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GRAND CHAMPION

Grand Champion

Joe Farquhor, president of the FFA Chapter at Livingston, had the Grand Champion fat calf at the Demopolis show this spring. The fact that there were five prime steers in class indicates the stiff competition encountered. In addition to having the best calf, Joe also won second place in showmanship. He then teamed up with other boys from Sumter County to win the county exhibit.

Joe has had two years of vocational agriculture, with beef cattle being the main enterprise in his supervised farming program. He has fed several calves for show and sale before. He knows from experience what it takes to produce a prime steer and a Grand Champion, as he has been showing calves for several years. The Polled Hereford that won for him this year is his masterpiece. His interest in this breed brought him a trip to the Polled Hereford show in Atlanta recently when he won the State Contest on "Why I Like Poll Herefords".

Local Boys Sing At A.E.A.

The Pell City FFA Quartet was invited to sing at the Alabama School Administrators Banquet at the Jefferson Davis Hotel in Birmingham as a part of the A.E.A. program. The quartet is composed of B. O. Alverson who sings bass, Edward Ledlow second tenor, Erwin Hunter baritone and Charles Abbott first tenor. Their selections were Home on The Range, I've Been Working on The Railroad, That Intelligent Goat, and The Levee Song.

Those attending the banquet were county superintendents and principals in Alabama, representatives of the colleges in the State, and others associated with education in Alabama. Those attending from St. Clair County were Superintendent and Mrs. Roy Gibson of St. Clair schools, Miss Genora McFadden, County School Supervisor, and J. W. Locke, teacher of vocational agriculture of Pell City High School.

Erwin Hunter,
Reporter Pell City

Town Boys Farm

The old saying "A country boy goes to town and makes good" can very well be reversed in the case of Cranford Tremble, first year Future Farmer at Greenville High School. Cranford moved from Birmingham to a farm 4 miles East of Greenville. He entered vocational agriculture last fall and immediately began planning his farming program on a sound basis. Now he has in operation an outstanding project program.

His program includes 3 cash crops, 4 improvement projects and 1 feed crop. His cash crops include 2 beef cows, 2 and one-fourth acres of roasting ears, which he plans to feed his Birmingham friends and a sow and litter project. The sow is one he received as a gift from the Future Farmer Pig Chain. Two dairy cows, home beautification, orchard management and pasture planning make up his improvement projects and 2¼ acres of corn are to supply grain for his animal project.

A continuation of such planning will lead to higher degrees in Future Farmer work.

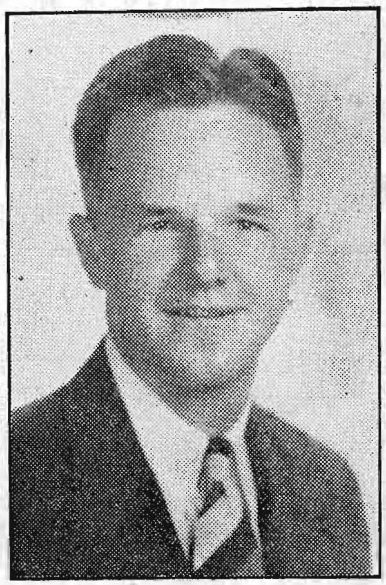
Leroy Calves Profitable

Eight boys from Leroy Chapter sold nine calves at the Fat Calf Show in Grove Hill Wednesday for $2199.27. These boys also received $111.20 in prize and gain weight money. Tom Garris with two calves entered had the reserve champion of the show and also won second and third places in the heavy weight class. He received 43½c per pound for the reserve champion which weighed 1055 pounds.

Milton Cooper won first place in the middleweight class and received $240.00 for his calf. Percy Bowling, Jr. with a calf weighing 1060 pounds had the heaviest calf in the show. His calf made an average gain of 2¼ pounds per day over a feeding period of 238 days. Other boys entered in the show were Joe Pace Palmer, Ray Etheridge, Clifford Pringle, Nap Granade, and Ben Granade.

Leoa Keith,
Reporter Leroy Chapter.

C. C. Scarborough



Mr. Scarborough is back. This is the answer that Future Farmers and agricultural workers all over the State have been wanting to their questions, "When will Mr. Scarborough be back?" After almost two years in the Navy, Mr. Scarborough is now back at his old job of directing the activities of the FFA, editing The Alabama Future Farmer, and spreading enthusiasm about FFA work in general. Although he has many other duties, his interest in boys has never allowed him to neglect the FFA. Probably this explains the fact that the FFA boys have never forgotten him, and have been anxiously awaiting his return.

Drink to me only with skimmed milk
And I will pledge with cream.
Or leave some curds within the cup
And then of cheese I'll dream.
The heart that pumps but lactic juice
May breed a love divine,
And milk produce more kindly thoughts
Than are produced by wine.

The DeLaval Monthly.

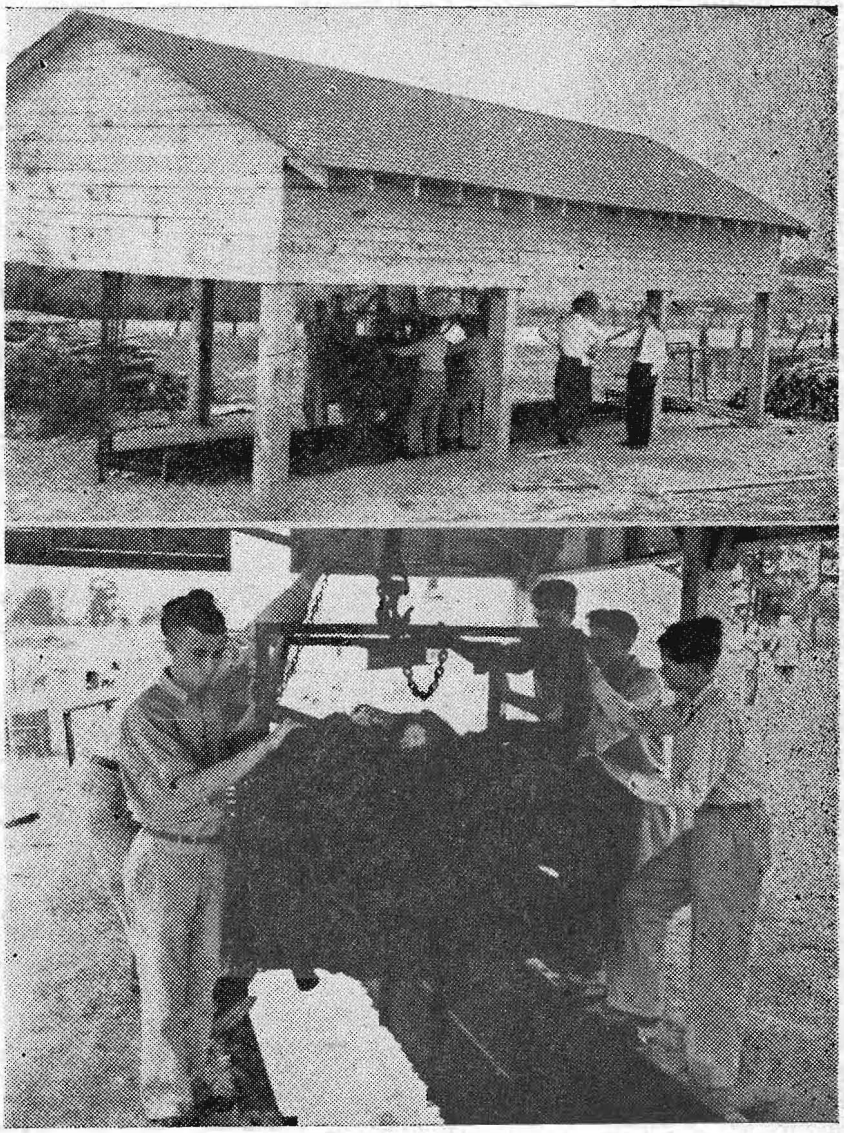
Notasulga Builds Fence Post Treating Plant

The opening of a fence post treating plant at the Notasulga High School recently marked another step in that school's efforts toward providing instruction, teaching facilities, and community services.

Mr. P. H. Alsabrook, teacher of vocational agriculture, was holding one of his regular adult farmer meetings with the Woodland evening school, an organized group of farmers in one of the several neighborhoods making up the Notasulga community, when the farmers presented the problem of getting fence post. With pine being about the only material available, and that supply rapidly diminishing, the farmers asked that this problem be studied. Mr. A. O. Hill, secretary of the group, was asked to collect all the information available on the problem.

After several meetings and much study, the group decided that the best solution lay in a cooperative attack paralleling that of their school-community canning plant. The creosoting of pine post seemed to be the cheapest material. The school canning plant boiler could be used to provide steam for heating the vat. A finance committee composed of L. M. Bryant, chairman, H. L. McGhar, W. H. Bentley, Hershel Stough and A. R. Lockett, was appointed. By this time interest in the project had spread into other neighborhoods, and the Notasulga Lion's Club came in as an organized group, with the addition of Mr. G. O. Bush to the finance committee. At the first joint meeting, held in the Notasulga High School, $500.00 was contributed by the group. The committee got contributions ranging from $1 to $25, with $10 and $15 donations being the most common.

The Notasulga Chapter of the Future Farmers of America made their contribution by digging the hole for the vat and constructing the shed. Lester Black and the Notasulga Lumber Company donated the material for the shed. After listening to a talk by Mr. Alsabrook describing the project, the County Farm Bureau gave $100.00. The total cash donations amounted to $1400.00, which was enough to install the plant and pay for 30 drums of creosote, which was more than enough for the first fill.



The equipment was located on the school campus and became a regular part of the laboratory facilities, just as the canning plant, flour mill, farm shop, typing room, and other equipment necessary for teaching and encouraging better living for all the people of the community. An advisory committee composed of school people and local farmers will determine policies, fees, and assist the school in operating the plant. The general supervision of the plant will be a responsibility of the agricultural teacher.

Satisfied with this joint attack on their problems, this evening school group has now started work toward providing a portable saw mill on the same basis. Another project is the development of a community fire prevention area, including lookout towers, fire lanes, and fire fighting equipment.

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Assistant Adviser's Corner

New Members

Names and dues for new members are rolling in. From present indications we are going to break all records on membership in the State Association. I am sure your chapter, if it has not already done so, would like to be in on this "record smashing." Look at your chapter membership rolls closely and see if you do not have a few boys who would like to get in on this, the last membership round up for this year.

State Officer Recommendations

As you know, this is the time of year that we ask and urge that each chapter submit to us the names of the boys in your chapter whom you believe would make good officer material in the State Association. A number of chapters have done a good job in submitting candidates in the past. However, we have not to date had enough chapters recommending worthy boys. May we urge you to think this matter over carefully and when you have done so send us the names of two or three good boys from your chapter whom you believe would be outstanding leaders of our State Association for the coming year.

In order for a boy to be eligible to hold a state office he must at the time he is recommended hold the State Farmer degree, or be a candidate and receive it at the State Convention.

Don't forget the last date for recommending officers is May 15.

Public Speaking and Quartet Contests

Chapters who have won the Quarter-finals Public Speaking Contest are: Jackson, Reform, Cullman, Jacksonville, Ashland, Isabella, Central, and Geneva.

Winners in the Quarter-finals Quartet Contest are: Central, Fayette, Hanceville, Glencoe, Pell City, Clanton, Fairhope, and Blue Springs.

The Semi-finals in these two contests will be held during the month of April.

Special Awards

Several weeks ago you were mailed two blanks for entering contests sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation Inc., one for entering the Farm Mechanics Contest and the other for entering the Farm and Home Electrification Contest. Although we have not set a date for submitting entries, you may submit your entries at any time now. We sincerely hope that a large number of FFA members will enter this contest. If you show sufficient interest in these contests we may be able to add others. May I suggest that you get with your adviser and talk over these two contests with him.

Annual Chapter Report

An important date for each chapter to remember is May 1, for this is the date for submitting your report on chapter accomplishments. I know that your chapter has done an outstanding program this year. On the basis of information contained in these chapter reports we make our annual report of accomplishments to the National Association. Let's all pull together in making this report so that we can show results to prove that the FFA in Alabama is a wide awake organization. Your chapter has a valuable contribution to make in this report. Don't let the opportunity pass you by. **Remember the date is May 1.**

Item of Interest

Members of the FFA have done an outstanding job in growing and showing beef calves this year. Many prizes have been won to date in county and state shows and many more will have been won by the time you read this. Just goes to prove that you can't keep a wide awake FFA member from going places and doing things in a big way.

Members Study Manual

During the past few weeks each Thursday for thirty minutes every member of the Pell City Future Farmer Chapter has put his time on a study of The Official Manual, in an attempt to learn more about FFA work.

First a questionnaire was developed by the officers of the chapter. Fifty-four questions were to be answered. The answers had to come from the material in the Manual.

For the study it required almost four Thursdays and then a short quiz was given by the adviser to test what everyone had learned about FFA work. All agreed that their knowledge had increased, especially as to such items as the four degrees, the three kinds of members, the FFA creed, colors, motto, where the organization originated, when Alabama received its charter, number chapters in the State, who the State adviser is, where the State officers live, and many other things that concern a good FFA member.

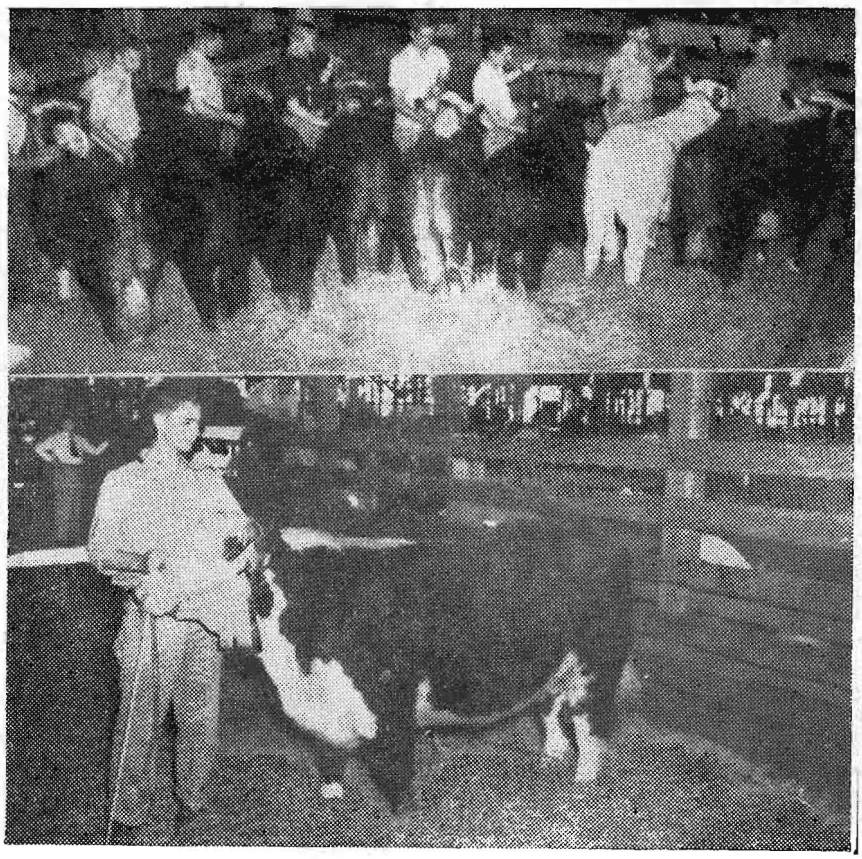
Erwin Hunter,
Reporter Pell City Chapter

Sidney Lanier Wins Montgomery Prizes

Sidney Lanier Future Farmers won top honors for county exhibits at Montgomery Fat Stock Show April 2 and 3. Showing calves in this exhibit were Richard Kirksey, Collins Gordon, Marvin Jones, Willie James Kirksey, and Jack Loftin.

Second place was won by Covington 4-H Club. Elba Future Farmers were third with their Coffee County exhibit. Fourth award for county exhibits was won by Conecuh FFAers from Evergreen.

Six other county exhibits were entered in the Montgomery show by FFA and 4-H boys.



Want A Shine Mister?

Learn to do by doing, the motto of vocational agriculture, can be applied to shoe shining as well as many other jobs believe Future Farmers of Evergreen. Alvin Carter, Chapter reporter, says there were 3 main reasons for starting this shoe shining project. First, to improve the appearance of shoes of all students, second, learn how to best care and preserve shoes and third, to make some money for the chapter.

With these objectives the new project was started. "To be sure that we were on the right track, we got a man from a leather company to come talk to us," said Alvin, "and he gave us some good ideas." A shoe shine stand and several kits were made and Evergreen FFA was in the shoe shine business.

All members share in the work and Reporter Alvin says the project looks like a success and he believes any FFA Chapter in the state would find it a worthwhile project.

Your editor would classify this shoe shine stand as a "new" project. We would be glad to publish similar ideas for the benefit of other chapters. Send in those ideas.

Friend: "So now you and your son are carrying on the business together?"

Owner: "Not exactly, I run the business and my son does the carrying on."

Young But Active

How long should it take a Future Farmer Chapter to get "started"? Sidney Lanier, one of the youngest chapters in the state is assuming leadership in many activities.

Shown on the cover page is a group of Lanier Future Farmers winning top honors at the Montgomery Fat Stock Show in the county exhibit. To place first in this group the Lanier FFAers had to compete with their own Montgomery County 4-H along with 9 other county exhibits by 4-H and Future Farmers.

For the entire Montgomery show the Lanier boys placed in 8 of the 9 divisions in addition to the winning group exhibit.

Prior to the statewide Fat Stock Show the Lanier Future Farmers had entered (and practically "taken") the Montgomery County Fat Stock Show. Richard Kirksey's Hereford was Grand Champion of the show and Marvin Jones showed Reserve Champion with his Angus. This is only the beginning.

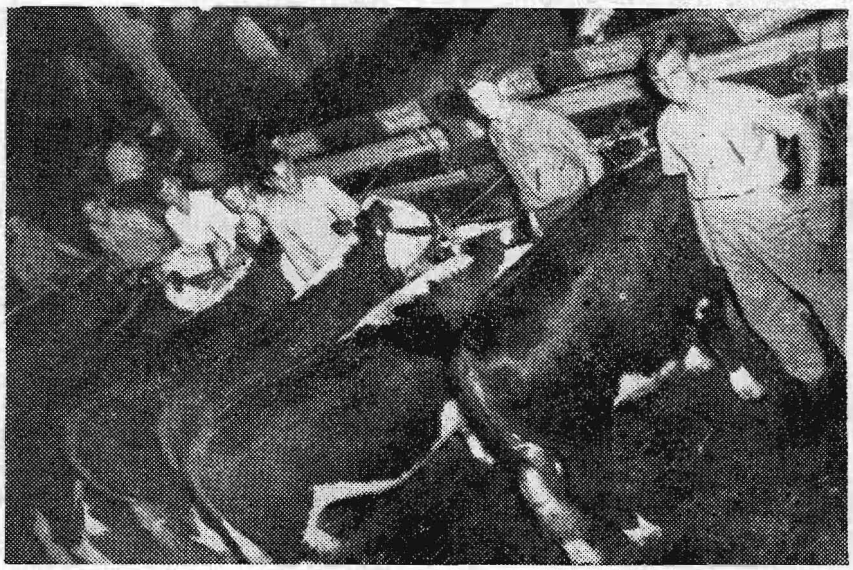
Lanier Future Farmers also showed the Champion and reserve Angus and Hereford and Reserve Champion, Shorthorn and that's not all. In the 9 divisions of the show they won 7 firsts, 5 seconds and 4 thirds, sweeping 2 divisions.

Yes sir, Lanier Future Farmers seem to be doing very well while they're trying to get "started" as a 3-year old chapter. Officers this year are Rufus Turnipseed, president; Willie James Kirksey, vice president; Marvin Jones, secretary; Thomas Yarbrough, treasurer; Jack Hornady, reporter; Jack Loftin, sentinel; B. P. Dilworth, adviser.

Elba Future Farmers Show Well Fed Calves

Seeing the need for a balanced feed for the calves that are being fed by the members of the chapter it was found that there was not enough corn at the homes of the boys to finish out the calves. After discussing this matter it was decided to go together and buy enough corn to finish out the calves while it was being gathered from the field and before it had time to go any higher. It also was found that yellow corn was best for the calves and that there was very little corn of this type grown in the county. After contacting the stores the best price that could be found was $2.10 per bushel for shelled yellow corn. This was too much to pay for corn and have to try to make money from marketing it through calves, so under the direction of Mr. E. P. Gieger, our FFA adviser, 600 bushels of corn was purchased and delivered to the members for $1.70 per bushels, or a saving of 40 cents per bushel and a total saving to the members of $240.00. The members have found many other ways in which they have been able to save money by cooperative buying and selling.

Donald Kelly.
Reporter Elba FFA



Quarter Finals Speaking Winners

Chapter	Winner
Central	James Womble
Cullman	Gene Woods
Jacksonville	Bill Hobbs
Ashland	Charles Byron
Reform	Milford Bonner
Isabella	K. Lemone Yielding
Jackson	Edward Clolinger
Geneva	Bill Vickers

Quarter Finals Quartet Winners

Central
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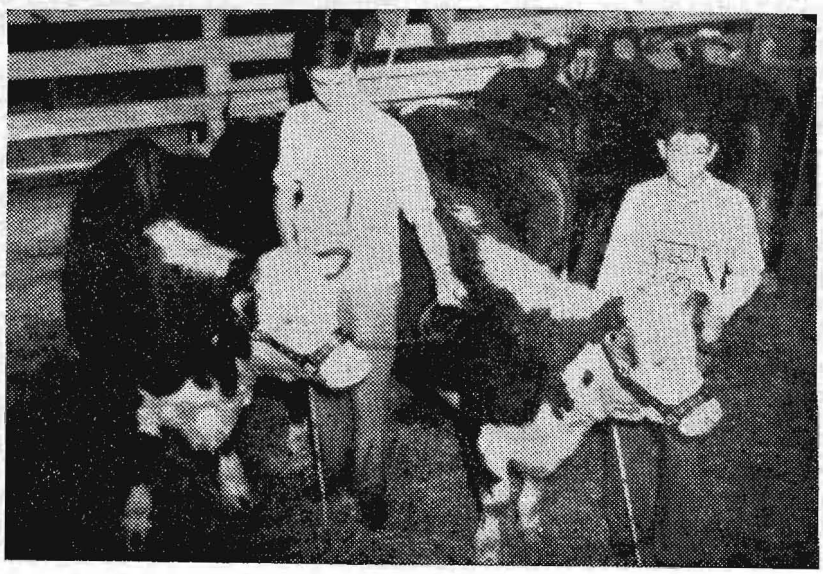
Fairhope
Blue Springs



Evergreen Future Farmers Win Show Money

With 14 calves winning 11 places and $129 of the $142 prize money, Evergreen gave other FFA chapters a goal to reach. Future Farmers Dan Brown and Johnny Neilsen showed the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. In the heavy class(830 and up) the Future Farmers placed 1, 2, 4, and 5. Carolyn Brown Future Homemaker won third. In lightweight FFAers won first 6 places.

Dan Brown is president and J. H. Moseley is chapter adviser at Evergreen.

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She: You never stayed so late before.

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No man is greater than his ability to think for himself.

Champion FFA Family

Who is Alabama's champion FFA family? Probably leading the entire country is the Glacomini family in California. The amazing story of Future Farmer activities of the 7 sons has been featured recently in national magazines. If you missed the story look in the March issue of **The Country Gentleman** or the January **American Farm Youth.**

Can Alabama approach the Giacomini family record?

CHAPTER NEWS

Akron—Gave program in assembly on "Outlook for Agriculture"; chapter quartet gave 8 performances during the month; competed in Quarter-final Public Speaking and Quartet contests. **Albertville**—landscaped front lawn of school campus; host to Quarter-final contest in FFA Public Speaking Contest and Quartet contest March 28. **Arab**—Pruned three orchards; tested 30 samples of milk for butterfat; placed second in Quarter-finals Public Speaking Contest. **Auburn** — Attended livestock show; landscaped canning plant.

Bear Creek—Put on rat killing campaign. **Berry**—Won FFA District basketball tournament. **Beulah** — Made chicken brooder; making workbench for wood shop. **Blue Springs**—Installed post treating vat.

Camden — Held a "Grand Ole Opry" show March 29 at high school. **Castleberry**—Plan to build a post creosoting plant. **Cedar Bluff**—Built incinerator for burning trash; participated in Quartet Contest at Albertville. **Centerville**—Had a tacky party with FHA and B Club. **Central**—Public speaking and quartet won quarter-final contests; landscaped 10 homes; sold 200 fruit trees to farmers; sold seed and spray materials to farmers. **Chatom**—Entered 7 calves in Grove Hill fat calf show; made cotton seed barrel treater; had 1000 feet of lumber sawed and planed for logs cut on campus. **Cherokee**—Built 12 brooders; made 5 porch swings and 6 study tables; set out shrubs around cannery. **Clanton**—Planted grass on vocational building lawn; made bed for needy family; assisted with State Cork Oak project. **Clio**—Displayed shop work in downtown store window. **Columbiana**—Attended a party given by FHA Club; sponsored a professional quartet in a concert; sold drinks at a campaign opening speech of one of our candidates for Governor. **Corner** — Terraced one farm; assisted in putting out one home orchard; repaired farm equipment; held F-S-M-D banquet; built one chicken brooder.

Eclectic—Built 6 brooders; built 1 self feeder; built 1 rabbit pen; cleaned shop and have wired it; sprayed 14 orchards with petal face and caly spray; vaccinated 35 calves for blackleg; gave serum to 40 hogs; built forms and poured concrete steps and walk to control water around cannery building. **Elba**—Bedded 35 bu. of sweet potatoes; made plans to enter 10 calves in Montgomery show and 30 in the Dothan show; made plans to have county show at Elba; helped with the raising of $200 prize money for the Elba part; held the quarter-final Public Speaking Contest. **Enterprise**—Won District FFA basketball tournament; organized softball team. **Fairview** — Landscaped 2 homes; sprayed 2 orchards. **Falkville**—Making wagon box for farmer; improving chapter house; held joint social with FHA.

Geneva — Conferred 6 honorary degrees; piped running water to vocational building and added lavatory to wood shop; Executive Committee attended quarter-final Public Speaking Contest at Elba; Bill Vickers won first place in contest. **Georgiana**—143 members served in the Armed Forces, 3 were killed; built signs for Junior Chamber of Commerce; vaccinated 27 head of hogs; built trailer for vocational department; repaired football field. **Glencoe**—5 boys made chicken brooders; won second place in county basketball tournament. **Gordo**—Poured 642 feet of 4 foot concrete sidewalk around school grounds; set out 50 trees to beautify campus. **Goshen** — Have 5 brooders under construction and 3 rabbit cages. **Grand Bay** — Had weiner roast. **Greensboro**—Bought 100 chicks for chapter; made and sold brooders; pruned trees and sprayed about 400 trees. **Grove Hill**—Had 8 boys show calves in Fat Calf Show at Grove Hill.

Hackleburg—Won second place in quarter-final Quartet Contest; pruned shrubs at 10 homes, 2 school buildings and 1 church; awarded official FFA pins; quartet made personal appearance at an adult evening school. **Haleyville**—Bobby Self won third place in quarter-final Public Speaking Contest; quartet win third place in quarter-final Quartet Contest. **Hanceville** — Won quarter-final Quartet Contest. **Holly Pond** — Have 100% membership; sold pop corn at ball games; built a shower bath at the school. **Hubbertville**—Planting shrubs on school campus.

Isabella—Won semi-finals FFA Public Speaking contest; built laying house for adviser for $25.

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Jackson — Edward Clolinger won in quarter-final Public Speaking Contest. **Jemison** — Constructed 12 singletrees; repaired vocational building; put 4 concrete posts on lawn; constructed sun porches for 3 brooders.

Kinston—5 calves shown at Dothan Fat Stock Show.

Leroy—Landscaped school building with shrubbery propagated in school nursery area; placed another gilt in the chapter pig chain. **Lineville**—Earned $72 picking up Kudzu crowns.

Marion — Assisted Perry County Cattlemen's Association with show and put 2 calves on exhibit; making and selling halters, brooders, wagon bed; outdoor chairs and swings; repaired irons, cords, lamps and motor. **Marbury** — Landscaped Methodist and Baptist churches; held F-S-M-D banquet. **McAdory**—Neil Letson won second place in quarter-finals contest held at Oneonta. **McKenzie**—Built 4 trailers; built 4 brooders; built 1 self feeder for hogs; built 4 screen doors; built 2 kitchen cabinets. **Millerville**—Ran terrace lines; pruned shrubbery; dehorned 34 head of cattle; summarized committee responsibilities and accomplishments. **Moundville** — Had F-S-M-D banquet; 2 boys feeding calves; got drink box for candy store; quartet sang at banquet and at church.

New Brockton — Built school fence; sprayed peaches for plum curcubio; made fat calf tour.

Ohatchee — Landscaped 1 home; built 10 electric brooders; poured concrete floor in blacksmith shop; gave joint party with FHA girls; worked on school grounds and shrubbery; set out potato bed. **Oneonta**—Held quarter-final FFA Public Speaking Contest.

Palmetto—Had weiner roast with FHA. **Pell City**—Quartet sang on program at A.E.A.; Winner in county FFA basketball tournament.

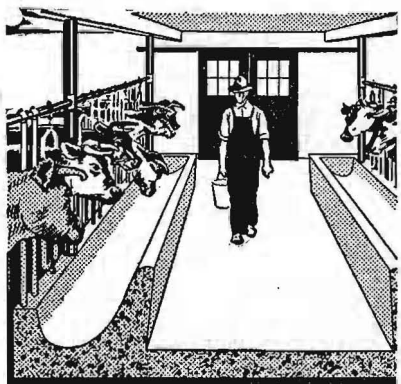
Reeltown—Raised money for sick member. **Reform** — Milford Bonner won first place in Quarter-finals Public Speaking Contest; constructed several brooders and sun parlors for chicks; made cooperative purchase of fruit trees for 8 farms; pruned plants on campus. **Repton**—Worked on shrubs; put in posts around laboratory area. **Riverton**—Painted window sashes and trimmings in vocational building; repaired screens in home economics department; installed sewerage system for lunchroom; made bookcase for 5th grade. **Rogerville** — Landscaped homes; set lining out stock.

Sand Rock — Scarified 1,380 lbs. of sericea seed; obtained a cabinet of FFA store. **Sidney Lanier**—Had foreman of Hartley Hereford Farm review speech on showing beef calves; won third place in quarter-finals Public Speaking Contest at Wetumpka; entered 1 calf in Demopolis fat stock show; made farm surveys for Progressive Farmer magazine, making $25 profit for chapter. **Southside** — Attended district basketball tournament; chapter was visited by State Reporter; landscaped and installed sewerage system in local pastorium. **Spring Garden**—Planted hot bed. **Sulligent**—Won second place in quarter-finals Speaking Contest; sprayed 3 orchards. **Suttle** — Made window screens for lunchroom; making barbecue pit for school.

Tanner—Completed brooder house and have chickens in it; David Gardner won pig from chapter. **Town Creek**—Landscaped church; sprayed one orchard; pruned 2 orchards and treated for borers.

Vina — Pruned trees on several farms; sponsored FFA program and took in $62.

Weogufka — Held fish fry with FHA; organized softball team. **West Point**—Attended FFA-FHA barn dance; pruned shrubbery around school. **Wetumpka** — Contracted to spray and care for 250 peach trees for half the peaches; held quarter-final Public Speaking Contest; organized softball team.



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