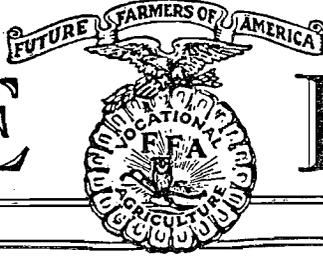


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## FORESTRY

## PAYS



Courtesy of Robt. N. Hoskins  
Seaboard Railway

## Forestry Seedlings Available Again

Here's the answer to many questions received in State FFA Office lately. Yes, Forestry Seedlings are available again this year!

But, like automobiles, shirts, and many other desirable items, the supply is limited. The following number of seedlings will be available this year:

30,000 longleaf pines (for lower 2/3 of State)

30,000 slash pine (Southern half of State)

30,000 loblolly pine (extreme North Ala.)

10,000 red cedar (central and North Ala.)

Instructions for ordering will be sent to each FFA Adviser in early January. Details will be sent then but can say that the old price of 50 cents per thousand will hold.

No, this will not be enough seedlings. But, glad to announce that Mr. Stauffer, State Forester and Mr. Moreno, State Chamber of Commerce promises us 670,000 seedlings next year.



J. M. Stauffer



J. E. Moreno

Mr. Stauffer is State Forester and Mr. Moreno is Director of Agricultural Division of State Chamber of Commerce. These gentlemen are responsible for again making forestry seedlings available to Alabama Future Farmers. Now, we will do our part.

### 4 Instead Of 1

"I would suggest that in your next publication you state that four boys will be given trips." So wrote Mr. Robert Hoskins, Forester for Seaboard Railway a few days ago.

This means that four of you Future Farmer Foresters will get a trip to a forestry camp next summer. Mr. Hoskins advises that this is being done to encourage more and better forestry projects in Alabama. Last year we had only one to get this out-of-state trip. Carl Watson, now State Vice-President, went to Florida for two weeks. See cover page.

What can you do to be one of the four winning this free trip to Forestry Camp? Well, get that forestry project in good shape. Check the score card in the Forestry Project Contest. Watch those improved practices. Plant some more seedlings. Help improve your chapter demonstration plot. And keep those fires out.

### State Champion Speakers

- 1936—John Calhoun, Notasulga
- 1937—Roy Fuller, Notasulga
- 1938—Glenn Curlee, Holtville
- 1939—Claborne Brazeal, Reform
- 1940—R. C. Horn, Samson
- 1941—R. L. Jones, Carrollton
- 1942—Dan Easterling, Clio
- 1943—Ralph Tanner, Corner
- 1944—Jack Helms, Enterprise
- 1945—Max McLaughlin, Blue Springs
- 1946—Bill Hobbs, Jacksonville
- 1947—? ?

### FFA GOES TO COLLEGE

The Auburn Collegiate FFA Chapter had 118 members present at their first regular meeting this fall. The chapter is made up of former FFA members and others studying to be teachers of vocational agriculture.

Officers are John Deloney, Ozark, President; Robert Denson, Lineville, Vice-President; Ollie Williamson, Rawls, Secretary; Waddy Thompson, Seale, Treasurer; Jack Martin, Enterprise, reporter; and R. W. Montgomery, Adviser.

### FINAL CHAPTER SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held in January.
2. Methods of eliminations in chapter to be determined by local adviser and other chapter officers.
3. Official judging sheets to be used will be furnished by State F.F.A. office.
4. Results of chapter contest, including name and subject of winning speaker to be mailed at once to C. C. Scarborough, Auburn, Alabama. (Must be in Auburn by February 5th).
5. Three copies of the winner's manuscript sent to adviser holding county contest one week in advance of the county contest.
6. Award for 1st place will be made by State Association. Local chapters may award additional prizes.
7. Winner will compete in the county contest.

## Alabama's First Star Farmer Is A Real Farmer

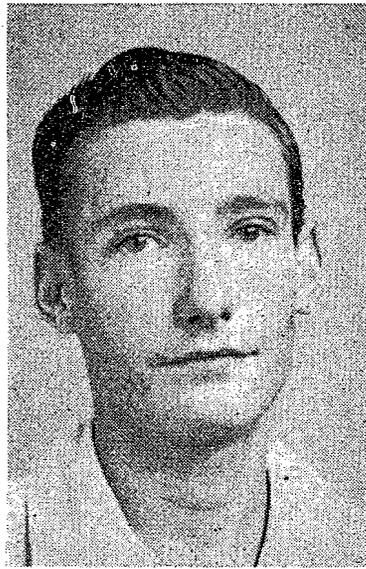
Would you quit playing football to milk cows?

That's just what Joe Minter, Camp Hill Future Farmer, did! What happened then? Well, for one thing Joe won the honor of being Alabama's first **Star Farmer**. To make the honor more fun for Joe he got \$100 from FFA Foundation.

The Star Farmer Award is the annual recognition of the top State Farmer in Alabama. Joe was judged to have the best all-round Supervised Farming Program of any of the 147 earning the State Farmer Degree last year.

Joe is rapidly becoming established in dairying. He now owns 13 registered Jerseys—5 cows, 6 heifers, and 2 bulls. He built his own milking house, including the stanchions. He also poured the concrete floor. His most recent purchase is a milking machine which he installed himself. This allowed him to increase his milk cows from three to twelve. He is selling whole milk to the Carnation Plant in Dadeville. He has sold over \$1,300 worth of milk since January 1, 1946, averaging over \$200 per month. The plant is only 13 miles from Joe's farm, which promises a ready market for expanded production.

Joe knows dairy cattle. He can tell you at once all about the pedigree and line of breeding of his



Joe Minter

Jerseys. He knows how to show cattle. He has been winning prizes in the ring since 1941. That year he had the prize junior yearling at Dadeville, 5th at Columbus and 6th at Birmingham. Joe was a 4-H Club member in 1940-1943. He entered vocational agriculture in 1944 and has been active in FFA. He is president of the Camp Hill FFA chapter this year. His adviser is T. M. Pruitt. Mr. Pruitt believes Joe is making one of the leading farmers in that section.

Joe produces his own feed. Twelve acres of yellow Kentucky Hybrid corn this year looks like about 700 bushels to help in his home grown feed program. Forty acres of rye grass and crimson clover for grazing was put in this past year. This large acreage was put in because of the success of a small patch Joe planted in 1944. Over 1,000 pounds of rye grass seed were combined last year. This was seeded this fall for still more grazing.

His greatest ambition is to become a good farmer and the home situation will help him realize this ambition soon. There are only two children, and plans are now for the farm to be divided two ways. Joe is to inherit the old home place while his sister will get the present home. Joe's mother and father have refinished the old home place and plan to move back to it with Joe next year. This old home place is beautiful, the house itself as well as the setting. Joe, with advice of teacher of vocational agriculture, landscaped the grounds the past year. All conveniences possible in the country are available. For example, a huge spring just below the house furnishes the water supply, it is piped to the barn from which a pipe carries the excess water to the fish pond below. Yes, Joe is a lucky farm boy and knows it!



Scenes like this can take place again this year. More pine seedlings can be ordered as we did for several years. Sidney Lanier Future Farmers are shown setting their pine seedling on the big Montgomery school campus in 1944. Ben P. Dilworth was FFA Adviser at the time.

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### Our Platform for Alabama FFA

1. Every farm boy in high school taking three years of vocational agriculture.
2. Every boy in vocational agriculture an active FFA member.
3. All the State and American Farmers allowed under the Constitution each year.
4. Two State camps owned and operated by and for Alabama Future Farmers.

## National Convention

Nine from Alabama attended the 19th National Convention. Our delegates were: Edsel Thomaston, Kinston, State President and Carl Watson, Georgiana, Vice-President. William Collins, Pine Apple went to get his American Farmer Degree in person. Numan Jacobs, Northport, was a candidate for National office. Joe Farquhar, Livingston and Mack Hood, Cullman made the big trip free. They won the free trip with their winners in the Birmingham Fat Stock Show last spring. It pays to win. Billy and Gwin Pirkle represented the Morgan County FFA. The purchaser of tickets and general guide was C. C. Scarborough, Executive Secretary of the FFA. A good time was had by all. Regret to report that Numan was not successful in his bid for National office. By the way, we have had only one National officer from Alabama all these 18 years. What's wrong with us you reckon, Suh?

The best brief writeup of the Convention was in **The Furrow** magazine as follows:

"Ten thousand strong, Future Farmers from every part of the nation stormed Kansas City, Mo., October 21-24 for their Victory Convention. Beyond doubt, it was the largest and most impressive and successful of the nineteen national meetings they have held—for there was sadness, as they stood in solemn tribute to the 7,188 of their number who died in World War II . . . laughter, as they applauded radio and film stars who appeared on their programs . . . debate, orderly but none-the-less shrewd and spirited, as official delegates considered important problems . . . unity, once the will of the majority was established . . . excitement, as winners of hard-won awards were announced . . . reunions . . . seeking and finding of new friends—all the necessary elements for a constructive and memorable convention. And when the gavel had fallen for the last time, every non-member visitor (there were scores upon scores of them) knew that he had seen . . . in action . . . an organization which embodies and practices the finest ideals and qualities of Americanism.

## Still Winning



R. L. Jones

Our 1941 State and National Champion Speaker is still winning! The Birmingham News recently carried the following article:

UNIVERSITY, Ala., Nov. 27 — Richard Jones, of Carrollton, a student at the university, won first place in the first annual Alabama Discussion Tournament sponsored by the speech department and held at the University of Alabama.

Jones scored a total of 401 points out of a possible 456 and received three superior ratings and two ratings of excellent in the six discussion stages which were held on the theme: "That labor should be given a direct share in the management of industry."

Students from the university, Spring Hill, Alabama College and Auburn participated.—Birmingham News.

**LAST CALL  
FINAL CHAPTER  
SPEAKING CONTEST**

## Leaders Of Alabama's Two Best Youth Groups

Kinston, Alabama  
December 10, 1946

Dear F.F.A. Chapter President:

The county F.F.A. public speaking contests will be held in February. To have a good Chapter speaker in January, we must start now.

Last year 1,500 boys entered the public speaking contests in our State. State membership at that time was 7,300. The reported membership of 201 Chapters today shows 8,938 with a prospective total of above 9,000. With this increased membership, let us hit the 2,500 mark in our public speaking contests.

Too many boys think they have to be a "Natural" to speak, but under the present system of judging only 10% is given to voice while twice as much is given to response to questions.

I had the pleasure of hearing the National winner at Kansas City in October. He was good, I'll admit but not any better, perhaps, than some of you could be with a little encouragement and a lot of hard work.

F.F.A. is good training in leadership and cooperation. I think it is the best training that any farm boy can get anywhere but the old saying goes, "one only gets out of a thing what he puts into it."

You know as well as I, that to be a leader you have to be a public speaker. Tomorrow, Alabama's present leaders will be gone and their places will be taken by those who have had the best leadership training. I can not think of a better place to get this training than in our public speaking contests.

Let's make this 12th Annual F.F.A. public speaking contest the biggest and best we've ever had in Alabama. Let's boost the contest, encourage those who have the grit to try, and we all will have our reward.

Good luck!

Edsel Thomaston State President

**WANTED:** A basso to make the 4th in the Samson FFA Quartet. Lamar Preachers, Henry Messer and Robert Paul are all tuned up but the low notes are missing.



Farmer, High School Boy, FFA leader, Navy Veteran. That's the unusual combination of our State FFA president this year. He is Edsel Thomaston, State Farmer from Kinston in Coffee County. Here's a short story of our president.

Edsel started vocational agriculture and FFA work as a Jr. 3. The next year he was elected reporter then vice-president of his chapter. About this time Uncle Sam said "I want you." Great Lakes, West Coast ports and the Philippines were part of Edsel's Navy life. He was in the Ship Salvage Fire Fighting Rescue Unit.

Last April 20 Edsel got that duck in New Orleans and came back to take up farming, high school and FFA again. Edsel says the biggest surprise of his life was when he was elected State FFA President.

What does our State President plan to do? Make a teacher of vocational agriculture.

### Treasurer's Thrift Thoughts

When we enter F.F.A. work we find that each member is a private chapter within himself. He has his own program of work, a financial or thrift program, and he should work out a social program to correspond with each of the others. Too often we strain our financial or thrift pro-



Elna Frame, Riverton Future Homemaker, is president of the Alabama FHA. This job is just one of many Elna does—and does well. One story says she plays basketball with the boys. Well, if true, that certainly should keep plenty of boys out for basketball at Riverton! She likes to wear jeans and no shoes.

She is feeding out an Angus calf to exhibit at Birmingham Fat Stock Show next Spring. Say, Elna maybe you joined the wrong crowd. Sounds like you would be a good Future Farmer!

gram with our social program. By this I mean we spend our money foolishly.

So to save our money why not try the thrift bank plan? Right now it is very easy to make money. If we can not save some of it, it does us little good.

Here are some thrift questions we should ask ourselves before making purchases.

1. Do I want or need the goods or service?
2. Is the type and kind appropriate?
3. Is the size or amount and the quality adequate?
4. Is the price right?
5. Can I afford it?

Thrift is the foundation stone in the F. F. A. structure. Our organization is noted for paying its own way.

Yours truly  
Kerna B. Tidwell State Treasurer.

## Fact Filosophy Activities

Apologies to FFA Advisers G. W. Ward, Glencoe, W. W. Rodgers, Fayette, and J. L. Parish, Geneva. We forgot them in listing State quartet and speaking finalists in last issue and to make the error almost complete we had L. E. Porter, Blue Springs Adviser as Mr. Potter. If you men have quartets and speakers in the finals this year, the Editor promises proper recognition, including your picture too!

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Ashville FFA Quartet is heard twice a month over WJBY. They're also on the regular Saturday program over WSGN December 21st. Guess Ashville will enter that Radio program contest. They also have a string band.

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Floralia made \$73.50 on sale of subscriptions to local newspaper. Manual McNeil was top man with 27 subscriptions.

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Reports are that Hackleburg Future Farmers all are entering the speaking contest. That's the spirit, you can't lose in this deal.

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Haleyville officers are planning some type of award for best all round FFA boy. What about your chapter?

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How do you like this? Prince Preston, Billy Smith and Don Walker, Pell City Future Farmers are working hard for that State Farmer Degree next summer. That's good. Don't forget that we will have more eligible than we can approve. Therefore, the weaker applications will fail to make it even though they qualify. Check yourself against the requirements. NOW.

## Chapter Quartet

### TUNE UP

for

## County Contest

In February



Kudzu Seedings

People from many parts of the world have been to Clay County to see the kudzu. Kudzu has been a major crop in Clay County for several years. It seems ideal for those red hills. Saves the soil, gives good grazing and the best hay. Many farmers have the idea they must "give" the land to the acreage needed in kudzu. Clay County farmers have found that a kudzu and corn rotation improves both.

Future Farmers in all four FFA chapters in Clay County have had an active part in the growth of kudzu.

Shown at the left in the above picture are Benton Young, Clarence Gaddy and Horace Mattox, Ashland Future Farmers. They are in Benton's kudzu plants grown from seedlings. Each of these boys got five pounds of seed at \$2.25 per pound. They were planted in May on about one-third acre. Each expects to produce from \$75-\$100 worth of seedlings. E. G. Whatley is teacher of vocational agriculture.

At Lineville this past year 25 pounds of kudzu seed were planted by FFA members for seed. Billy Todd, Buford Hill, Harold Harris and FFA Adviser E. E. Nelson all have seedlings for home use and to sell.

Down at Millerville, five Future Farmers have kudzu seed projects



George Burns

this year. Braxton Young, Hulon Catchings, Elwyn Martin, Braxton Anderson, and Martin Carr planted 23 pounds of kudzu seed last spring. The total cost of seed and fertilizer was \$68.65. D. F. Holcombe, FFA Adviser, estimates at least 30,000 seedlings will be dug in February to sell at \$10 per thousand.

H. S. McKay, Ag teacher at Mel-low Valley reports that Jack Denham added one-fourth acre kudzu seedlings to his farming program. Although he got a thin stand, Jack expects to use some seedlings on his farm and sell the surplus. Jack believes that late planting was main cause of poor stand. The FFA is proud of its part in helping make kudzu an important crop in Clay County. But the major share of the credit must go to Mr. George Burns, shown above. He is now with Soil Conservation Service in Clay County and has been for several years. But for many years he has been preaching and demonstrating good farm practices in the county. Mr. Burns is a friend of the farmer and a believer in Future Farmers.

Name of  
American Farmer  
Applicants by Jan. 15  
To Executive Secretary

### Honorary State Farmer

"I still do a lot of bragging about the boys selecting me an Honorary State Farmer and I appreciate it very much," said Mr. Luther Fuller recently. Well, Mr. Fuller we are just as proud to have you too. Your interest and cooperation is appreciated.

The citation past president Max McLaughlin read to the House of Delegates at the State Convention was as follows:

"Mr. Fuller has done many things, any of which might earn for him the Honorary State Farmer Degree. He has been instrumental in making the Birmingham Fat Stock Show a success. This show has meant dollars in the pockets of our boys and sound publicity to our FFA work. In addition, he and his staff aid us in putting over livestock shows all over the State. We give Mr. Fuller credit for getting our State President a visit to the White House and a nice, friendly visit with President



Luther Fuller

Truman this spring in connection with the Birmingham Fat Stock Show.



The above picture shows Bobby Cates of the Jemison chapter of FFA with his Hereford calf he is feeding for the Birmingham stock show this spring.

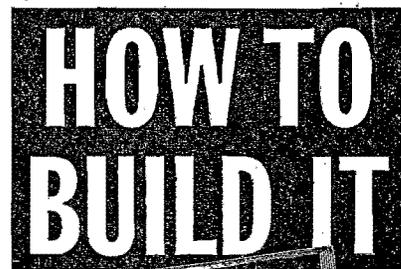
In addition to his calf, Bobby has 8 acres of corn, 2 acres of oats and 1 acre of sorghum for productive projects. He plans to have Soil Improvement, Pasture Improvement, and Home Improvement in addition to his productive projects.

Dan Lowery—Reporter

### Beulah Chapter Program

December 5, 1946

1. Opening Ceremony.
2. Song "America"—Led by Bobby Sharman.
3. Causes of Accidents in the Home—Charles Jones.
4. Poem "You Bet Your Life"—Jack Bailey.
5. What Future Farmers Can Do To Prevent Accidents on the Farm—Harold Jones.
6. Safety on the Highway—Horace Myhand.
7. Closing Ceremony.



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### NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

#### RULES:

1. Any active F.F.A. chapter may enter.
2. Only 2 reports are necessary.
  - a. Entry blank in State F.F.A. office by January 15, 1947.
  - b. Final report in State F.F.A. office by June 30, 1947.
3. State F.F.A. office will send to each chapter the blanks and information needed for making both the above reports.
4. State F.F.A. office will forward all creditable entries to the National F.F.A. office.
5. No scrapbooks may be submitted.
7. Special attention should be given to the **SCORE CARD** in making out Entry Blank as well as Final Report of accomplishments.

#### AWARDS

\$10 each to the two chapters making best Final Reports. These two chapters will be eligible for National awards.

## Tours Worth The Trouble?

If you are familiar with your state program of work for 1946-47 you know that one of the goals under Supervised Farming is that each chapter conduct one or more project tours. I think this is overlooked by some chapters as not being important, or maybe your chapter is one that decides this is too much trouble.

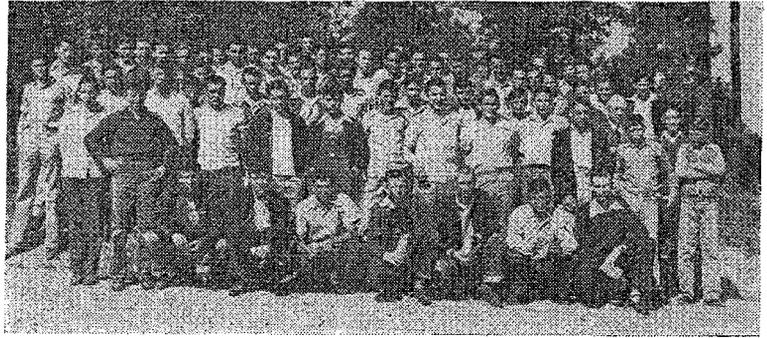
Trouble or not, this is an important part in the farming program of every FFA member. It gives the members and adviser of each chapter a chance to help boys with their projects, and besides, who won't have a better project if he knows others are going to see it?

Not only does the boy with the project benefit, but every member of the chapter can get new ideas from others. The Greenhands can see how it is done by some of the older boys.

And don't forget, you can have a lot of fun on project tours, so come on fellows, let's go visiting.

Joe Pace Palmer  
State Reporter

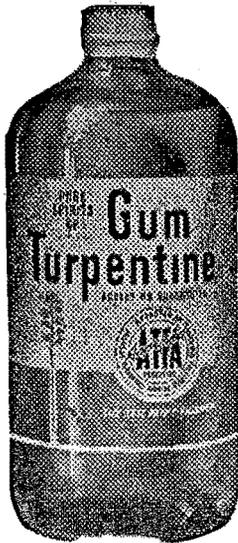
## Pell City Chapter Does Things



Here is one of the most active FFA chapters in the State. Just how they get so many things done is a secret. But part of the "secret" may be that these Pell City Future Farmers WORK on their FFA. On the Manual, officers duties, committees, degrees, publicity, contests, and the many other activities of a busy FFA chapter.

Much credit must go to the well trained chapter officers. In the Pell City chapter shown above the officers are in the front row. They are, left to right, Edward Walker, President; Bob Bain, Vice-President; Walter Tucker, Secretary; Ray Watson, Treasurer; Tom Fulmer, Reporter; A. C. Morrow, Sentinel; Ed Henson, Assistant Reporter; John Turner, Parliamentarian. Mr. J. W. Locke, the able adviser is the gentleman with the receding hair line, 2nd from the right in the third row.

Walter, A. C. and Mr. Locke are State Farmers. Others are Chapter Farmers. Sorry space does not permit naming entire membership.



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