The story of George Dawson’s farming activities which he hopes will bring him the American Farmer Degree is illustrated here with pictures. The following activities are shown: (1) George succeeded in herding five of his beef herd into a corner for a picture. (2) From this and other turnip patches, George sells $15 to $20 worth per week. (3) Another view of some hogs and cattle. (4) A zoysia grass lawn, shrubs, concrete porch floor, and a rock wall and grade are part of a home improvement project. (5) A two-year-old mare colt is glad to get a little petting, and (6) A registered Hampshire sow and some of George’s hog project.
Goal-American Farmer

George Dawson of the Auburn FFA Chapter is starting now to qualify for the American Farmer Degree at the National Convention in Kansas City next October. Having learned through his farming activities that careful planning pays, George is taking no chances on missing this coveted award through negligence. He is studying carefully the necessary qualifications to see where he stands, and is already testing his achievements on some old application blanks.

When George entered the vocational agriculture class at Auburn in 1942, he selected as his project one acre of corn and ½ acre of truck crops. This was a small beginning, but it was enough to start this Future Farmer to dreaming, and the next year he started a real farming program including a gilt, 5 acres of corn, 1 acre truck crops, and a number of home improvement projects, including home ground improvement, orchard improvement, winter legumes, pasture improvements, terracing, improving the poultry flock, and other improvements designed to make his home and farm a better place for himself and his family.

After graduating from high school last January, George further expanded his program into a real farming business, much of which he is the sole owner, and part of which he owns in partnership with his dad. He now has a nice two year old mare colt, 10 feeder calves that he will feed out and sell a year from now, 30 acres of corn and 15 additional acres that he works for his dad, 1½ acres of sweet potatoes, 1½ acre of grain sorghum for feed, and 2 acres grazed with hogs and cattle. One-half interest in the 7-cow dairy was given to George by his father for managing the herd.

By grading and crating his products into the best market form, George cleared approximately $300 from 1½ acres of sweet potatoes this year. This fall he is selling enough turnip greens and potatoes in Auburn to average about $20 per week. A standing order for 75 lbs. of turnip greens per week is kept with the Auburn High School cafeteria. Because he strives to sell only the best, the cafeteria is glad to pay 15c per lb. for these washed and graded turnip greens. The part of the dairy adds another $30 to his income each month. In addition to this program, George finds time to help his father with the poultry flock, to which he has retired. This winter's crops include 9 acres seeded to oats and vetch for grazing and 10 acres of Austrian winter peas for soil improvement.

The record made in school further supports George's qualifications for the American Farmer Degree. In addition to having a good scholastic record, he was outstanding in school activities, including the offices of Parliamentarian, Vice-President, and President of his FFA Chapter. In his tool shed, he has 3 turners, 2 scooter stocks and a harrow that he repaired or remade in the school shop. Being secretary of the young people's organization of his church and engaging in all of the activities of his FFA Chapter still gives him an outlet for his leadership abilities. He is also a regular member of the Loachapoka evening school.

Plans for the future include the expansion of his farming program on his home farm with the addition of land of his own, and of course, the acquiring of the American Farmer Degree.

Editor's Note: This account of George Dawson should serve as a reminder to many Future Farmers in Alabama that they too can do the same thing. Each year some boys miss the opportunity to become an American Farmer only because they did not start in time to study the qualifications and set as their goal this high honor. If you are one of the boys who have the necessary farming program and school record, why not start now to become an American Farmer. Too many "American Farmers" have remained uncrowned in Alabama. The time to start qualifying next year, or three hence, is NOW. December 15 is the deadline for sending the names of applicants to the district supervisor.

Failure is the path of least persistence.

How To Make Money

An analysis of the monthly report blanks sent in by chapter reporters for the month of October reveals that the operation of a chapter store, canteen, or "stand" was the most successful method of raising money for the promotion of chapter activities. Twenty-nine chapters sold such items as coca cola, pop corn, candy, ice cream, peanuts, and school supplies during free periods at school. Nineteen chapters sold products at football games and other school functions, one of them clearing $100 during the month.

The sponsoring of plays, minstrels, baby shows, amateur nights, box suppers, and the like, was used by ten chapters. Nine chapters made money by engaging in some kind of cooperative farming activities such as the growing of sweet potatoes, peanuts, cotton, or a chapter nursery. The selling of shop work, such as lawn furniture, car trailers, wagon boxes, or repair jobs was used by eight chapters, while another eight fed on the campus some livestock enterprise such as chickens, hogs, or beef calves. Six chapters made money by exhibiting or working at the local fair. Another six sold fruit trees, spray materials, and seed. Fees were charged for such services as terracing, pruning, vaccinating, and cleaning the cemetery by four chapters. Three collected scrap and still another three sold ads on some type of school program for their money. Combining business with pleasure, two chapters sponsored dances and one promoted a boxing match. Other money-making activities engaged in by at least one chapter were the promotion of picture shows, the sale of registered hogs from the pig chain, and the collection of fees. One chapter charged each member a fee of five cents per week.

After being dug out of the wreck and carried to the nearest doctor's office:

Doctor: "While the doctor is coming, can I do anything for you? I'm a veterinary surgeon."

Casually: "That's all right, Doc. I'm a jackass to think that I could do fifty on these tires."
Participation In State Contests

The importance of the individual chapter's entrance into all association sponsored contests cannot be over emphasized. These contests are a means for bringing out the best, and often hidden, qualities in chapters and in members.

If any one of these contests can be considered most important, in my opinion, it is the Better Chapter Contest. In this, chapters compete in activities, community projects, and all of the things vital to an active chapter. All of the information on such activities is recorded carefully and accurately for examination by judges. Every chapter member has an excellent opportunity to help in this contest, and no real success can be expected without complete cooperation from all.

Awards are made to the best chapters in the State and the highest two are entered in the National Contest. Notasulga Chapter received the Silver Emblem and Sidney Lanier Chapter received the Bronze Emblem from the National Association at the convention, October 9-10.

The Public Speaking Contest encourages boys in developing speaking ability, poise, and self confidence by actual experience. The contest begins in the chapter and goes through to the National, which is held in accord with the National Convention. Various awards are made to the winners of each contest. This is one contest which has no losers, for those who are eliminated gain much in knowledge and self confidence. Speaking from personal experience, I assure you that you will have no regret for the time you spend on Public Speaking.

The FFA Quartet Contest is a new one which began only last year. It has proven very successful, however, and more entries are expected this year. These quartets are composed of chapter members who compete in local, quarter final, semi-final, and State final contests. This contest ends at the State Contest. It is held in accordance with the Speaking Contest. Chapters use their quartets at banquets, chapel programs, meetings, and encourage others in this very wholesome recreation.

More complete information on rules and eligibility for these contests can be found in the State FFA Handbook, which every chapter member should have access to. Again, let me urge every chapter in the State to enter all of these contests. It is the duty of the adviser to encourage all boys, and many chapters award prizes to local winners, which adds some incentive to entry. Don't forget the trip to State Convention!

Max V. McLaughlin
State President

Planning and Conducting Chapter Programs

The first and probably the most important factor in promoting a good chapter program is to appoint a good program committee.

The program committee has one of the biggest jobs in the FFA Chapter. This committee should have a well planned program posted on the bulletin board in plenty of time for the members to see their parts on the program and have them ready. A great weakness lies in the program committee's failing to post the program on the bulletin board before the date of the meeting.

Every program should not have the same topic in order to eliminate the monotony of the programs. The members should put all of their efforts in getting up their parts. By doing this they are better prepared and much time is saved at the meeting.

At all meetings if it is at all possible the opening and closing ceremonies should be carried out. This not only gives the officers good practice but makes the members feel more like they are at a business meeting. All business that occurs should be taken up and handled according to the parliamentary procedure.

Freddie Duke
State vice president

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--- Programs of Work ---
Some chapters are meeting with
success where they set up commit­
tees as they set up their programs
of work. This gets the committee
appointed and at work at the very
beginning. It also, provides each
member with an opportunity to do
something in his chapter. If you
have not appointed your committees
to carry out your chapter activity
program, why not appoint them
now? You will be happily surprised
with the results.

Some members say they work
harder on committees if they are
called on to report their progress at
frequent intervals. Have you tried
this?

--- Membership ---
Membership dues and programs of
work are beginning to trickle in
from chapters. What we are going
to need is a full grown stream if we
are going to reach our membership
goal of 7,000 members this year.
I hope each member will consider it
his responsibility to pay his dues
on time. We have a fine record so
let's don't let it slip. With your
help, I am sure we will go over the
top. We are counting on you.

--- Assistant Adviser's Corner ---

--- Degree Ceremonies ---
Many chapters are finding it high­
ly satisfactory to eliminate the word,
"Initiation", for their chapter ac­
tivities. Instead they are using the
terms, "Degree Raising Ceremonies." This
appears to be meeting with much
success since these are the terms used in the official F. F. A.
tive Committee has gone on record
as recommending that each chapter
use the ceremonies printed in the
official manual. We think this is
a wise move, inasmuch as it elimi­
ates an over-indulgence in horse
play, and makes the ceremony much
more impressive. If each member
taking part in the ceremony will
memorize his part, it will make it
much more dignified and thought
provoking.

--- Monthly Reports ---
Is your chapter receiving credit
for the work it is doing? If not the
answer to the problem is more pub­
licity. If your chapter finds it a
little difficult to do this, why not
appoint a publicity committee?

With the help of the F. F. A.,
the victory has been won and this year
promises the greatest year in F. F. A.
history. To make this the greatest
year, everybody should know more
about our work and it will take
more publicity by every chapter if
the job is done.

Any activity done by the chapter
is always interesting news to the
parents and to the public. If possi­
ble, furnish a good picture with your
reports which will make it much
more attractive. Why not plan to
send some of the real success stories
of your chapter members to publish
in "The Alabama Future Farmer"? By
this way you may be able to
help other boys in other chapters.

Don't you think it is worth trying?
Remember, publicity is just as
important as any other part of the
program of work!

Reporters, I would like to call
your attention to the matter of fill­
ing out monthly reports. The most
important thing is to send in the
reports on time. They are due the
first of each month and must be in
Auburn by the 5th to be used in
"The Alabama Future Farmer". The
first section of the report should be
filled out completely as this is very
important.

Other high points are good chap­
ter programs, and money-making
ideas that can be passed on to other
chapters. In the space provided on
the back of the report, you should
include some short, snappy article
full of activities that might give
ideas to other chapters.

Marlin Robinson
State Reporter

FUTURE FARMERs OF AMERICA
members invested more than $8,000,000
in war bonds last year. The National
Association has invested another
$50,000. State FFA Association has
purchased another
$109,082.00 in bonds and stamps last
year. Many more bonds have been
sold through the efforts of FFA
members in addition to those pur­
chased individually or by chapters,
State associations, and by the Na­
tional organization.

The last victory loan opened Oc­
tober 29th. The week of Nov. 26 to
Dec. 1 has been announced as "Farm
Week." Again FFA members are
called upon to help carry the ball
over the goal. This is the last drive.
Every member in Alabama is ex­
pected to continue with his best
efforts until the final whistle. Let's
finish the job; Future Farmers!
OFFICER TRAINING

Officers training should begin in the local chapter. As soon as possible after new officers are elected they should meet with the adviser and learn their duties and responsibilities as officers. They should learn what they are to do and how to do it.

Officers training should not stop here. After he is elected each officer should study and learn the opening and closing and the degree ceremonies in the official FFA manual. He should also learn the rules of parliamentary procedure and how to use them at a meeting.

The official manual is a very valuable aid to officers. In the manual an officer can find a list of the duties and responsibilities pertaining to his office as well as some rules of parliamentary procedure and much other helpful material. The official handbook is also very helpful to officers.

However, a boy cannot become a good officer by just studying the manual and handbook. He must also study the other members of the chapter and learn their likes and dislikes. He must learn what the chapter as a whole wants and needs.

One good method of training officers is to elect officers of each Ag. class. Then, later on, there will be a good supply of trained officers.

A good, active officer should continually strive to learn more about his office and of his duties to the chapter. A well trained officer is a good officer and a chapter with a group of well trained officers will be a good chapter.

Joe Hughes
State Secretary

Did you Hear About The Little Moron Who:

Went to the football game because he thought a quarterback was a refund.

Ate gunpowder so his hair would grow out in bangs.

Takes a bale of hay to bed with him to feed his nightmare—and his Charley Horse eats it.

Watered his Victory Garden with whiskey so he could have stewed tomatoes.

Community Service Through Local Canning Centers

Each can on this map shows the location of a community canning plant similar to that shown at the bottom of the picture. Those marked with an (N) are in negro departments while the others are connected with white departments of vocational agriculture and home economics. F. F. A. members have had a part in the construction and installation of most of these plants. Many chapters without plants are looking for ways and means of providing one for their community. If your chapter is interested in this type of community service, it is suggested that a visit be made to the nearest plant. Until all departments have a plant of their own, many Future Farmers will want to go to the nearest plant to assist with the family canning. In either case, this map should be a helpful reference.

If a canning plant is needed in your community why not talk it over with your adviser and enter it in your activity program, appoint a committee and start to work.
Want to Sell
Spotted Poland China pigs.
  Claude Hardee, Adviser
  Beatrice Chapter

Purebred Narragansett and purebred broad breast bronze, Hamilton strain, turkeys. Breeding stock.
  L. G. Pearson, Adviser
  Rt. 1, Samantha.

Purebred cocker spaniels; puppy—males $35, black or taffy colored; female $25, black.
  L. G. Pearson, Adviser
  Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.

Potato shredder mounted on trailer with tires.
  K. V. Reagan, Adviser
  Greenville Chapter

  J. D. Allredge, Adviser
  Guin Chapter

Best pedigreed O.I.C. hogs.
  M. Thornton, Adviser
  Lexington Chapter

Six-case electric drink cooler, good condition, $75.
  H. H. Martin, Adviser
  Rt. 1, Gadsden, Ala.

Two registered Duroc males and two gilts, 8 weeks old, $15 each.
  R. C. Frederick, Adviser
  Rt. 6, Andalusia, Ala.

Want to Buy
Two purebred Guernsey bull calves.
  D. O. Langston, Adviser
  Ashville Chapter

Electric saw without motor. Also concrete block machine to make 8 x 8 x 16 size.
  Claude Hardee, Adviser
  Beatrice Chapter

O.I.C. bred gilt, registered.
  H. B. White, Adviser
  Carbon Hill Chapter

Electric popcorn popper.
  E. R. Gardner, Adviser
  Chatom Chapter

Nunan Jacobs, right above, reached one of his goals in October when the American Farmer degree was awarded him at the National Convention in Kansas City. In receiving this degree Nunan also brought success to the long efforts of his adviser and teacher, Mr. H. L. Jacobs, of the Tuscaloosa County High School at Northport. A successful student is the goal of every good teacher.

Auburn Plans Program
Twenty-two new members were among FFA members who heard Jimmy Beaty, president, describe a program of fun and work planned for the coming year at Lee County High School last week.

Recreational activities on schedule for club members are an old-fashioned hay ride and weiner roast, Christmas party, basketball, soft ball, joint FFA-FHA barbecue for parents.

The new program of work will stress community service, leadership, thrift, and improved supervised practice programs.

Heading this year's membership committee is Haywood Reid, other members being Forest Long and Hugh Dillon. Recreation committee members are Neil Ingram, Robert Saidla, Mickey Meagher.

Officers are Jimmy Beaty, president; James Young, vice-president; Reider Priester, secretary; Neal Ingram, treasurer; Mac Ivey, parliamentarian; Darby Dick, sentinel; Robert Saidla, reporter; Bill Nunn, Assistant reporter; H. W. Green, advisor.

—Robert Saidla
Elba Calves Show

Profit

Three calves were entered by members of the Elba chapter in the opening sale at Opp, Ala. on Wednesday, October 24. Of the many prizes offered in the sale, the first, second, and fourth places were taken by members of the Elba Chapter. Max Boutwell, feeding his first two calves, took first prize money of fifty dollars, and sold his calf for 31 cents per pound, bringing him $192.45. After all expenses were taken out Max netted $110 for his three months work. In second place with a 10 month old calf was J. E. Meacham, taking thirty dollars in prize money and selling his calf for 33.75 cents per pound. Joe walked away with $247.95. After expenses were paid there was $108.00 left for his three months work. In fourth place with a very nice calf was Herbert Parker, who sold his steer for 26 cents per pound. This brought him $170.45 and after paying out the expenses Herbert had $48.50 left. Joe and Max have two more calves that they are feeding and making plans toward the Dothan Show in April.

Elba Boys Buy Calves

To help relieve the meat shortage and, at the same time, learn something about the beef cattle business, Joe and Max have two more calves that they are planning to purchase to feed for the opening sale next spring. After discussing the possibilities at chapter meetings, 26 members purchased 41 calves for this purpose. One calf that was carried over from last year and three calves that were home raised have now been entered, raising the total to 46 calves now being fed by F. F. A. boys. These calves are among the finest in the State and it is expected that local members will make good in the spring show.

Donald Kelly, Reporter

CHAPTER NEWS

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