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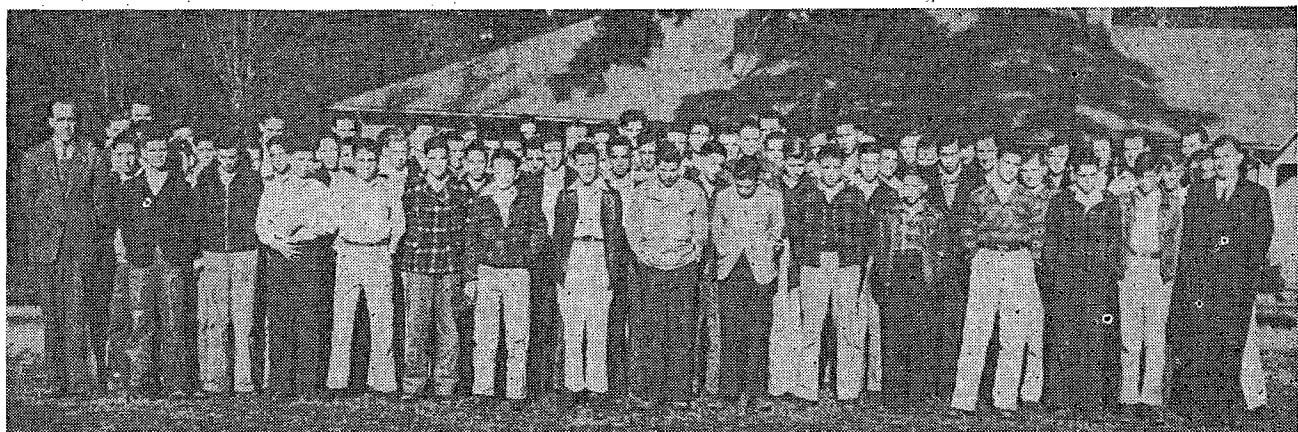
## FFA CHAPTER MEMBERS NEAR 10,000 Most Chapters Increase; Butler In Choctaw Leads, 104



Like any other 18-year old the Alabama FFA has seen many things. Prosperity, depression, and war! Back in 1929 there were 1249 Future Farmers who believed there was a future in the Future Farmer organization. They had 69 chapters.

State dues have been received to date for 8,985 members in 203 chapters. Dues for other members in many chapters are in hand. They will be sent to State office in March. It is estimated that total for the year will be near 10,000.

FFA members have never bragged about numbers. They do like to point out that their numbers are made up of active, dues-paying, voting farm boys!



Leading Alabama's biggest FFA chapter are the Butler FFA officers shown above. They are, from left to right, standing: Horace Allen, secretary; Oscar Davis, sentinel; Roswell Doggett, treasurer; sitting, T. H. Jones, adviser; James Christopher, president; Clyde Lenoir, vice-president; and Jack Stafford, reporter.

Much credit for the big chapter goes to Mr. M. R. Painter, principal of Choctaw County High. He helped the chapter to keep active while Mr. Jones was in the army. He is at the extreme right in the bottom picture.

## Who-o-o-o Pig



**Ella Mae Rawlinson**

On a News Report from Marbury this item jumped out at your Editor—"The hog calling contest was won by F.H.A. girl." A rush letter to G. A. Walters, ag. teacher at Marbury, brought the cute picture shown here and the story below. We are glad to give this much needed space here to Ella Mae who can beat the FFA boys at their own game!

"The champion hog caller was an F.H.A. girl, Ella Mae Rawlinson, Route 3, Prattville, Alabama. She is 17 years old, a Sr. 11, and has been a member of the F.H.A. for three years. She also is a popular girl in high school, a leader among the other students, and has an A average in her school work.

Ella Mae and her parents, also one smaller sister, live on their 100 acre farm. Being they have no brothers, the family depend upon Ella Mae to do much of the farm work. She boastfully states she can do "any kind of farm work a man can do." So when it comes to calling hogs, she further said, "I figured I could call hogs just as good as any man." At the contest the judges awarded her first prize because of her loud, clear, sincere, and musical voice. Her varied appeal to the

## State Vice President Busy

Our vice-president has been an active members of the Georgiana chapter since 1944. He has been secretary of the chapter and a leader in all chapter activities. His special interest has been in Forestry and Parliamentary Procedure.

Carl lives on a farm three miles from Georgiana. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Watson. He will graduate from high school this year. He has made a good record in school and is a member of National Honor Society.

Carl's FFA activities outside of the Georgiana chapter have included several nice trips. Last year his forestry work won him a free trip to the Florida Forestry Training Camp. In October, he was a delegate to the National FFA Convention at Kansas City. He has also visited several local and county FFA meetings as State Vice-President.

Carl says he would like to remain on the farm and make an American Farmer. But he's thinking too of going to college at Auburn and studying to become a teacher of vocational agriculture. Carl will succeed in either of these ambitions.

B. T. Gibbons is Carl's teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA adviser.

porkers undoubtedly would bring any hog from the back side of a "forty."

Twenty-one contestants were entered. All were seated on the stage and had one minute to demonstrate their ability. Each was given a number to aid the three judges. The applause from the crowd after each call also aided the judges in selecting the winner. The prize was a hog feeding shovel. There were probably 300 people at the Carnival, the hog calling contest stole the whole show, for it was something new in the community.

The Rawlinsons operate a very successful farm. They not only raise cotton, corn, livestock, but do lots of truck farming, selling the products on the curb market in Montgomery, Alabama."



**Carl Watson**  
Georgiana, Alabama  
January 28, 1947

Dear Future Farmers,

We all realize the important place agriculture holds among other industries. Did you ever stop to consider how it has developed, why it occupies the place it does? Agriculture is said to have begun 18,000 years before the time of Christ. The story down through the ages is a fascinating and inspiring one.

It was through the thoughts and works of many that agriculture has progressed as much as it has. Agriculture has had a hard time to progress as much as it has because too many people look down on the farmer as a poor, uneducated, underfed individual with no hope of further progress. But seldom does he realize that farming is one of the greatest occupations in the world. It was Daniel Webster who once said that "the first farmer was the first man and all historic nobility rests in possession and use of land."

As Future Farmers we can do our part in the progress of agriculture. As individuals you and I can do our part by being an active member of an active FFA chapter.

Let's do it!

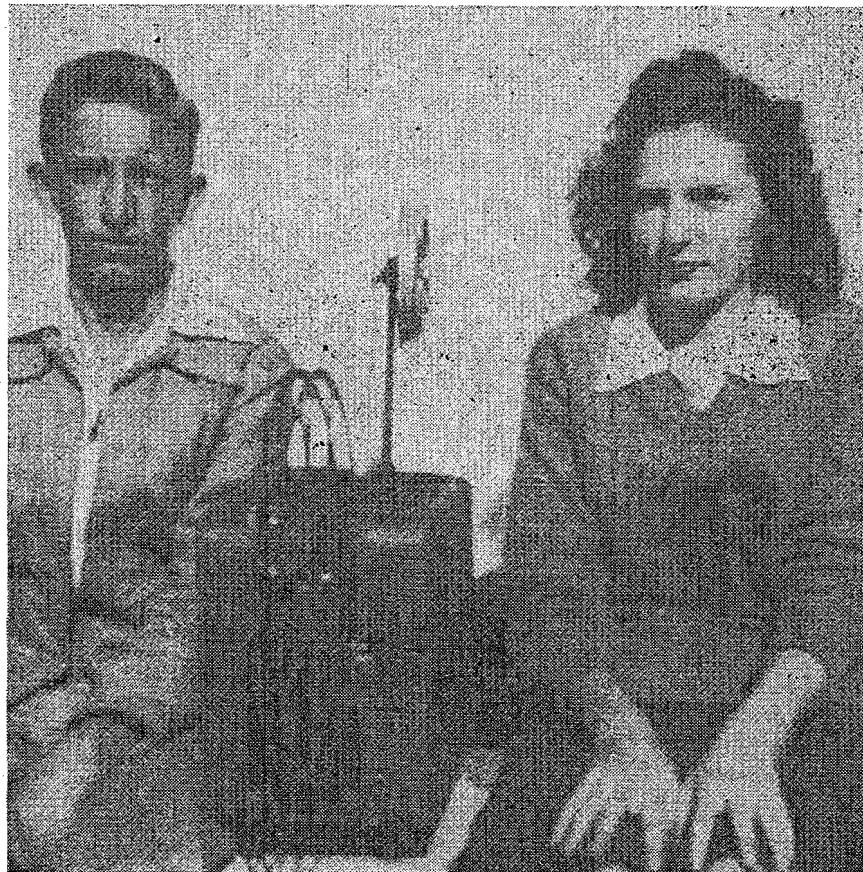
## Want A Movie Machine? Here's How

In September of 1946, the Reeltown FFA boys became interested in getting a movie projector. At first it was only talk, but under the leadership of two former presidents, Allen Hicks and Hollis Lynn, and the present president, Jack Hicks, the idea grew. Since the cost would be high, the idea of making the purchase of a projector a joint project was mentioned to Mrs. Mildred Morris, the FHA adviser, and some of the FHA leaders. They showed great interest in the idea; and after much discussion the matter was brought before the two clubs, each of which voted to pay half the cost of a projector.

The next step was to decide what type projector to buy. Mr. P. C. Dean, our adviser, got a lot of information. A careful study was made of the types and makes of projectors to determine which one was best suited to our needs; for we wanted to get something good while we were buying. It didn't take us long to decide that we wanted a 16 mm sound projector. After some further study, we decided to buy a Bell and Howell machine. The cost was higher than most, but we wanted as good as could be had.

Now that the type and make projector was decided upon, the real problem arose. **How would we pay for it?** Each chapter had some money in its treasury, but not enough to pay the entire cost which was \$637.24. Terms were discussed with the Bell and Howell representative; and it was decided that each club should pay \$107.90 down and make two later payments of \$105.36 each, on to be made February 1 and the other May 1.

The FFA chapter depends largely upon its pop corn stand for finances, while the FHA club depends mostly on an annual "Miss Reeltown" contest for their money. The clubs are also talking of raffling off an electric refrigerator to help finance this project. In addition to this, it is hoped that some money may be made by showing feature length pictures to the school and



Betty Ledbetter and Jack Hicks, presidents of FFA and FHA at Reeltown are proud of their new 16 mm projector. The details of this joint FFA-FHA project are told here by Allen Hicks, FFA reporter.

to the community.

We are very proud indeed of our projector, for we see many uses for it. Our plans are to use it for agriculture and home economic classes, and to make it available to the rest of the school for classroom work. We also think that much interest can be added to our FFA and FHA meetings by including a short film on the program occasionally. The FFA, especially, is depending heavily upon this addition to the program to hold up the attendance at the monthly night meetings which have just been started. It is also believed that the use of movies will be a valuable addition to the community meeting program sponsored by the vocational department.

School chapel programs, feature length picture for the school and community, and special programs of the school and vocational department are among the many other uses planned for this busy piece of equipment.

The projector was delivered November 5, and a very interesting film was shown to a joint meeting of the agriculture and home economics classes the following day. The same film was shown at the Elam Community that night; so, you see, our machine got off to a busy start; and it has been used frequently for showings to many different type groups since.

Allen Hicks, Reporter

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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.

## This Reporter Reports

Jemison, Alabama

Mr. C. C. Scarborough

Auburn, Alabama

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter received, I'm enclosing the picture and supervised projects you asked for.

I will be perfectly willing for you to print the picture and letter that I wrote The Progressive Farmer in your paper. (see below)

In 1947 the supervised projects that I plan to have are four acres of corn, two acres of spring oats, and one brood sow.

I would like, in 1947, to increase my pig production with three brood sows and two litters each year per sow. In addition to my Productive Projects I intend to carry out home and pasture improvement projects and ten supplementary practices.

I won first place in the chapter speaking contest.

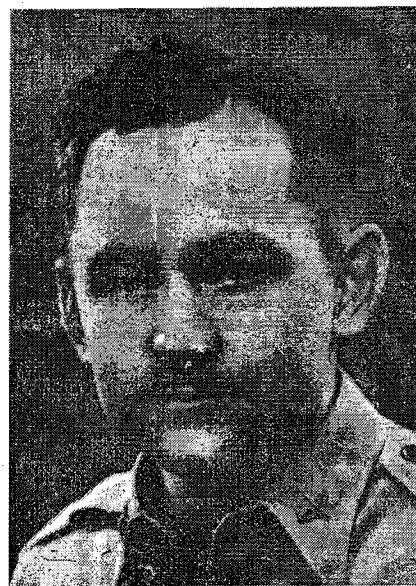
Dane Lowery, Reporter

Here's the letter in The Progressive Farmer for August which won Dane a \$10 prize.

### FFA IS FUN

From the time I entered grammar school, I have greatly admired the vocational agriculture FFA students and their projects. My mother teased me and said, "You went to high school just so you could take vocational agriculture and become an FFA!" I have looked forward to it for all these years. Now in my first year I have found it to be one of the most pleasant and instructive organizations I've ever belonged to. We learn better methods of farming and get the feeling of producing something worth while. No boy can raise even one calf without its developing his sense of responsibility and broadening his outlook on life. Then, too, it's fun!

## First State Secretary



Oliver O. Manning

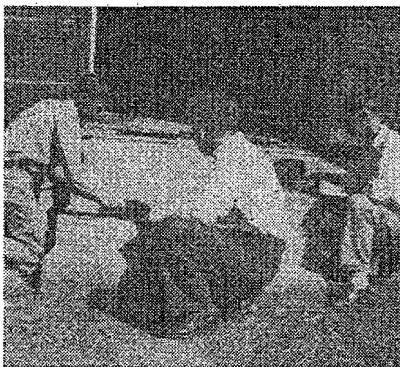
Mr. Manning is Editor-Publisher of the **FREEZERS' JOURNAL** (Name changed from Southern Refrigeration Journal) printed in Memphis, Tenn. The attractive magazine has the ambition of helping make a "better-fed Southland." Published in both trade and consumer editions.

The picture here shows Captain Manning just after returning from 32 months in the Pacific. He was in the Army Air Forces for five years.

Manning was the first State FFA secretary (1929-30). His chapter at Isabella was among the first to become active. He was one of the first State Farmers. He got American Farmer Degree in 1931. Manning went to College at Auburn. He made an outstanding record. He won Danforth Fellowship in 1933. Graduated in Agricultural Education in 1934. He went to North Carolina to teach. Here he also made a good record, being named Master Teacher in 1940.

**APPLICATION FOR  
STATE FARMER DEGREE  
IN STATE OFFICE  
BY MARCH 1st**

## Workin'



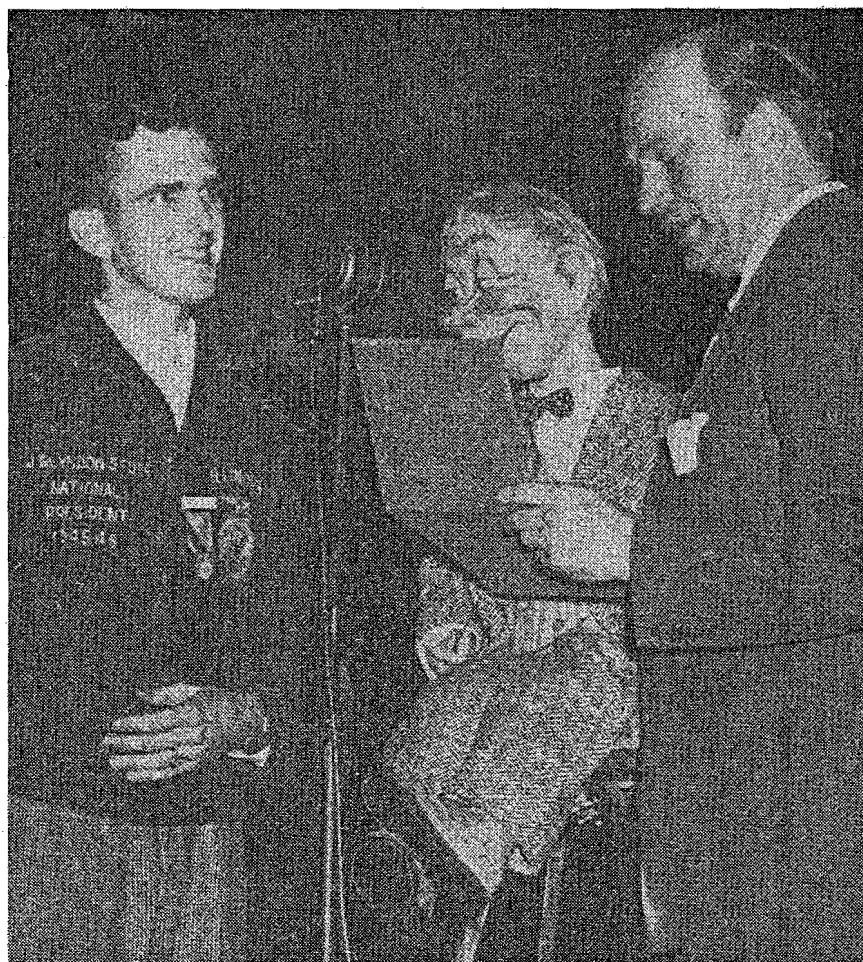
Jemison boys finishing concrete steps. They have poured 4 sets of steps since school started. FFA members l to r are: G. E. Ray, Wilton Cox, and Aldene Burnette. L. C. Shields is teacher.

## Helps Shortage

J. D. Tolbert, Reporter,

Crossville F.F.A. chapter completed a sorghum cane project this fall. It was a success. In April the Crossville F.F.A. boys decided to plant 4/10 of an acre in sorghum cane. Careful plans were made for carrying this project through. In May the work began. Until school was out the boys did most of the work themselves. After school was out some local labor was hired. Harvest season came during the first month of school this fall, and the chapter members did all the harvesting.

The cane was hauled to a nearby



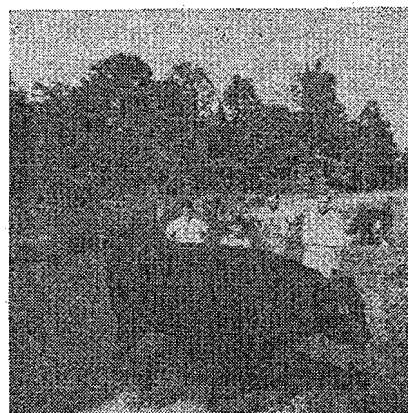
FUTURE FARMER SNERD is seen above looking over his certificate of honorary membership in the FFA. National President Glyndon Stufl presented this certificate to Mortimer at the Convention in Kansas City. It was given in appreciation of the program that Mr. Edgar Bergen gave for the Future Farmers there. They gave a full hour show that all FFA members enjoyed. Mortimer and Charlie were the favorites, but for some of the boys the girl singer almost stole the show—and no wonder, she could sing too!

received \$165.30 for our part of the syrup. Total expenses, including hired labor, buckets, and hauling amounted to \$50.65. This left the chapter a profit of \$114.65, which was deposited in the bank by our treasurer to take care of future chapter activities.

O. A. Holder, W. L. Edwards, Jack Wann, Billy Steel making a study of permanent pasture and beef cattle on a recent field trip in Stevenson community. C. D. Richardson is teacher of vocational agriculture. (At right).

syrup mill which makes syrup according to government plan. The mill is owned and operated by V. T. Cobb, Crossville, Alabama.

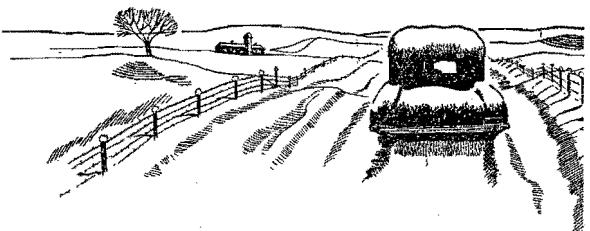
The total yield for the 4/10 acre was 87 gallons. This would be about 217 gallons per acre. The chapter



# Check for \$981,660,783

On rural routes everywhere in America, on snowy highways of the north, on sunny by-ways of the south, live the 5,500,000 ranch and farm families who produce America's supply of food. It's a big supply, too, the greatest in the world. From your farms and ranches in 1946 came livestock, dairy and poultry products and crops to the value of about twenty-three billion dollars, according to latest available government estimates. Meat animals and dairy and poultry products accounted for about 60 percent of the total farm cash income, current estimates reveal. Agriculture, the nation's most essential industry, is "big business" in every sense of the phrase.

Of all your cash income last year, \$981,660,783\* came from Swift & Company in payments for livestock and other agricultural raw materials. We purchased your livestock and other products and converted them into millions of pounds of quality meats, valuable by-products, other foods and products. Part of the money you received from Swift came from our meat packing plants, dairy and poultry plants and buying stations. Another portion of the



money paid out by us was for soybeans, cottonseed, peanuts and other raw materials.

Swift provides a wide, ready, year 'round market for your livestock and other products—and out of every dollar we receive in a year from sales, we return, on the average, 75¢ to you. Last year, 1.3¢ out of each dollar of sales was profit. Part of this amount was paid out as dividends to the 63,365 shareholders as a return on their investment. Part was retained in the business for future needs.

\*The actual amount paid for livestock and other agricultural products is greater than shown by the amount of the subsidies paid by the Government.

## Soda Bill Sez:

*...what's wrong with people is not their ignorance, but the number of things they know that aren't so.*



Wm. A. Albrecht

## Feed Values Are Soil Values

by Wm. A. Albrecht  
University of Missouri

Recently a farmer friend of mine told me, "I've moved to another farm where I get bigger yields in all my feed crops. But even though I shovel much more corn and pitch a lot more hay, I can't get my calves to market as early. I'm just not growing as much meat per acre."

This man doesn't realize that feed bulk is no indication of feed value. Livestock will not gain more on larger rations unless the feed value of any crop is derived from the basic plant food elements found in the soil. The crop must first build up the woody structure that makes up its bulk. Then, if soil conditions are right, the plant will store up a supply of the raw materials of protein, vitamins, and mineral compounds. Thus, whether a crop offers anything more than bulk and fattening power depends on the condition of the soil on which it grew. *Livestock may be fed great quantities of feedstuffs produced on poor soils and still fail to gain weight.* It is soil that has been guarded against erosion, fertilized properly, and carefully managed, that grows nutritious crops. Such soil will produce crops that give better feeding results and make more meat per acre.

## Returns for Savings

It is not the investment of a few rich people that has built Swift & Company, but the pooled savings of 63,365 people. Among them you'll find farmers, ranchers, lawyers, doctors, mechanics, business people—folks from every walk of life . . . including 29,941 women.

The savings these shareholders have invested in Swift & Company provide the plants and facilities—the tools with which we handle your products. The return for their thriftiness comes to them as dividends paid out of the company's profit. In 1946 that dividend amounted to \$1.90 a share.

## FOR PEOPLE . . . BY PEOPLE

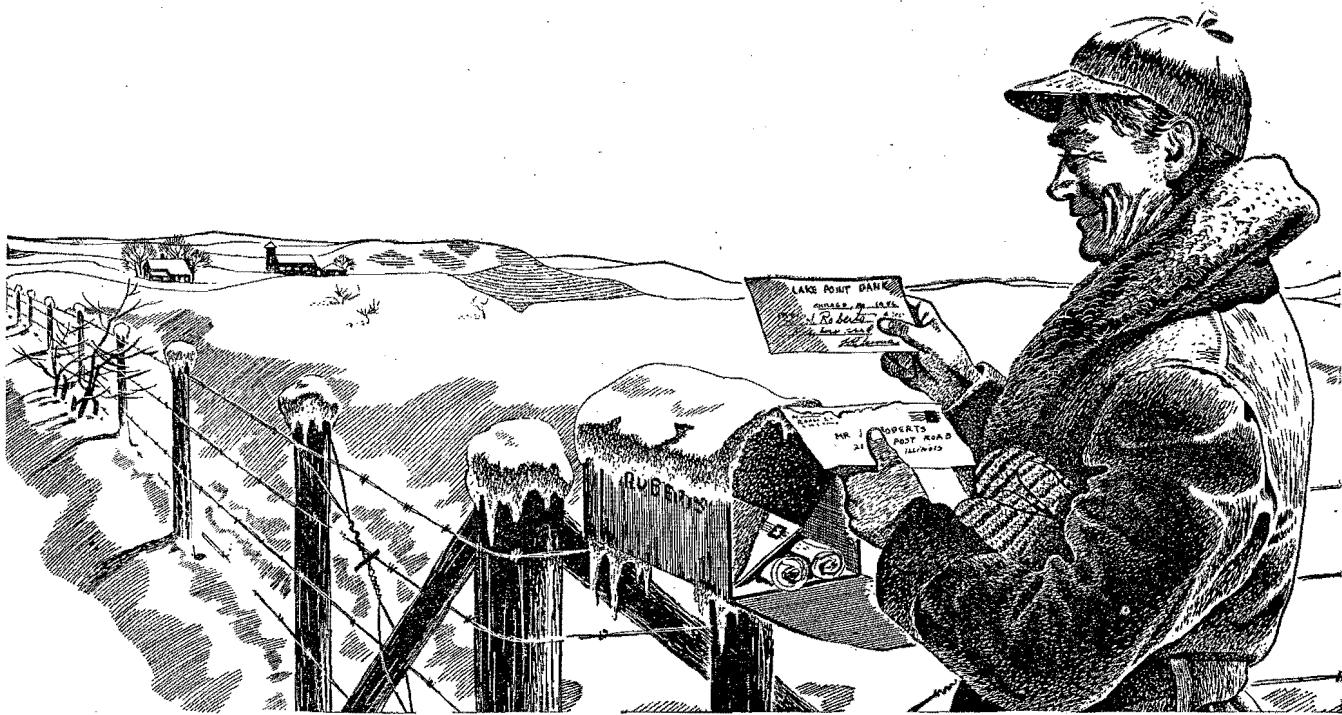
We at Swift & Company think of our business as being owned by 63,365 people, the shareholders and their families, and operated by 66,000 employees. We provide essential services for agricultural producers and many other large groups of people. Employment is created for other thousands who work for railroads, trucking firms, livestock commission houses, stockyards companies, and the suppliers who furnish us salt, sugar, boxes, barrels, machinery and a thousand-and-one other things. A part of the business of thousands upon thousands of retailers everywhere in the nation is in purveying Swift's quality meats and other products to millions of American families.

In return for all the effort that made these services possible, the folks who work for Swift earned \$164,013,099 in wages and salaries in 1946. This sum is 88% of the total remaining after all bills except taxes were paid, and is ten times more than the company's total net profit.

**Swift & Company**

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NUTRITION IS OUR BUSINESS—AND YOURS  
*Right Eating Adds Life to Your Years—and Years to Your Life*



## "WHERE DID THAT \$1,308,364,155 GO?"



During 1946 Swift & Company received \$1,308,364,155 from the sale of its products and by-products. By the end of the year the Company had earned a net profit of \$16,394,739, which is slightly less than 1.3¢ on each dollar of sales.

### *What happened to the rest of that money?*

Well, the largest part was paid to farmers and ranchers who sold us livestock and other agricultural products. They got \$981,660,783\* or 75¢ out of the average sales dollar we received for products sold, including all by-products such as hides, wool, soybean meal, etc.

The next largest portion of our sales dollar went to all Swift employees. Their share of the dollar was 12.6¢.

Fuel , barrels , boxes , paper , salt , sugar , and other supplies took 4.8¢ out of the average dollar.

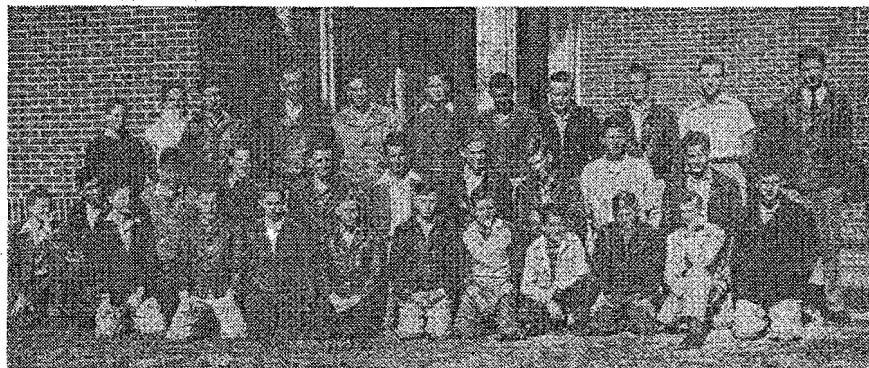
Transportation took 2¢. (Meat travels, on the average, over 1,000 miles from producer to consumer.)

Taxes took another 1¢. All other expenses, including depreciation, interest and miscellaneous business costs, amounted to 3.3¢.

All these costs taken out of the sales dollar left 1.3¢. This was Swift & Company's net profit in 1946 — a profit of only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1¢ on each pound of the millions of pounds of products and by-products handled.

Wm. B. Traynor, Vice President & Treasurer

## CLIO CHAPTER IN BUSY YEAR



Members of the wide-awake Clio chapter are shown above. They are, from left to right, 1st row, Horace Danner, Miles Easterling, Royce Abercrombie, Holman Roberts, Geraldine Casey, Wayne Tew, Marion Faulk, James Alex Shipman, Gene Hurt, and Bermont Senn, Chapter Reporter. Second row, William Fleming, Ladon Baker, Gene Belcher, John L. Baxter, Joe Davis, Phil McRae, Milton Abercrombie, Clyde McRae, James Wood Baxter, Vice-President; and Harold Caldwell, Treasurer. Third row, Billy Floyd, Bennie Danner, Jimmie Middlebrooks, Bobby Hall, Gene Faulk, Johnnie McHart, Ray Frank Wilson, Pete Smith, Mack Price, Secretary; Robert McKinnon, President; and R. J. Chandler, Adviser. James Gachet, Lamar Dansby, and Chris Green were not in school the day the picture was made and are not shown. Robert McKinnon, Chapter president, also won speaking contest (and a \$5 prize) with his speech "What Next Future Farmers."

### Bermont Senn. Reporter

In reviewing activities of the past year, we find that we have been pretty busy and have had some interesting experiences. However, we have planned some improvements in our work for this year and hope to have a better year than last. We plan to stress basic agriculture more this year, such as increased yields, more and better livestock, etc. Corn yields, according to records turned in to Mr. Chandler, our agriculture teacher, were just too low. Peanut yields above the average, but could be improved. Some of the members say they are going to try to make yields of 60 bu. or more this year. We are also planning an educational tour this summer. Some of our activities in 1946 are:

1. Visited Fat Cattle Show in Dothan. (One boy showed)
2. Sent representatives to Birmingham Fat Cattle Show.
3. Sent James Woods Baxter and Robert McKinnon to State F. F. A. Convention in Auburn last summer. Many helpful ideas were brought

back by them and worked into the Activity Program the 1st meeting in September. James Woods bought a pure bred Angus bull near Auburn while on the trip.

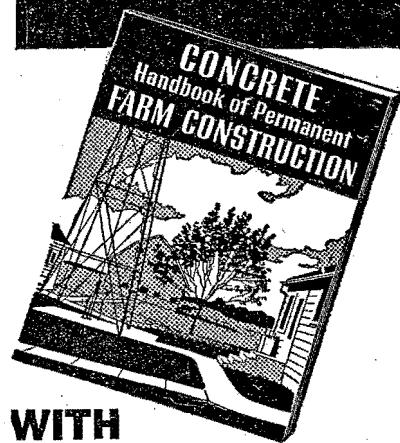
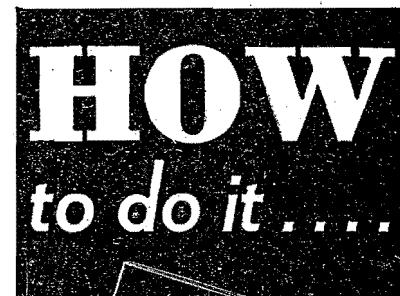
4. Took Farm Tour.
5. Operated school candy and supply store.
6. Held square dance jointly with F.H.A.
7. Held joint Christmas party with F.H.A.
8. Gave square dance in cooperation with F.H.A. and Sr. Class.
9. Held a Green Hand initiation (13 boys initiated).
10. Held Chapter Farmer initiation (8 initiated).
11. Held Chapter Public Speaking Contest.
12. Bought and fed two hogs in cooperation with rest of school.

## FFA KINGS

We have heard of two Future Farmers who were "Kings For A Day." At Governor Folsom's inauguration Charles Bryan, Ashland, rode the Kudzu float from Clay County. By the way this was a result of his FFA speech on Kudzu.

Verdis, "Judge", Bible, Heflin Chapter sat with the queen of the Cleburne County float.

Were there others?



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Remember, concrete is fire-safe, termite-proof, easy to work with, low in first cost, needs little upkeep, endures for generations.

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## COUNTY Speaking and Quartet Contests In February