oats—Initiated 16 Green Hands; sold 3000 pounds. Oneonta—Worker on basketball court; aided in Victory Bond Drive.

Pel City—Ordered 50 pins for degree; ordered Manuals for every member not already having one.

Pine Hill—Barbeque with FHA.

Reeltown—Operating pop-corn stand; sold fruit trees; bought 15 warm-up suits for basketball team.

Reef—Completed annual project report records. Rogerville—Initiated 4 new members; worked nursery.

Samson—Organized basketball team and purchased ball.

Sardis—Initiated 10 Green Hands.

Sidney Lanier—Ordered 400 fruit trees; sold magazine subscriptions. Smith’s Station—Built 9 lamp brooders; had chicken barbecue. Southside—Awarded Green Hand buttons to 8 members.

Murray—Entered duet and string band in contest; duet won first and string band third place.

Sulligent—FFA-FHA social; planned summer camp.

Susan Moore—Awarded State Farmer degree certificates and certificates of merit for Better Chapter Contest at chapel program.

Vernon—Conducted 8 lime spreaders; assisted in canning 6 beets and 2 hogs; visited corn picker. Wadley—Raffled cake cooked by FHA girls. Woogufka—Joint social with FHA. Wetumpka—Worked shrubs around vocational building; played softball game. White Plains—Gave Green Hand pins to new members.

Winfield—Built shrubs around vocational building; played softball game. White Plains—Gave Green Hand pins to new members.

Winterboro—Practiced parliamentary procedures.