ALL SMILES about describes these Alabama Future Farmers as they arrived in Birmingham from the National FFA Convention. In the center is Stanley Gray, young farmer from Northern Ireland who visited in Alabama for a week. Others in the front row, left to right are Martin Cranford, Arab; Bobby White, Riverton; Wayne Upton, Centre; Dane Lowrey, Jemison. Second row, Wallace Filyaw, West Point; Acie Mims, Clanton; Robert Carden, Jemison; and R. W. Montgomery and C.C. Scarborough, Auburn.

Stanley Gray was one of six young farmers from Great Britain who were guests of the FFA at Kansas City. Each spent two weeks out in the states. Stanley visited Bobby White and Wayne Upton while in Alabama.
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Proving Our Point

Alabama Future Farmers are good judges of livestock. This has been thought to be true for some time. Now we know. For the first time, Alabama FFA judging teams tried themselves out against other top FFA teams from all over the country. The results prove the above statements.

At the American Royal Livestock Show, the Alabama judging team from Sidney Lanier found 35 other state FFA teams entered. Many of these were "old hands" in the arena at Kansas City. Frankly, we didn't see how our boys had much chance and thought that would be O.K. as long as they were learning the ropes. Well, results are told in this issue.

Just to prove this was not "luck", Cullman FFA judging team placed first at the International Polled Hereford Show in Knoxville. More about this team in next issue.

Still more proof could be found at the American Jersey Cattle meeting in Columbus, Ohio. One Alabama team placed third and another seventh. Story on this next time too.

It is always a pleasure to have Alabama FFA rate high with other states. We like to brag about it, especially to folks from Texas. It takes proof to stop those fellows! With the work of FFAers and advisers in Alabama that's easy.

American Farmers

In addition to the five American Farmers listed below, another from Alabama received the highest FFA degree at the National Convention this year. Mr. R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education was made an Honorary American Farmer. Mr. Cammack has been a leader in FFA since it started 19 years ago. He was State adviser for 16 years. During this time Alabama's FFA grew from 69 chapters with 1,200 members to more than 200 chapters with 7,367 members.

National FFA activities have also claimed Mr. Cammack's time.
Judging Team Gets Top Ranking

Alabama FFA was well represented at National FFA Convention in Kansas City in October. Official delegates, shown at right, were Wayne Upton, reporter, and Dane Lowrey, president. Much of Dane's time was spent on nominating committee. Bobby White, vice-president, was alternate delegate.

Below is one of the best livestock judging teams in the country. They won Gold Emblem rating at the American Royal Livestock Show. This means they were in the top 9 teams, competing with 35 other state champion judging teams. This team is shown below working out. They are Willie James Kirksey, John Hartley, and Richard Kirksey, all members of Sidney Lanier FFA chapter. E. P. Goiger, adviser and coach of the team, went with them to Kansas City.
Nutrition is Your Business

In this wintry month, as America prepares for that feast which celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace, men and women of good will take spiritual stock, give thanks for many blessings.

Well-nourished bodies and minds are the wealth of America. One of the great blessings that this country enjoys is the food it produces in such abundance. Farmers and ranchers who produce this food, and we at Swift & Company who process and distribute it, have an occasion for satisfaction in our teamwork. Together we can say—and proudly—"Nutrition is our business."

Good nutrition begins with soil itself. Out of the soil come the crops—the fruits and grains and vegetables we eat. Out of the soil also come the grasses and legumes and grains on which livestock feed—the very foundation of the meat and dairy products that are the protein backbone of our nation’s food.

Today the American people are better nourished than ever before in history. This is cause for pride and rejoicing. For a better fed, healthier people leads to a stronger nation with greater capacity for clearer thinking, for work and production.

Good nutrition adds life to your years and years to your life. Good eating, which today we call the science of nutrition, is not an accident. It must be planned—beginning with the preparation of the soil and continuing through the raising of the crops and livestock, to the selection and preparation of meals for the table. This is an activity in which we all play an important part.

Swift men of research and technology, like you farmers and ranchers all over America, are seeking ways in which the food of our people may be improved and our joint operations made to thrive ever more abundantly.

Competition Sets the Pace

There's lots of competition in the livestock and meat industry—both in the buying of livestock, and in the selling of the meat and by-products. U. S. Government reports show the best evidence of this competition when they list a total of more than 4,000 meat packers and more than 22,500 other commercial slaughterers operating in the United States. Of course, Swift & Company does not bid against every one of these 26,500 slaughterers at every point at which it buys livestock. However, there isn't a purchase of livestock or a sale of meat made that doesn't have to meet a considerable number of actual or potential bids of competitors.
Martha Logan’s Recipe for

MINCEMEAT

1 pound cooked beef shank, chuck, or neck meat
1 cup meat stock
1/2 pound suet
4 pounds apples
1/2 pound currants
1 pound seeded raisins
1/2 pounds brown sugar
1 quart cider
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons nutmeg
2 teaspoons cloves
3 teaspoons cinnamon
5 tablespoons lemon juice

Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice.

This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season. (Yield: 4 quarts)

To all our friends on America's farms and ranches, we at Swift & Company wish

a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Track Down the Facts

The beaver is an industrious and intelligent animal. He falls trees, builds dams, and wastes little effort or material. A “by-product” of his building operations—the bark of limbs and logs—provides his supply of winter food.

We in the livestock and meat industry have been “busy as beavers” developing methods of saving the different by-products of livestock. These products benefit the human race in many ways. Many ailments are relieved by extracts from livestock glands. Numerous ordinary articles, such as glue, buttons, combs, knife handles, soap, etc., originate from livestock.

Under normal conditions the returns from livestock by-products are almost large enough to offset the operating and marketing expenses of the meat packers. The value of by-products has reduced the average cost of meat to consumers and has increased the prices the producer receives for livestock.

NUTRITION IS OUR BUSINESS—AND YOURS

Right Eating Adds Life to Your Years—and Years to Your Life
Bees Make Honey And Money

Jack Kelley, Hartford

Last December I bought 3 hives of bees for $30. They were Italians mixed with black. They had a good queen and one super of honey on each hive. In the early spring when they started getting the first honey, I divided the hives, making two hives out of one. When bees started swarming, I was able to catch 3 swarms one week. That made me nine (9) hives in all.

The wax worms got into two of my hives. They were in while the colony was weak. Before I noticed they had completely destroyed one colony, and almost ruined the other one. I started putting full sheets of brood and honey in the one that was almost ruined. Then I put an Italian queen with them. Before long it was the strongest colony I had. Then I requeened three more hives with purebred Italian queens. This made 4 pure-bred colonies. I caught two (2) more swarms in the late summer. They are doing fine.

I have already extracted 22 gallons of honey from 4 hives. Besides what we have eaten, I have sold $60 worth of honey. There are 7 supers on the hives and they are all packed full. They are still getting a good flow.

I have bought 8 queens of black bees for $10. I will have to drive them into patented hives in the early spring. I am going to requeen all my colonies with Italian queens. My equipment and bees so far have cost me $107. The value of it all now is about $150, besides the honey I have sold.

I am building all my hives, tops, and bottoms in the shop at school. By next year I plan to have from 25-35 hives if possible.

FFA Trading Post

Want To Sell

Purebred Hereford pigs 10 weeks old, $15—Beaulah FFA, R. L. Yielding, adviser, Blanton Mt. L.

Three Poland China gilts 12 weeks old, $20—Hackleburg FFA, H. L. Mansel, adviser.

Reg. Jersey ewe, second calf bred to purebred Angus—Irish FFA, A. C. Driggers, adviser.

Wanted

Names of persons having Reg. pigs for sale, Dorores Berkshire, Poland-Chine, black and spitted: Chester-Whites and Hampshire—Irish FFA, A. C. Driggers, adviser.

Want To Buy

Popcorn paper—Corner FFA, W. J. Thompson, adviser, Warrior, Mt. L.

Two Medium sized prairie hens, 12-weeks old—Jasper FFA, L. C. Shields, adviser.

Hand saw, 10 in., 12 in., or 14 in. with or without motor. Motor must be single phase 1-1, 1-3 or 1-2 H. P.—Marion FFA, W. S. White, adviser.

Electric Guitar, Thomasville FFA, N. B. Lawson, adviser.

N-I-C-E

Being president of the Alabama FFA has its advantages. One of his duties is to speak on the same program with State 4-H Club president at the Alabama Farm Bureau Convention. The 4-H Clubbers usually elect a cute girl for president and this year was no exception as you can see. She is Claire Frazier, Elmore County. She and FFA President Dane Lowrey were on the same program with Senator Sparkman.

Dane introduced Ralph Ethridge, State secretary, and Stanley Gray, young farmer visitor from Northern Ireland, who was guest of the FFA. Stanley told the farmers about farm life in his country.

JANUARY SPECIALS

Speaking Contest

Quarter Contest

National Chapter Contest Essay

Plant Pines
Alabama's Top Greenhand Says Vo-Ag Pays

By Ray Gipson

I enrolled in vocational agriculture in the Collinsville High School in the fall of 1945. Very soon I was confronted with the problem of selecting a farming program on which to launch my farming career. Since I was a small boy, I have enjoyed farm work, especially that of caring for livestock, so I knew that some kind of livestock must be included in my program. My major first year projects consisted of one beef calf, six acres of corn, two acres of cotton, six acres of hay, and a brood sow.

My beef calf was a purebred angus which I showed in the Birmingham Fat Calf Show. My profit from this project was not so much, but I get a lot of experience in feeding baby beefes. My cotton project netted me $464.41 and my corn and hay was used to feed beef calf and poultry the second year.

My second year projects included about the same field crops with the addition of two acres of grain sorghum. My livestock projects for this year included one sow, five fat hogs, one beef calf, 100 broilers, and 83 laying hens. On these projects my hens netted the most profit for each dollar invested. In the summer, I bought 83 started Barred Plymouth Rock pullets for $41.50 and kept these pullets until late spring. The feed cost amounted to $190.90. I sold $309.27 worth of eggs from the hens and sold the hens for $147.50 giving me a profit of $214.37. My second year project program was selected as the best program for a beginner and I won the Green Hand Farmer Contest and the award of $25.00.

At the present time, I have 184 pullets that are almost in full production and if egg prices remain high I expect to clear as much money on these hens as from any other one of my projects. I attribute my success in poultry work to having had many hours of experience in the small jobs that are so very important in poultry raising, and which makes one a success or a failure. My father has been a poultryman for many years and I have grown up with them.

For my third year in agriculture, I have chosen the following projects:
2 beef calves, 2 brood sows, 10 fattening hogs, 400 hens, 200 fryers, 6 acres corn, 2 acres grain sorghum, 6 acres sericea lespedeza, and ½ acre alfalfa.

Peace On Earth

Good Will Toward Men

Chapter News

Abbeville will buy 25,000 pecan seedlings; helped reorganize Lee County PFA. Auburn put rest rooms and shower system in Ag. and Home Ec. buildings. Abbeville is again operating school supply store. Atmore cleared over $100 selling pecan and pop-corn at football games. Auburn helped reorganize Lee County PFA, added $20 worth of books to PFA library.

Buy Minette chapter paid expenses of 43 members to Mobile dairy show. Beauregard voted to buy a drill press. Clinton Precinct is county PFA president. Desha chapter farmer initiation. Hilligoss is doing lots of committee work, getting some activity. Blountsville showed a move in fishing at chapter meeting. Beasley has 19 mem-

Cranford Tremble, Jim Autrey, and Wilbur Thompson are shown with their calves at the Greenville Dairy Show. Jim placed 2nd in his class and stepped up to 1st at Montgomery. Adviser K. V. Reagan says that 16 boys will have calves for the show next year as interest in dairying is increasing.
More Chapter News

New Brocton improving vocational building by changing shrubs and putting up window shades.

Oakman FFAers took in the State Fair. Blanchee went on project tour, returned to school painted classrooms and refinished bulletin cabinets. 11 Greenheads attended 3 Chapter Farmers.

Palmetto added 12 new books to FFA library; helped farmers plant 56 acres blue lupines.

Fell City made scale plan of school grounds improvement. Prattville FFAers got their pictures in Birmingham papers while at State Fair; harvested log ends, bi-color seed for State Conservation Department.

Ramer worked on pasture for their Jersey bull. Rineyburg attended State Fair. Rogersville set up FFA score card with $25 bond to be given winner at annual banquet. Berrieville FFAers bought, slaughtered and sold a beef, making $49 and learning new jobs too.

Sasson initiated 15 Greenhounds and 9 Chapter Farmers. Sidney Lanier was represented at American Royal Livestock show and American Jersey Cattle Show; also made plans for National Chapter contest this year. Shoomb busy with shop work; ordered 12 suits for FFA basketball team.

Smith's Stallion was represented at National FFA Convention by Neil Xoom, American Farmer, Arthur Smith, and J. D. Duke, advisor. Southside picked cotton for half day making $26.37; have president, treasurer, and advisor for Southway County FFA. Stevenson checked corn plots for farmers and FFA members. Strasburg put on radio broadcast; held two meetings for chapter and one for officers; planned FB-MD banquet. Mallago saved school $25 by building thirteen 12-ft. tables for November luncheon; ate 16 gallons of homemade ice cream at FFA-JFA party. Battle put up new flag pole for school. Turner pig farm getting longer, bought another gilt chukker $185; all purebred O.C. Thomasville bought a new combination table saw and planer, organized string band.

Town Creek organized a quartet and starting on other contests; increasing pig chain. Tuskegee built six brooders; starting pig chain. Irish growing out five hogs on pasture at school.

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