Mr. L. H. Harris, adviser for the Fairhope FFA Chapter, is shown here proudly inspecting the work of his boys in building and supplying their library. Realizing that many FFA libraries have not made the best use of their books because of poor arrangements in racking, filing, and using, these boys took the first step first and prepared a place and system of keeping their books. The purpose of this picture is to suggest a similar procedure for those chapters attempting a library. Throughout this issue will be found news articles telling how other chapters have improved their libraries, and poems and quotations stressing the importance of good reading habits. Many chapters have library improvement items in their program of work. Others will perhaps realize the value of this activity and set similar goals. Chapters with a balance in their treasury would do well to consider the establishment of a FFA library. No better use could be made of chapter money.
FHA National Organization

The Future Homemakers of America, a national association of white students studying homemaking in junior and senior high schools of the United States, was officially founded June 11, 1945. However, long before that eventful day, many members of state associations had dreams and hopes of some day being a part of the Future Homemakers of America. It was felt that the program of work of local chapters and state organizations would be much more effective if they were a part of a strong national independent organization. Early in 1943 plans were made for an organization of this kind. Finally, the matter was referred to the National Club Advisory Committee of the American Home Economics Association. That committee recommended to the Executive Council that a separate organization be formed. So much was at stake, that a meeting of leaders in homemaking education from all over the United States and the Executive Committee of the American Home Economics Association was held to discuss all the "pros and cons" of the important question: "Will there be a separate independent national organization?" This meeting was held in March 1944 and after lengthy discussions, much weighing and deliberation, a decision was reached that arrangements for a national club organization could be started. Dr. Hazel Frost of the Oklahoma Homemaking Staff, was secured as the National Adviser. Under Dr. Frost's leadership and direction the National Future Homemakers has been started off on the right track.

One of the first undertakings Dr. Frost tackled was the division of the States into four equal regions: The Southern, Pacific, Central and Western. The need for still smaller working groups was felt so each of these four regions were divided into three sub-regions. The Alabama Association is a part of the Southern region and the B sub-region. A series of conferences were held throughout the United States, except during the year 1944-45. Before the close of that year forty-two states and Hawaii had become affiliated with the national organization.

With the reorganization and formation of the national association, the former Future Homemakers of America became the Alabama Association of the Future Homemakers of America.
Yielding’s Project Story

K. Lemone Yielding believes in applying some of the things he learns in vocational agriculture.

He entered first year agriculture in July, 1944, at Cold Springs High School in Cullman County. During his first year he carried out the following program: 1.1 acre peanuts, $72.34; 1 acre potato bed, $1.41; 1 sow litter, $22.58; 100 broilers, $24.18; 1 dairy calf, $2.89; 122 layers, $127.68. He also carried orchard improvement, farm records, and gardening.

At present he is attending Isabella School in Chilton County. He now has the following projects in operation: 2 dairy calves, 1 beef calf, 2 hogs, 2½ acres oats, 250 broilers, ¾ acre watermelons, ¼ acre sweet potatoes, hotbed, and 1½ acre grain sorghum as productive crops. His improvement crops include garden, farm records, home improvement, homestead improvement, pasture improvement, forestry improvement, terracing, dairy herd improvement, orchard improvement, and ag. library. Also he intends to set ½ acre of kudzu. He held the position of reporter one year and is now treasurer of the chapter. Last year he won second place in the Cullman County speaking contest. This year he was fortunate enough to win first place in Chilton County.

Lemone is the son of R. L. Yielding, teacher of vocational agriculture at Isabella High School.

Parliamentary Procedure

Is your chapter up to standard in the conduct of meetings, or do you blunder through with confusion, waste of time, and no results? If so, what should be done about it?

If you are your chapter president you should feel the responsibility of improving your meetings. If you are a member you should see the responsibility of improving yourself to the extent that you can be a good member. It is important for the presiding officer to use good parliamentary procedure, but it is also important for each member to know how to make a motion and discuss it.

One of the purposes of the FFA is to develop leadership ability. In chapter meetings is the best place to develop the ability to conduct good meetings, and to practice good parliamentary procedure.

Your FFA library should be equipped with a copy of Roberts’ Rules of Order, and several copies of some of the special bulletins in which these rules have been applied, especially to FFA use. No chapter should be satisfied until every member knows and practices the correct parliamentary procedure.

Charles Stringfellow
State Sentinel

Neighbor: "Did your garden do well last summer?"

Ag. Teacher’s Wife: "No, every time my husband started digging he found a lot of worms, and so he would quit and go fishing.”

Teacher: “What is cowhide chiefly used for?"

Greenhand: “To hold the cow together.”
Assistant Adviser's Corner

I would like to remind you again that we have only a few days left in which to secure new members for our chapters this year. Let's all do everything we can to set a new record on membership this year. If each chapter will get two additional members by April 1 we can go over the top. We are counting on your chapter.

State Farmer Degree Applicants

The final date for submitting application for the State Farmer Degree was March 1. As of that date we had 180 applications. The Executive Committee will meet in the very near future and pass on these applications. As soon as these applications have been judged the successful candidates will be notified.

We can't help but note that a large number of chapters failed to submit applications this year. If your chapter was one among those which did not submit applications why not plan now to make this a must in your next year's activity program.

Annual Chapter Report

Although the annual chapter report is not due until May 1 it is not too early to begin checking up on your chapter activities so that you will be in position to submit this report on time and in good form. Let's all try this year to make these reports really worthwhile.

While checking accomplishments for the past year, you should also look for and make plans for your next year's program. The accomplishments you report next year will be no better than the plans you make now.

Reforestation

The Pell City FFA Chapter last year started developing a Forestry Project in the rear of the high school grounds. On the two acres of ground suitable for growing trees, 200 Slash and Loblolly Pine seedlings were set in January, 1945. With the growth that was already on the ground this gave a right good stand of trees in this project.

This year undergrowth has been cleared out, the larger pine pruned, ditches filled, and new plantings made.

The seedlings set last year have sufficient growth to get out of the grass. A count made recently showed that 74 out of every 100 seedlings lived and grew.

The best methods of fire prevention and control are being demonstrated. It is hoped that this project will be observed by farmers and timber men in this section as the best timber conservation practices will be used on this area.

Using this as a teaching device, about seventy-five members of the vocational agriculture classes will get first-hand information on Improved Forestry Practices and it will be open for inspection to the public at all times.

Jack Hannah, reporter

Too Busy To Read

An hour with a book would have brought to his mind
The secret that took him a whole year to find.
The facts that he learned at enormous expense
Were all on a library shelf to commence.
Alas! for our hero; too busy to read,
He was also too busy, it proved, to succeed.
We may win without credit, or backing, or style,
Without patience or aptitude, purpose or wit—
We may even succeed if we are lacking in grit;
But take it from me as a mighty safe hint,
A civilized man cannot win without print.

—The Kalends, Aug. 1939.

Lexington FFA Increases Library

Advancing a plan for making additional books available through the FFA library, the Lexington FFA has appointed a special committee to work toward the development of a program for the addition of recently published books to the present library.

C. W. Rippy, Gerald Burch and Hiram McCain are to serve on the committee and it is hoped that plans can be completed in time to purchase books before April 1. The Lexington FFA boys have added approximately 100 books to the library during the last few months. Many of these were sent in by former members of the FFA.

Elton Gray, reporter

Spring fashion note: Young ladies will be wearing the same things in sweaters again this season.

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The Pell City reporter sent in 26 news articles this month, most of which have been published in the local paper. How many did you send in???
BOOks
By Ralph Waldo Emerson
Consider what you have in the smallest chosen library. A company of the wisest and wittiest men that could be picked out of all civil countries, in a thousand years, have set in best order the results of their learning and wisdom. The men themselves were hid and inaccessible, solitary, impatient of interruption, fenced by etiquette; but the thought which they did not uncover to their bosom friend is here written out in transparent words to us, the strangers of another age.

Chapter News
With the hope that it will give some suggestions to other chapters, the following program of the Pell City Chapter for February 14, is passed on.
1. Open Meeting—Officers
2. Bible Reading—Ben Donahoo
3. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting—Bob Bain
4. Roll Call by Secretary—Bob Bain
5. Announce Birthdays for this month—J. P. Berryhill—Awards to each one
6. Report of Committee Appointed for Social with Future Homemakers—President
7. Announce Winner of Lucky Chair Award—President—(Number in Envelopes)
8. Written Contest—Write words beginning with letter I. Make award to winner of 6 apples
9. FFA Song—By All Group 3 Verses and Chorus—Led by Erwin Hunter
10. Jokes—Jerry Green
11. Song by four Girls from FHA Chapter
12. Public Speaking Contest. Announce District Contest—President
13. Quartet Contest—Announce District Contest—President
14. Farm and Home Electrification Contest—Howard Smith
15. Farm Mechanics Contest—Joe Lee
16. Two Songs by group Quartet—Bo, Charles, Erwin, Ed
17. Adjourn Meeting—Officers
18. Sentinel Replaces Officers

Room Equipment

Grove Hill Emphasizes Poultry

More than 1300 baby chicks were ordered cooperatively through the Grove Hill FFA Chapter during January and February. This is expected to pass the 3000 mark this month if the supervised farming programs of the individual boys are carried out as planned.

As a part of these projects, fifteen brooders have been constructed by the boys in the school shop as a part of their class work. In the picture above some of the boys are shown inspecting their brooders. In the background are tables built by these boys for the County Board of Education. Last year 45 such tables were built.

Town Program
When George Dickey entered the first year agriculture class at Lanier in Montgomery last fall, he was faced with the usual town boy's problem of "what kind of a program can I have?" When the purpose of the agriculture class was explained, George saw that there were possibilities in it for him. Living on the edge of town, George saw that poultry would fit well into his situation.

George took over his father's garage for his chicken project and started by buying a colony brooder and 600 baby chicks. He finished out 540 of these chickens. As the chicks got too large for the colony brooder he built 6 Louisiana type brooders and transferred his chickens to these.

After analyzing his situation further, George saw that there were other enterprises that would pay him. One uncle from the country gave him a baby calf which he raised out of a bucket. This, together with so much interest on the part of fellow FFA members in fat calf shows, caused him to buy three beef calves for himself. After school and on Saturdays he built a shed and installed an electric fence for his calves.

The further George goes in his agricultural work the more he sees possibilities in it for himself. He has now added a nice orchard for his family. He also has a garden from which the family gets most of its vegetables. The home grounds are being improved by setting out new shrubs, rearranging old ones, and by fertilizing and reworking the lawn. With George the problem is not so much "what can be done?" as it is finding time to do all that can be done.

"Is my face dirty, or is it my imagination"
"Your face is clean, but I don't know about your imagination."

American ends in "I can".
FFA Trading Post

Want to Buy
Wanted to buy a young registered Jersey Heifer.
—R. T. Smith, Adviser
Arab, Alabama

One or two purebred Poland China Gilts (Medium type).
—L. C. Shields, Adviser
Jemison, Alabama.

Want to Sell
Still have few yards Zoysia grass at $3.00 per yard.
—P. A. Cox, Adviser
Arley, Alabama.

One Scarifier, size No. One.
—M. F. Moore, Adviser
Hamilton, Alabama.

Registered Guernsey Bull 7 months old.
—H. T. Pruett, Adviser
Cullman, Alabama.

Registered white-face Hereford bull, weighing approximately 1,000 lbs.
—L. O. Ward, Adviser
Rt. 1, Alpine, Ala.

Future Farmer

Joe Pace Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer of Leroy, Alabama, is doing an outstanding job in vocational agriculture. Since entering vocational agriculture in 1943, Joe has carried out the following productive and improvement projects: 1943—100 chicks, fattening hog, one acre of corn and peanuts. 1944-45—100 chicks, sow and litter, 5 acres corn and peas, and 2000 pine seedlings. 1945-46—Beef calf to enter in the calf show at Grove Hill, 5 acres of corn and peas, 2 acres of pines, and is establishing 10 acres of permanent pasture, and 12 acres of kudzu. Joe is farming with his father and has the responsibility of farming 100 acres under his dad’s supervision. “Buck” is not only a good farmer, but is treasurer of the FFA, Chairman of the Scrapbook Committee, chapter winner in this year’s Public Speaking Contest, and an “A” student in school.

Joe believes there is a good living in good farming and is going far in putting the things that he has learned into practice. Not only is he establishing better pasture and kudzu, but improving his livestock, using better methods of fertilization, and improved equipment.

Joe has made application for his state farmer degree and plans to try for the American Farmer degree when he becomes eligible.

Leon Keith, reporter

Stump Story

Hubert Anderson, Treasurer of the Florala Chapter of the Future Farmers of America and holder of the State Farmer Degree, is using teamwork with two tractors to remove stumps from his father’s farm this year. The equipment used for this operation consists of 300 yards of steel cable and two double blocks.

With two other men and two tractors, Hubert and his father remove as many as eighty stumps in one day. They attach one tackle to an anchor stump and the other to the stump to be pulled. One tractor, attached near the free tackle, moves to the location of the selected stump, and after the cable is attached, assists the other tractor in pulling the running end of the cable. Only a few stumps have been encountered that were not easily removed by this method.

Hubert and his father, W. B. Anderson, live in the Damascus community. They have removed stumps from about twenty acres this year and have about fifteen acres yet to be stumped. They have used several methods, including a stump puller.

In cost of tractor fuel, labor, and other expenses, Hubert says, “This is the most economical and easiest way to remove stumps that my Dad and I have ever used.”
County Contest Winners

The first round of the Public Speaking and Quartet Contests leaves the following winners to participate in the quarter-finals.

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Dairy slogan: “You can’t shoot the bull and have any milk.”

MULE FRIENDS

By Jesse Stuart

My mules have never been afraid of me
When they have pulled through
rooty ground the plow:
My mules would work without the hickory tea
When they were colts and still they do it now.
They’ve carted me to town through mud and mire;
In sled, jolt-wagon, buggy, and express—
I let them plod along; they would not tire.
If they could speak I know they would express
That we’ve been friends together on the road,
Behind the plow where earth was slow to yield.
I have rolled wagon wheels behind their load
By climbing spokes to roll the heavy wheel.
When plowing’s done I gave my mules their freedom.
They follow me around as my hounds do;
They try to speak and they are not so dumb
Nibbling for sweet tobacco for to chew.

RIVERTON CHAPTERS CONTINUE RECREATION

The Riverton Chapters of F. H. A. and F. F. A. are continuing the Recreation Project which was started three years ago.

This year eight members of the F. F. A. and F. H. A. attended the county Recreation Leadership Institute and their attendance at this institute has meant a great deal to the recreation project. No regular schedule has been made for socials because of a heavy schedule in basketball, but parties for special occasions such as Halloween, Christmas and St. Valentine’s have been held.

Riverton Chapters are providing the recreation project and their attendance at this institute has meant a great deal to the recreation project. No regular schedule has been made for socials because of a heavy schedule in basketball, but parties for special occasions such as Halloween, Christmas and St. Valentine’s have been held. The parties are held in the auditorium in order to have plenty of room for grand marches and other active games. Refreshments are always served in the home economics department.

CHAPTER NEWS

Akron—Selling seed for Hygrade Seed Company with 33% profit.
Ashland—Made plans for three day fishing trip on May 10. Painted classroom for elementary school.
Atmore—Built 7 brooders and 6 bookcases in shop.
Auburn—Delivered clothing drive, Red Cross Drive and War Loan Drive.
Bear Creek—Presented Green Hand buttons to all Green Hand members. Plan to buy registered Duroc sow.
Beulah—Purchased two pigs and are feeding them on scraps from the lunch room.
Blue Springs—Each member taking active part in the building of FFA Post Treating Plant.
Cedar Bluff—Fixed drain pipe for lunch room; pruned shrubbery; raising chickens for M.D.F.S. Banquet; built 8 brooders in shop.
Chatom—Working on plans for parents night to be held in March.
Chattom—Gave State Farmer pins to 2 members; cleaned floor of office.
Cherokee—Plans for school garden for canning; plans for enlarging hog slaughtering equipment.
Clanton—Started building ginning equipment for canning plant.
Columbus—Controlling forest fires; operating school.
Corner—Delivered 19 Green Hand pins to new members.
Cullman—Put out 800 shrubs around football field; plans made to carry beef calves to county and state shows.
Eclectic—Applied spray to 14 home orchards; worked on concrete steps for cannery; built hoisted and planted tomatoes and lettuce.
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Foley—Lanscaped two homes; built 4 brooders for members in class; repaired all farm machinery and built other needed jobs for members in class.
Fairview—Pruned and sprayed 2 orchards; repaired 2 wagons.
Ferndale—FFA-FHA banquet; initiation of Green Hands; buying 300 piece set of silver with FHA and Sr. II class for use at banquets, etc.
Ft. Payne—Planted potatoes, cucumbers and okra to sell for chapter.
Gaylesville—Plans for making trip to Auburn and Tuskegee in a week or two.
Geneva—Presented Youth Service Program to Rotary Club; cooperating with adviser in conducting 2 adult farmer classes; gave a demonstration on training show.

FFA Pins Available

The L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Mass. has announced that they are again manufacturing FFA Greenhand pins and buttons in bronze at 25c plus any State tax in effect.
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Valdosta, Georgia

calves. Georgiana—Bedded 30 bushels of sweet potatoes; pruned school shrubbery. Geraldine—Built a can storage house for community canning; Glencoe—Host to Gadsden Public Speaking Contest Feb. 22; Gorgas—Made 11 chicken brooders; storage house for community canning; conducting Hammer-Handle Making Contest; made 12 chicken brooders; digging Kudzu crowns for sale.

Marbury—FFA-FHA formal dance; bought pig for M.D.S.; built quilt; built benches for lunchroom.

Marion—Made 2 project tours with classes. Mellow Valley—Pruned and transplanted shrubbery around vocational building; treated hogs for worms; made 9 chicken brooders.

McAdory—FFA and FFA held joint social; 7 members making chicken brooders. McKenzie—Planted 3 acres of Irish potatoes; put drains in canning plant.

New Brockton—Made 6 complete sets of chicken brooders; made 2 extra sun porches; pruned shrubbery for school; sprayed peach orchard; ordered 1,000 peach trees.

Ohattie—Poured concrete floor for blacksmith shop; reinforced walk for school.

Palmetto—Prepared activity program; initiated 4 Green Hands; initiated 5 Chapter Farmers. Pell City—Ordered and secured 68 Green Hand and Chapter Farmer plant sticks; 100 FFA celluloid buttons; 100 FFA windshield stickers and 1 dozen project markers. Putting on publicity campaign.

Reform—Landscaped principal’s home; pruned shrubbery on campus; built brooders. Riverton—Joint FFA-FFA Valentine party. Rogersville—Landsacped several houses.

Repton—Repaired playground equipment.

Sand Rock—FFA-FFA joint party; scarified 1,500 lbs. of sweet potatoes. Southside—Sold $28.30 worth scrap iron. Strasburg—Ordered 100 peach trees; landscaped farm home; built propagation bed for school. Sidney Lanier—Attended All Breed pure-bred beef cattle show and sale; had the remains of Hartley Hereford Ranch talk on show calves; 20 boys feeding out 40 calves for April Fat Stock Show. Smith Station—Set shrubs and made brooders; started 12 poultry and broiler projects. Sulligent—Landscape high school and grammar school, one church and two homes; planted hedges, a small plant for community, Susan Moore—Constructed 14 electric chiclet brooders.

Town Creek—Pruned 3 orchards, set trees on campus. Vina—Ordered 300 fruit trees.

Walnut Grove—Put on box supper in cooperation with F.H.A. Cleared $57.00 for each organization; setting out shrubbery, Wetumpka—Presented Honorary State Farmer Degree to County Superintendent; sponsored clean-up drive at school; set shrubs around vocational building; pruned and sprayed fruit trees.

White Plains—Held social with F.M.R. and F.H.A. Winterboro—Made and sold brooder houses; cut fence posts and sold them.

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