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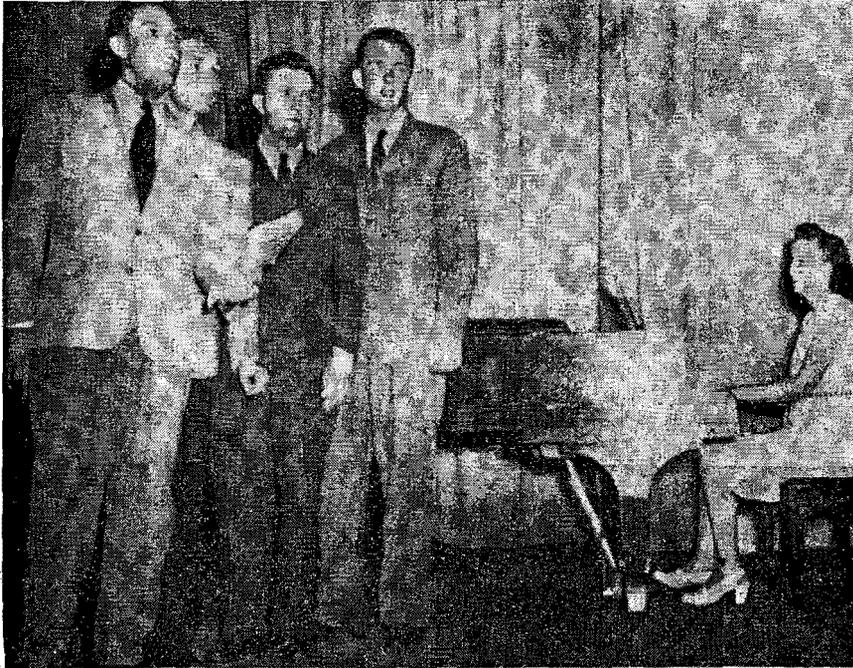
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## WILL HANCEVILLE WIN AGAIN?

State Champs past 2 years have another good quartet.  
Contest starts in January along with Public Speaking.



## State Champs--Nearly



The Fayette Quartet was a close second. In fact, the judges asked for an extra song before finally making their decision. Members of the quartet are shown above in action. They are, 1 to r, Harry Cargile (with the book upside down!) John R. Estes, Warren G. Cargile, and Homer Barnes

## Honorary State Farmer



The citation read by President Max McLaughlin to the delegates when Doctor Meadows was elected as HONORARY STATE FARMER was as follows:

"Farm boys in Alabama are fortunate to have Doctor Meadows as State Superintendent of Education. He is intensely interested in our welfare. One reason may be that he was a farm boy himself. We understand that Doctor Meadows never misses an opportunity to speak up for us farm boys in any discussion of State programs. He has stated that he wants to see vocational agriculture and FFA in about 100 additional high schools. Yes, we are fortunate in having Doctor Meadows as our State Superintendent of Education." Doctor Meadows could not attend our Convention and sent the following telegram.

"I wish to express my genuine appreciation to the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America for your announcement that you are going to confer upon me the high honor of Honorary Degree of State Farmer. It will be my high purpose to ever prove worthy of this distinguished honor. You, your associates, and the predecessors of your

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Members of the Champion FFA Quartet at Hanceville, shown on front page are: Jack Hudson, Neal Carter, James Nuss, Gerald Nichols. They were accompanied again this year by Miss Era Ann Gray. Adviser is L. B. Cagle.

Weaver, Alabama  
October 25, 1946

Mr. C. C. Scarborough  
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Scarborough:

Received your letter September 28. I was glad to hear that the Georgia boy won the Southern region speaking contest. I wish him lots of luck and hope he wins the **National Contest**.

Mr. Scarborough, I wasn't expecting to be called on to write this letter about public speaking, however, I shall give you the following points:

1. Gives excellent training for leadership.
2. Furnishes training which may lead one into a profession, some time in his life.
3. A part of my education was gained in this, for example: It aids in English which we all use. It reminds you of your history, and most of all teaches public speaking.
4. A very good opportunity for travel and to meet other friends.
5. Gives publicity for our school, F.F.A., city and even state.
6. Benefits and gives confidence to our school spirit.
7. The prizes are worth the effort even though money isn't considered in such a case.
8. It sets an example for our smaller generation.
9. It gives you many thoughts, a feeling, helps you make many friends, and a remembrance you should never forget.
10. It gives you confidence in yourself and fellow citizens.
11. I heartily recommend that all F.F.A. members begin work on their speeches early.
12. I don't care who you are or where you are you can win if you study and want to bad enough. Work hard fellow members, and I wish all of you lots of luck.

Sincerely yours,  
Bill Hobbs.

## Good Speaking Does Pay



Milford Bonner  
Reform



Bill Vickers  
General



Shown above are the three top FFA speakers in Alabama last year. Bill Hobbs, State winner, is receiving a \$100 check from Max McLaughlin, State president, last year. Notice the banner for the Jacksonville chapter room too. Subject of the winning speech was "The American Farmer's Part In Winning The War." Bill placed a close second in the Tri-State Contest held in Florida. Bobby Porterfield, Georgia Champ, who won over Bill went on to win the Southern Region. Bill's adviser at Jacksonville is L. F. Ingram.

Milford Bonner placed second in the final contest, winning a \$50 Victory Bond. He spoke on "A Balanced Agriculture." Milford's adviser is L. J. Howell.

Bill Vickers won the \$25 Victory Bond for third place with his speech on "Soil Erosion Unchecked."

NOW is the time to start, if you want to be in this top group in 1947. Final chapter contest must be held in January. This means eliminations should start before Christmas. Therefore, the start must be made this month, isn't that right?

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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.

## Facts Filosofy Activities

A new part of the State is heard from! The largest chapter in the State up to this time is Butler in Choctaw County. Yes sir, they lead the State in membership with 104 active members! Adviser T. H. Jones got back from the army a few months ago. Maybe those Butler Future Farmers are making up for lost time! James A. Christopher is president of this big chapter.

"Brother, you said it"! This may be more than a slang expression in the Ag. classes down at Florala. They have five sets of brothers enrolled! Heading the list are the identical twins, Jack and Jerry McDaniel. Prof. Finney can't tell which is which! Several others in the class have had brothers there before them. Quite a family affair.

Heflin Future Farmers have been making money while helping good farming practices. They picked 80 pounds of Bi-color lespedeza seed and sold them to SCS. The \$32 received will add to shop equipment.

A chapel program on how to conduct a club meeting was put on by Orrville FFA chapter recently. They demonstrated all the common abilities needed in carrying on a club meeting. Leroy McGhee, chapter president, conducted the program. It was based on the 12 abilities in Stewart's "Helps In Mastering Parliamentary Procedure."

Has your chapter meeting been different lately?

St. Clair County FFA is the most active in Alabama up to this time according to reports received in the State FFA Office. Check their activity program against others here. Why not send us a copy of your county FFA program?

Fayette FFAers must read the **Alabama Future Farmer** pretty carefully. They were the first ones to write and tell us about the error in the FFA quiz last month. Didn't you notice it? Several others did.

Future Farmers at Tanner-Williams down in Mobile County seem to be divided in opinion on best breed of beef cattle. Russell Roberts has two Angus; Blake Driskell a Hereford; Linwood Driskell is feeding a Shorthorn; Charles Carter has a Hereford and Angus; and Raymond Driskell is feeding out a Hereford and a Shorthorn. Don't see how they can miss the prizes with that lineup.

## Senator Hill



President Truman has signed the Vocational Education Bill sponsored by Senator Lister Hill, increasing the federal funds for vocational training in Alabama to approximately \$900,000.00 per year, more than doubling the federal funds which Alabama now receives for vocational training.

"This additional money," Senator Hill stated, "will mean the extension of vocational education and job training into many Alabama communities not now receiving such benefits, and the expansion of existing vocational training facilities throughout Alabama."

The funds made available by this Act are required to be matched by state funds. The money will be used for extending Alabama's present program in vocational training in Agriculture, Home Economics, Trades and Industry, Vocational Guidance and in Distributive Occupations. The bill preserves the present method of administering vocational education by state and local authorities as provided in the original George-Deen Act.

Vocational training in peacetime and in wartime has proved its worth in equipping our people for gainful and useful employment. The additional funds now made available will make a still greater contribution to the Nation's peacetime economy.

## Helped Pass New Vocational Bill; Means More FFA



President Truman signs the new Vocational Education Bill. Looking on are the sponsors and some of the others who took an active part in its passage. They are, l to r, Sen. Olin Johnston of South Carolina; Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia, Co-author of the bill; M. D. Mobley, Director of Vocational Education in Georgia; Mrs. Mobley; C. L. Greiber, President of American Vocational Association; Congressman Graham A. Barden, North Carolina, Co-author of the bill; Senator Lister Hill of Alabama.

Note that the bill is being signed beneath the picture of Former President Woodrow Wilson. It was he who signed the Smith-Hughes Bill in 1918, creating the program of vocational agriculture. An interesting fact in this connection here in Alabama is that four of the teachers who started back 27 years ago are still teaching. They are L. J. Howell (and at the same school all these years!); G. W. Holley, then in Walker county, now at Pisgah; T. J. Jordan, also started in Walker county, and is now teaching veterans in Baldwin county; and J. O. Avery, then in Jefferson county, now at Vina. These men have seen vocational agriculture in Alabama grow from 7 departments in 1917-18 to more than 200 in 1946. And this new bill means more departments, therefore, more FFA chapters.

## Glencoe Was Third



Placing third in the State Final Quartet contest was the Glencoe group shown above. They are, l to r. Bill Winborne, Charles Parker, Mrs. Towery, accompanist, Charles Marker, and Garvin Wells. They won the applause of the crowd with their special singing of "Little Boy Blue".

## New Supervisor



B. P. Dilworth

You Future Farmers in the 15 Central Alabama Counties will be glad to talk FFA with Mr. Dilworth on his visits to your school. He has been teacher of vocational agriculture for nine years. FFA chapters at Sidney Lanier and Enterprise were very active in all State affairs while he was adviser. These chapters were noted for the large number of State Farmers each year.

Eleven FFA boys of the DAR school at Grant are feeding out 12 beef calves that they plan to enter in the spring show and sale in Birmingham next May. All calves are on full feed now and should be finished out into prime beef by spring.

Competition is much keener this year for more calves are being fed out.

The following boys have bought calves: J. R. Whitaker, Edward Kirkland, Kenneth Bevel, Clayton Bevel, Eugene Kirkland, Charles Kirkland, Kenneth Brewer, James Bevel, Furman Rice, Norman Ayers and Norman Cooper.

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The FFA pig chain keeps growing. Late reports from Grove Hill and Tanner say that more gilts have been added. Wish we had the complete story on Alabama FFA pig chains. Bet it would be good readin'.

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Jacksonville Future Farmers are cooperating with local newspapers in getting subscriptions. They are getting one-third of receipts. Good idea, your local paper interested in such a plan? Why not ask the editor?

## Blue Springs Wins Fourth Place



Blue Springs was 4th in the State Finals with their first quartet. Howard Sheehanne took the lead, assisted by the Palmer boys and Gerald Scott. Miss Caroline Wilkinson was at the piano. L. E. Potter is FFA Adviser.

## 147 STATE FARMERS SET RECORDS

Three Alabama FFA records were broken by the fellows listed below. First, they make up the largest number to receive the State Farmer Degree at the same time; second, more of them came to the Convention to receive their degrees than ever before; and third, more have ordered State Farmer Key. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Addison**—James Denton, Mack Richie.

**Akron**—Owen Watson Lawless, Curtis Christenberry, Cecil Mayfield, James H. McCrory.

**Arab**—Willard Evans, Craig Baugh.

**Blountsville**—Roy W. Martin.

**Blue Springs**—Doyle Dykes, Wayne McLaughlin, Gerald Parr, Pershing A. Pitts, Howard Sheehane, Vernon Tew.

**Camp Hill**—Joe Minter, Billy Cook.

**Castleberry**—Harry Ellis.

**Centree**—Wayne Upton, Frank Garmon, Wayne King, Wayne Stinson.

**Chatom**—Jimmy Bumpers, Carl Beech.

**Cherokee**—Robert Highfield, Jr.

**Collinsville**—Herbert Cunningham, J. D. Cunningham, Jr.

**Columbia**—Martin Lewis Williams

**Corner**—Harold Wilson.

**Cullman**—James Calvert, Sim Calvert, Melvin Smith, James Walter Johnson, Otto Evers.

**Elba**—Joe Meacham, Fred Martin, Jimmy Wise, Lamar Parker, Donald Kelly.

**Enterprise**—Bobby Glover, Harold Goodman.

**Evergreen**—Dan Brown.

**Fayette**—James Lavaughn Ballinger, H. J. Howard.

**Floral**—Hosea D. Justice, Huron C. Maddox.

**Foley**—Norman Underwood.

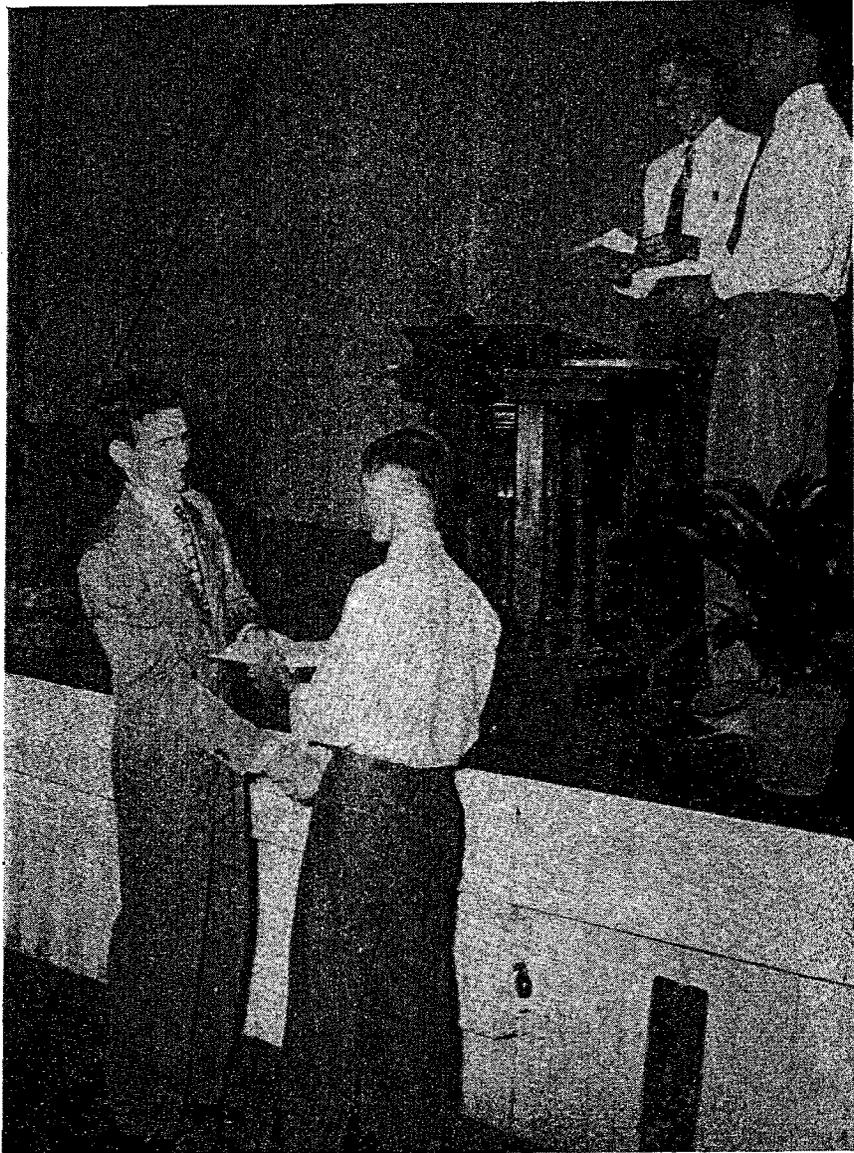
**Fort Deposit**—Robert C. Reynolds, Mat D. Holmes, Jr.

**Fort Payne**—Macon Garrett, Jr., Jack Garrett.

**Gaylesville**—Lindy Jones.

**Geneva**—Richard A. Lewis, Jr., Ellison McDuffie, Ted Fain, John Holloway.

**Georgiana**—Paul Sims, Francis Williams, Carl Watson, Robert Young.



President Max McLaughlin is giving congratulations to Milford Bonner along with his State Farmer Degree. Assisting Max in this feature of the State Convention was Vice-President Freddie Duke and Charles Stringfellow, State sentinel for the past year. Milford was later elected State FFA Secretary.

**Grand Bay**—Louis E. Hatchett, Joe Wayne Johnson.

**Greenville**—William Atkins, Fred Crenshaw, Tommy Sanders.

**Grove Hill**—Shelton Baugh, Marion Bradford, Preston Bush, Kenneth Dunn.

**Holtville**—James Melvin Curlee, Albert Dix Dismukes, Carey Gibbons, Billie Joe Edgar, Paul Glass-

cock.

**Isabella**—Billy Hayes, K. Lemone Yielding.

**Jemison**—Robert Carden.

**Kinston**—Yayne Thomaston, William Manning, Donzelle Davis, Ned Fuller.

**Leroy**—Percy Bowling, Jr., Ray Ethridge, Leon Keith, Joe Pace

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Palmer, Carrol Patrick, Clifford Pringle, Jr., Lee Bowling Williams.

**Lexington**—Avery T. Davis, Henry Hall, Derland S. McGee, Bill Richardson.

**Louisville**—Douglas Benton, J. C. Caraway.

**Luverne**—Alvin Welch, Edward Bagents.

**McAdory**—Ralph Ethridge.

**McKenzie**—Kenneth Cook, James Garner.

**Millport**—Sydney Graham, Phil Smith.

**Moundville**—Roy Donald Davis, Lawrence Smithson, James Tingle.

**Mount Hope**—Horace G. Smith.

**New Market**—Roy Fuqua, W. R. Johnson, Joseph Craft.

**Oneonta**—Billie Gullede, G. H. Hall, Roderick Sanders.

**Pell City**—Jack Hannah, A. C. Morrow, Frank Lee, Jr., Walter Tucker.

**Pine Apple**—Harold Grimes, Jr., Eddie Stone, Jr.

**Reform**—Milford Bonner, Bruce Fendley, William Elmore.

**Repton**—Harold Evers.

**Riverion**—Bobby White, Charlie Tipton, Billy Fears.

**Rogersville**—Charles Tays, Austin Thornton.

**Sidney Lanier**—Rufus Turnipseed, Jack Gray, Marvin Jones, Willie James Kirksey, Thomas B. Yarbrough, Collins Gordon.

**Southside**—Douglas Henderson.

**Straughn**—James Adams, Murray D. Langford.

**Susan Moore**—Verlon Osborn, Kerna B. Tidwell, Ronald Brooks.

**Vernon**—Gray Norton, Daulton Butler, James Hankins, Tirus Harrison.

**Wetumpka**—Donald Stubbs, Ralph Law.

**White Plains**—Merrill Love.

**Winterboro**—James Hubbard.

### HONORARY STATE FARMER

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association have already contributed greatly. Not only to human welfare in Rural Alabama, but to all Alabama, to the nation, and to the world. Let me urge that the good work of your Association be continued and intensified and may I suggest that you consider as one of your major objectives the great

task of building confidence and selling Alabama to the youth of this State. I regret that a previous important schedule with educational leaders of Alabama prevents me from being with you. A. R. Meadows, Superintendent."

## Safety First

(Available from Farm Division, National Safety Council, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois).

### 1. Farm Safety Plays.

A collection of six short plays depicting farm and farm home safety.

### 2. Make your Home Safe.

A check list suitable for checking farm and farm home hazards.

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A report form adapted to the collection of information on accidents and fires to facilitate the development of better farm and farm home safety programs.

### 4. Do You Know?

A film strip picture quiz on farm safety. (40c per print).

### 5. Let's Demonstrate Safety.

A series of demonstration outlines on farm and farm home safety with suggestions for advisers on preparation and presentation.

### 6. Farm Safety Discussions.

A series of discussion on farm and farm home safety with suggestions to group discussion leaders for presentation.

### 7. Posters.

A series of posters depicting farm safety which are suitable for exhibits, bulletin boards, etc.

### 8. Safe Practice Leaflets.

A series of leaflets which present farm safety topics. Typical of this series are "A Safe Bull Pen" and "Is Your Electric Fence Safe?"

### 9. Farm Safety Review.

The regular bimonthly publication of the Farm Division, National Safety Council.

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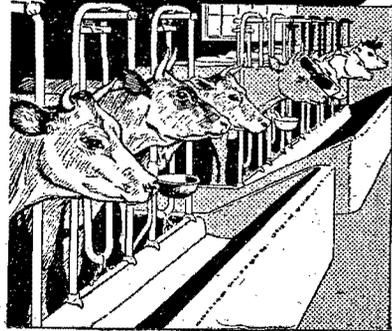
Did you ever hear of a "Pumpkin Carnival?" Well, that's what they're having at Red Bay. Don't know just what it is, but Future Farmers were planning to take part.

The champion speaker at Sardis in January will have to be good. They started work on their speeches in October. Several other chapters have done the same. Good.

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"Every job that leaves the shop is painted." That's the policy of Red Level FFAers. That's good for the job as well as a good trade mark for the shop.

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