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PRESIDENT MEETS PRESIDENT



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Max McLaughlin, State FFA President, invites President Truman to the Birmingham Fat Stock Show. Helping Max hold the Angus calf they carried in the plane as a present for President Truman is Billy Smith, 4-H club president. Looking on is Senator Bankhead and Congressman Boykin. Mr. Luther Fuller, T.C.I., who planned the whole thing is standing directly behind Billy Smith.

Max says that the President was very nice and talked to him and Billy for some time. Max thinks the president's pictures do not do him justice, making him look older and thinner than he actually is.

What became of the calf? He was sent to Secretary Anderson's farm to be later sent to Europe to help feed the hungry people. No, the President couldn't come to the Birmingham Stock Show. By the way, Max says not to forget to mention that Luther Fuller's daughter also made the flying trip to Washington.

State Forestry Camp

July 29 - August 3

Mr. J. C. Cannon, State Adviser, announces Alabama's first statewide Forestry Camp. It is to be at Camp Grist, near Selma, and will be a joint camp with 4H Club. FFA will come from South Alabama and 4H Club from North Alabama. One boy from each county will attend.

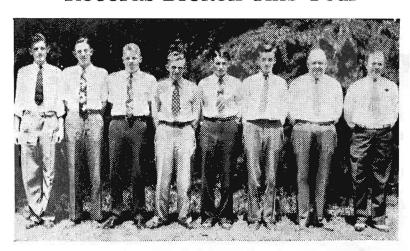
The camp is being conducted under supervision of J. M. Stauffer, State Forester.

Hey, Something New!

Camp Hill Future Farmers furnished cans and canned 263 No. 3 cans of turnip greens for hungry people in Europe. FHA helped prepare and can the vegetables. The work was done after school closed.

Now here's the best part of the story. The vegetables were grown in the Lab area. To make this job more interesting the garden was divided into plots and a contest started. Charles Sullivan, John Orr, Joe Minter and Ben Henderson won flashlights as prize winners. W. J. Hicks, local garden expert was the judge.

Records Broken This Year



State officers are proud of the good work of Alabama Future Farmers this year. In spite of lower enrollment in Vocational Agricultural classes, FFA membership has increased. 7354 paid members set a new record for Alabama. The officers are, I to r. Max McLaughlin, Blue Springs, President; Freddie Duke, West Point, Vice-President; Joe Hughes, Geneva, Secretary; Martin Cranford, Arab, Treasurer; Marlin Robinson, Susan Moore, Reporter; Charles Stringfellow, Greenville, Sentinel; J. C. Cannon, Montgomery, Adviser; L. L. Sellers, Auburn, Assistant Adviser.

Ag Teachers Meet

Teachers of Vocational Agriculture meet in Auburn July 15, for their first School of Instruction since before the war. Officers of the



Alsobrook

group, elected at AEA, are P. H. Alsobrook, Notasulga, President; B. P. Dilworth, Sidney Lanier, Vice President; M. Thornton, Lexington, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Thornton is serving his ? consecutive year in this office.



Dilworth



Thornton

Welcome Sister

The Alabama Future Homemakers are now a part of the newly formed National FFA. The organization was officially set up following a series of meetings for the past several vears.

We are expecting Alabama Future Homemakers to show the girls in these other states how to do things. Yes Ma'am, we sho are specting ya'll to do well! Alabama's FHA officers this year are:

President Melba Mitchell Gaylesville

Vice-President Tommye J. Sellers Ramer

..... Tootsie Moore Secretary Beatrice

Treasurer Dorothy G. Murphy Sulligent

Parliamentarian Rebecca Gullate Beauregard

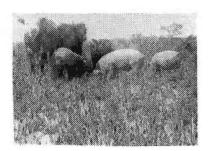
Adviser Rubye Lee Robinson Alabama College

Ferdinand

"The South will prosper when its fields are green in the winter," Henry Grady believed years ago. The Riverton Future Farmers are about to agree. Here's the timely story sent in by Adviser J. D. Wigley:

Riverton F.F.A. chapter has conducted grazing demonstrations on the two acre school laboratory area the past three years. This year proved to be very profitable financially as well as instructional with the two calves and three hogs used in conducting the demonstration clearing about \$16.00.

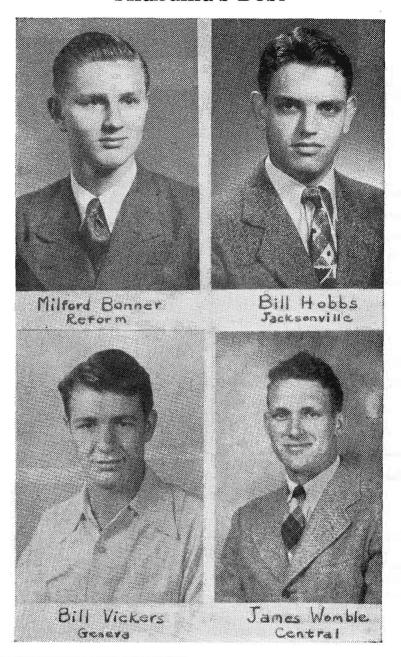
The plot was broken and planted in crimson clover and barley early in September. On October 31 two yearlings were purchased from the Madison County Livestock Market and placed on the clover the same day and were not removed in spite of extreme rainfall and heavy freezes. Three pigs, weighing 20 pounds each, were added November 21, and remained on the clover until sold May 20, at which time the average weight was 215 pounds each.



"Ferdinand," a grade Hereford steer weighing 475 pounds and costing \$54.62 and "Blackie", a grade Angus heifer weighing 415 pounds and costing \$41.58 were the cattle purchased for the test. The Heifer dropped a calf one night late in January when the ground was covered with a fairly large snow. In spite of the calf being black the boys named her "Snowball".

The cattle consumed 14 bushels corn, 150 pounds alfalfa hay, and salt, at a cost of \$25.10. Ferdinand was sold May 20, weighing 855 pounds @ 17c for \$145.35. Blackie and her offspring, Snowball, are conservatively valued at \$100.00. Thus the two acres grazing for the cattle was worth \$122.55 or \$61.23

Alabama's Best



per acre.

There is no way of accurately determining the net value of the grazing for the three hogs since they received some scraps from the school lunch room. It was found in the grazing demonstration two years ago, however, that pork could be produced much cheaper grazing crimson clover and feeding corn, than the feeding of supplement and corn.

Here are Alabama's top Future Farmer speakers. Coming all the way from the chapter contests last January, they are in State finals. Monday night July 15, we will know who is our State Champion. But we won't have to wait till then to learn the winner. Ask these fellows, they are all winners.

By the way to get here in June these fellows had to start in the chapter in January. Hint, Hint, Hint.

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What's Wrong With Cornbread

By Foods Editor

President Truman, Sec. Anderson and others have listed a dozen or so things to do to help save wheat to feed the hungry folks in Europe. Some of their suggestions would no doubt help but not even a mention was made of cornbread. Now just why this fact was not mentioned is more than I can understand. Certainly any Alabama Future Farmer would have listed use of cornbread as the answer to the reduced consumption of wheat. Now I have met a few people in Alabama who liked cornbread only twice a day. I guess that it might be O. K. to use biscuit (or toast if you're sorta modern) for breakfast. But now that we need to ship more wheat to the starving folks a nice brown, hot hoecake with ham and eggs and gravy makes a good beginning for the day. And

Clanton FFA Sees Experiment Station

By Thomas Mims

Members of the Vocational Agriculture classes at the Chilton County High School went to Auburn to make a tour of the Alabama Experiment Station on Friday, May 10. We went by Wetumpka and Tallassee and stopped at Notasulga to see



the post treating plant located at the Macon County High School. Mr. Alsobrook, teacher of vocational agriculture, explained to us the operating procedures, costs, advantages, etc. of the yat.

From Notasulga we went to Auburn. Prof. Grimes, Head of the Animal Husbandry Department, showed us some of the work being carried on by his department. We were shown some very interesting things about beef cattle production



of course no well fed household would think of eating hot vegetables at dinner (lunch if you prefer) without cornbread. Of course supper depends entirely upon the results of dinner. But cold corn bread with cold vegetables (plus "potliker") and cold buttermilk would satisfy anyone for the 3rd meal of the day. Of course a little flour might be needed in cooking but wouldn't amount to much.

We have not yet had a chance to run tests for calories, proteins, vitamins and stuff. However, experience leads us to believe the above ration to rate 3-square. and how to plan a year-round pasture, which is very important in beef management. It was interesting to see how worthless land can be made very useful.

Prof. Ware, Head of the Horticulture department had a very interesting program planned. He is doing research work with the sweetpotato and has developed several new foods which we thought were very good. He served us several candies, breakfast cereals, and also a malted milk shake, all made from sweetpotato.

Dr. Sturkie, representing the Agronomy and Soils Department, showed us many experimental plots of alfalfa and told what it takes to grow alfalfa successfully in Alabama.

Another interesting part of the tour was the farm fish ponds, which was explained to us by Mr. Prather of the Wildlife department.

The Alabama Experiment Station works to help the farmers of Alabama. They raise different crops and animals to learn new and better ways of farming.

We came back to Clanton by the way of Montgomery.

Thanks



Philip Guarisco says, "a friend in need is a friend indeed" certainly applies to Fairhope FFA chapter. Etheridge Manci, Chapter President, is shown above giving Philip \$136 collected by Future Farmers. This money was to help Philip replace personal things lost when his home burned.

Blue Springs, Fayette, Glenco, Hanceville in Quartet Finals July 15 State Convention to Be Held in Auburn in August

TOURS

Educational tours are important activities in every FFA Chapter. There are various types of tours that may be classified as educational tours, such as; field trips, project tours and any place of interest. Field trips supervised properly are very educational. Project tours are not only educational, but exceptionally interesting and enjoyable as the chapter members visit each others supervised farming program.

A most interesting and educational phase of our work might be a trip to some place of interest, which might even be out of our own state. We could then observe the different types of farming as practiced by boys in other states, and make the trip a sight seeing one as well. I think this is one of the most important trips that a chapter could make. Each chapter if it is possible should make one of these trips.

The funds for any of these trips could come out of the Chapter's account, or at least part of it, the rest could be paid by the individual himself.

These trips should be very carefully planned before going.

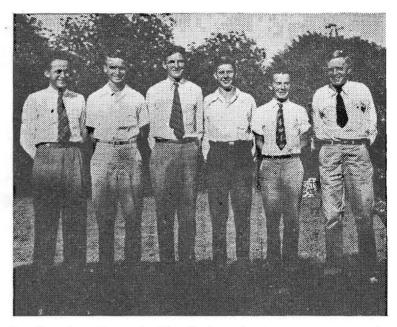
Martin Cranford State Treasurer

Twins



Reese Culpepper, Winterboro Future Farmer, has double reason to be interested in his livestock work. The twin calves, heifer and bull, are doing well.

Big Year At Blue Springs



Leading the wide-awake Blue Springs chapter past year were these officers: I to r, Howard Sheehane, reporter; Wayne McLaughlin, secretary; Max McLaughlin, president; Pershing Pitts, treasurer; Kermit Parmer, vice-president; L. E. Porter, adviser.

Blue Springs Future Farmers took the lead in starting the Post Treating Plant there. After studying the need and problems to face, the chapter decided to build the plant. Not only did they TALK and PLAN but WORK, as shown here. Below is a letter sent to all farmers in the community.



Blue Springs, Alabama April 20, 1946

Dear Friend:

We are pleased to inform you that our post treating plant being erected on our school campus is progressing nicely. The vat and steam line have been installed and paid for. We also have enough creosote on hand and paid for to charge the vat the first time. People have cooperated nicely with contributions for this project. Towever, we must yet raise sufficient funds to shed the vat.

If you need posts later on in the year it is necessary that you cut, peel and dry your posts three or four months before treating them. Timber such as Gum, Poplar, Bay and Pine will make posts that will last from 12 to 18 years or longer. By the time you have posts ready we will be ready to treat them.

If you have not contributed to this project your donation will be appreciated, and will enable us to complete the plant soon.

Howard Sheehane, Reporter Pershing Pitts, Treasurer

Very truly yours,
orter Blue Springs F.F.A. Chapter.
er Max McLaughlin, President
L. E. Porter, Adviser.

COLLINSVILLE CALVES COP CASH

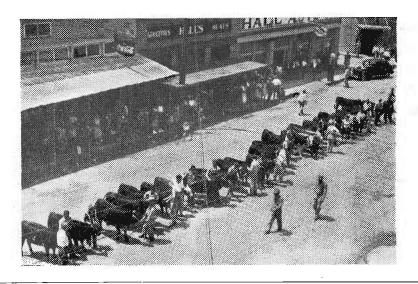
Collinsville Future Farmers did all right with their beef calves this year. After taking all top honors in DeKalb, they went to Birmingham and rated well in the Fat Stock Show there.

In the county show, seen here being held on Main Street in Collinsville. Herbert Cunningham showed Grand Champion of the 33 entires. Bill Drake had reserve champion. In addition to prize money Herbert will receive a calf from Birmingham News - Age - Herald and WSGN. Twenty-one boys showed 31 calves in Birmingham and proved themselves ready for the big show. They received \$7,385.41. The total cost of calves and feed was \$4,402.89. This left a net income of \$2,982.52. Collinsville FFA also won 2nd place in the county exhibits. This meant \$25 in the FFA treasury. Total prize money received was \$181.

At this Birmingham Show, Bill Drake's Hereford was judged the best in the light-weight class. Other placings near the top included two 4th, two 5th, a 6th, 7th, and 12th.



"Pretty good for January," says Ricky Wood, future Future Farmer of Kinston in looking over the Blue Lupine grown in the Lab Area by his Dad, Adviser F. W. Wood and Kinston Future Farm-



Going To Washington

If so write C. C. Scarborough, Executive Secretary, Auburn, Alabama for information on National FFA Camp. It's open, but you must make reservation in advance.

Mr. Chapter President, start making plans **now** to attend State Convention. It is being planned for you.

Ferdinand, Blackie, Snowball, and three pigs were used in grazing demonstration on the two acre lab area. Gave a labor income of \$160 for the Riverton Future Farmers. (See story).

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The above ad appeared in The Montgomery Advertiser Monday, June 3. To add to its interest it was opposite the editorial page and in the midst of a heated political campaign. You complete the story.

FFA and Hula Popular in Hawaii

Hawaii believes in the FFA. Below is the tribute given in "Hawaii Farm and Home." This was in a very attractive 80 page annual FFA edition of the island magazine.

This month Hawaii Farm and Home pays special tribute to the outstanding young farmer organization in the territory and the nation—the Future Farmers of America. This month representatives of the many chapters in Hawaii will gather in Maui for a three-day conference, the first such large conclave since pre-Pearl Harbor days.

The Future Farmers of America, a non-profit, non-political farm youth organization of voluntary membership, is undoubtedly one of the most important youth organizations in our country today. Here in the territory its achievements and success in the years to come will have much to do with the success or failure of our island agricultural economy.

Our Future Farmers of America groups are 100 percent American in their activities, their ideals, their outlook and their hopes. The motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live and Living to Serve," is a practical philosophy that is a credit to our farm youth, the "backbone of a nation."

Sightseeing at Reeltown

All junior dairymen from our school went on a field trip March 26. Our first stop was to see Mr. Hershel Baker's fine Guernsey cows and his fine pasture of Manganese Bur Clover. Mr. Baker had some of the finest cows and pasture in our community. The next stop was to see Mr. Truett Johnson's cows. He has five fine pure bred heifers and a bull. All of the heifers are springing. The next stop was at Joe Minter's. There we saw a fine herd of Jersey cows and heifers. Joe showed us his cow that won first place at the Dadeville show last year. Mr. Minter probably has the finest grazing in Tallapoosa County this year. Those red hills are almost knee deep in Crimson Clover and Rye Grass. What we saw of Joe Minter's cows was an inspiration to the boys.

Our next stop was to see a field of Alfalfa near Dadeville. The Alfalfa will be ready to cut in a week or so and is really a sight to see. Our last stop was at the Carnation Plant. We were shown through the plant and served some very delicious chocolate milk. We had lunch in Dadeville and returned home in time to catch the buses. Our adviser, Mr. Staggers, Mr. J. M. Henson, and Mr. Truitt Johnson accompanied us on the trip. Unfortunately, Mr. Staggers was unable to use the Kodocrome film bought for the occasion due to poor weather and light conditions.

> Billy Smith, Reporter Reeltown Chapter.

Maw's callin' from the milk-house, Callin' stern:

"Jim, yu' lazy good fer nuthin', Come and churn."

Paw's callin' from the corn-patch, Callin' loud:

"James, yer hulkin', stupid loafer, Time yer plowed."

Nature's callin' from the troutbrook,

Callin, whish:

"Son, yer por tired, lazy feller, Come and fish."

Stranger, if we just swapped places,

Put it clear:

Which of all the three a-callin' Would you hear?

FFA Trading Post

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Want To Buy

Reg. med. bone Poland China male and two gilts, about 70 lb. Cherokee FFA

I. P. Thornton, Adviser

CHAPTER NEWS

Addison—The chapter enjoyed a speech from Freddie Duke, Vice-President State Association on "How To Make Your Chapter Better." Akron—Elected officers for 1946-47; All members attended cattle show and Rodeo in Birmingham; appoint-Activity Committee; ed Summer cleared \$143.00 from candy store and Coca Cola machine. Albertville— Instruction and initiation of Green-hands and Chapter Farmers; election of new officers for 1946 - 47. **Arley**—Plans for summer activities. Ashford-To meet monthly during summer. Atmore — Visited Little River State Park. Auburn — Sponsored opening day of canning plant and was host to 350 people; planned for summer meetings and recreation; elected officers for next year; winner of county softball tournament.

Baker — F.F.A.-F.H.A. Banquet. B. B. Comer — Elected officers for 1946-47. Beauregard — Elected new officers. Beulah—Program for May 7th—"The Future Farmer of America Foundation;" May 21—"What Members of Local F.F.A. Chapter should do during summer;" had fishfry jointly with F.H.A. Blue Springs — Elected new officers. Brilliant—Planned a rat campaign, boys mixed and delivered poison to homes. Camden—Screened porch of

principal's home. Camp Hill—elected new officers for 1946-47. Castleberry—Worked on Post Creosoting Plant.

Cedar Bluff—F.F.A. Quartet singing at church programs. Chatom—Planning a summer tour. Cherokee—Made 5 sets of lawn furniture and 5 porch swings; inoculated 200 hogs. Clanton—Chapter attended fat stock show; toured Alabama Experiment Station; sodded lawn around canning plant. Collinsville—Showed 29 calves in Birmingham show. Corner—Installed new officers, initiated 15

chapter farmers.

Electic — Worked on cannery building. Elba—45,000 potato plants pulled from the chapter hot bed and planted by members; made plans for summer work, will meet twice each month at night. Enterprise—Raising \$100 to contribute on school rip saw. Fairhope — Purchased 10 books for Agricultural Library; made plans for summer camping trip. Falkville—Using opening ceremony—stressing parlimentary procedure; seven members sold 12 calves at Fat Show in Birmingham. Fayette — Made plans for other meetings and activities for the summer. Florala — Joe Hughes, State Secretary spoke to chapter. Foley—Planned summer program and tour; keeping accurate summer records. Frisco City—Chapter collected and crated 250 cans of food for the National Emergency Food drive; made plans to go to the Gulf in July.

Georgiana—Elected new officers for 1946-47; checked pine trees; planned fishing trip; ordered new equipment for chapter room. Glencoe—Put on 15 minute radio program over W.J.B.Y. Gadsden. Gorgas —Growing vegetables for lunch room. Grand Bay—Made plans for the summer. Greenville --Sold 80 certified thousand sweet potato plants. Grove Hill—Shelton Baugh, Vice-President of the Chapter the past year will assist Advisor in the operation of the canning plant this summer. **Hackleburg** — Awarded Buddy Campbell official F.F.A. ring for being chapter winner in speaking contest. Haleyville-Elected officers for next school year; went on camping trip to Bankhead National Forest. Hamilton — Officers elected for the new year. Hanceville—Elected officers for 1946-47. Heflin—Visited Fat Stock Show in Birmingham; appointed committee for FFA Banquet

Isabella — Made project tour; sprayed orchards for farmers. Jackson — Planned summer meetings. Jemison — Chapter attended Cattle Show in Birmingham; constructed trailer for chapter. Kinston—Plans made for educational tour; new officers took over to get experience for coming year of F.F.A. work. Sponsored womanless wedding; farmers and business men of this

area took part. F.F.A. band gave 30 minute musical program, made \$90

profit.

Lexington — Practice in use of opening and closing ceremonies; program planned for use at radio station. Lineville—Work on canning plant. Lyeffion—Fed out broilers for FFA and FHA chicken fry. Mc-Kenzie—Completed program of history of county; gave barbeque for FFA and FHA; planned for trip this summer. Marbury—Held annual picnic on the river. Marion—Elected officers for 1946-47; set up summer activity program; appointed necessary committees for chapter; fitted and showed 23 calves at Livestock Show; assisted members in locating feeder calves for 1946-47 shows. Mc-Adory—Elected officers for next year. Moundville—Sold calves at Birmingham. New Brockton—Elected officers for 1946-47. New Hope—Planted one acre of potatoes for school lunch room. New Market—Elected new officers; bought a ditto machine. Notasulga—Surveyed 4 fish ponds; constructed 5 electric brooders; planted a two acre school garden; started a spray schedule on 2 acre school orchard.

2 acre school orchard.

Oakman—100% of members attended calf show in Birmingham.

Ohatchee—Sold potato slips off chapter's potato bed. Oneonta—Initiated two honorary members. Palmetto—Discussion on Parliamentary Procedure; elected officers for next year. Pell City—Three meetings planned for the summer on the first Monday in June July and August

Monday in June, July and August.

Pine Hill—100% members have
home garden. Pisgah—Broadcast an
agricultural program over WAPO
Chattanooga, featuring producing

foods.

Ramer — Elected new officers: Riverton—Held two chapter meetings and discussed plans for summer; grazing demonstration of two calves and three hogs in laboratory area cleared about \$160.00. Rogers-ville—Moved FFA nursery to new area; elected officers for 1946-47. Samson—Chapter officers elected and installed; plans made to hold monthly meetings during the summer months and to make a week end trip to the Gulf Coast after the crops are laid by. Sand Rock—Scarified 200 pounds of sericea seed; treated five tons of cotton seed; planned educational tours for this summer.

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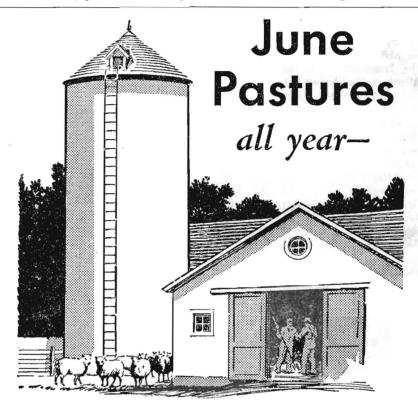
Sidney Lanier — Elected officers for 1946-47; Rotary Club awarded \$100 Victory Bond to Willie James Kirksey as outstanding chapter member for the year; placed 18 aclayes for 1947 spring fat stock show. Slocomb—Finished landscaping school grounds; placed \$200.00 worth of shrubs around school; planning educational tour this summer. Southside — Planned summer meeting dates; recreational tour; appointed committee to work out de-

tails on tour; elected State Convention delegates. **Spring Garden**—Elected officers 1946-47.

Stevenson — Sponsored Jackson County Fat Stock Show; business and activities for the summer months; plans for raising money for the chapter. Straughn—Elected officers for 1946-47; attended the Covington County FFA Social. Sulligent — Thirteen boys bought 16 feeder calves for Fat Stock Show next year. Susan Moore — Chapter purchased 7 officers' "T" shirts with emblems, purchased new pic-

tures of Washington and Jefferson, Honor Scroll, 20 manuals, 25 pamplets on what FFA is and does, these were sent parents and friends.

Tanner—Selected boy to give FFA gilt; growing broilers to buy movie projector. Thomasville—FFA, FHA Banquet made cutting bed and set out cuttings. Town Creek—Held business meeting, discussed plans for the summer. Vernon—Elected officers for coming year and made plans for summer program. Walnut Grove—Attended Fat Stock Show and Rodeo in Birmingham.



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