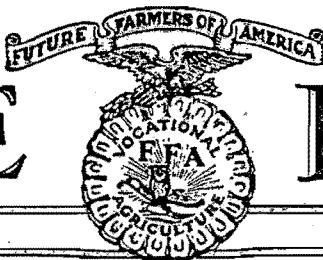


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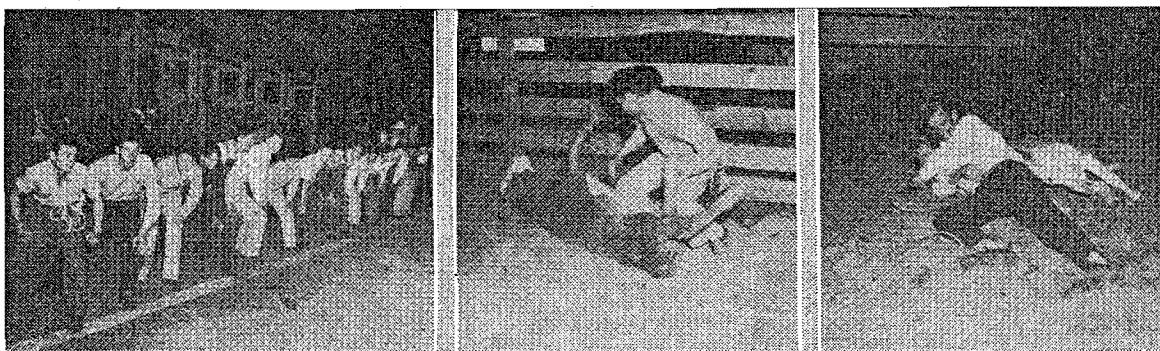
FREE CALVES AND FUN

Alabama's first **CALF SCRAMBLE** was fun! Yes, for the 20 Future Farmers scrambling for the calves as well as the 10,000 people looking on. Perhaps, the only unhappy folks there were the 16 FFA members who were unlucky in the drawing and failed to be one of the 20 boys to scramble for the 10 calves. The rules were simple. To win a free calf all you had to do was catch him (in a big area) put the halter on and lead the calf across the starting line.

The first Future Farmer to get this job done was Hardwick Kay from Cotaco in Morgan county. **Gene Autry:** star of the rodeo, was at the finish line and was the first to congratulate Hardwick. They are shown together at the left. The State FFA Executive Secretary and his hat are seen hurrying to get the name of a boy with a calf.

Other scenes from the scramble, which was the feature attraction at the Thursday night stock show and rodeo program in Birmingham, are shown below. The 20 FFAers are lined up ready for the start of the scramble. Coy Hill, Oneonta, is the first in line. The second picture

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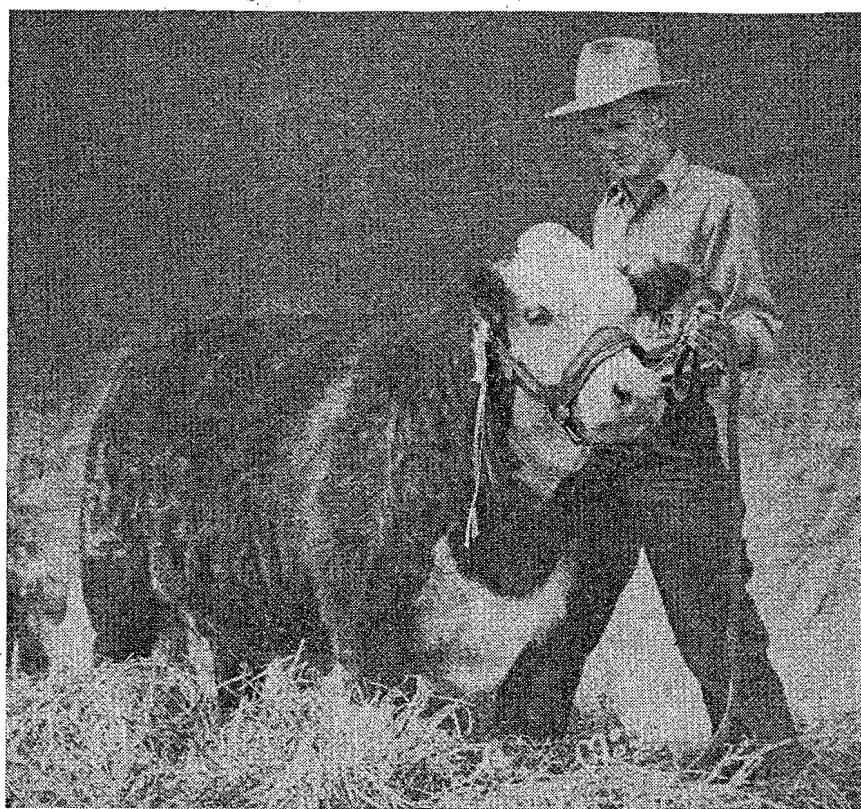


STATE FARMERS

94 top Future Farmers from 50 chapters in Alabama will be presented to the delegates at the state convention for raising to the degree of **STATE FARMER**. After studying the applications from 156 boys the State FFA Executive Committee recommended that those listed below be awarded the highest degree that the state association can confer.

Harold Johnson, Ashford; Whitsom Bonner, Ashland; Horis Beason, Ashville; Kenneth E. Neal, Bob Salmon, Auburn; Charles McIntosh, Beatrice; Billie Humphries, Belgreen; Arvil Staton, Donald French, Blountsville; Hoyt Hill, Ben Henderson, Camp Hill; J. T. Branson, J. T. Bishop, Wayne McElrath, Hugh Chandler, Cedar Bluff; James Ellis, Centre; James Lathan Jackson, Cherokee; Milton Abercrombie, Clio; Howard Fletcher, Donald Ridgway, Crossville; Dwight Tilley, Frank Still, Cullman; John R. Estes, Cratie Corbett, Fayette; Charles Frary, Foley; Billy Koon, Gordo; Leroy Dunn, Greenville; John Lester Hill, Leon Gilchrist, Jeffrey Larrimore, Sambo Rotch, Henry Lee Sheffield, Grove Hill; Gordon Galbreath, Hamilton; Coy J. Rasberry, Isabella; Charles Q. Finch, Jackie B. Chastain, Oren P. Bradley, James Roland Reeves, Jackson; Dane Lowrey, Junior Blow, Bobby Gates, Jemison; Hugh Jack McLeod, Buddy Clark, Gerald McLeod, Kinston; Carroll Daugherty, Robert Lee Grimes, Leroy; Elton Gray, Billy Gene Davis, Jerry R. Clemons, Henry Lee Bradley, Malcolm E. Davis, Lexington; Eugene Allred, Lincoln; Braxton Young, Elwyn Martin, Millerville; Erskine Pickens, Mount Hope; John David Miles, New Market; Neal Humphries, Charles Bentley, Hollis Wynn, Notasulga; Johnny Jackson Churchill, Odenville; Harry H. Miller, Orrville; Billy Smith, Pell City; Wallace Hutchesson, Phil Campbell; Thomas Morning, Riverton; Hubert Goode, Rogersville; Ballard Phillips, Jack Gray, Glen Huguley, Samson; John Hartley, Billy Raley, Jack Loftin, Felix Lassiter, Robert Stephenson, Jack Hornaday, Glen Lassiter, Sidney Lanier; Irvin Koon, Smith's Station; Eldred Carter Croft, Kent Barton, Johnnie B. Meek, Straughn; Mack Morris, Jr., Sulligent; John Tuck, J. C. Webb, Susan Moore; Murray Hughey, Suttle; Ralph H. Loftin, Everett Lewis, Sweetwater; Redus Sisson, Ross Finch, Troy Atkins, Vernon; Rollie Rollings, Walnut Grove; Billy Mangum, Bruce Ellis, Jr., Waterloo; John E. Collins, Thomas Mitchell, Weogufka; Mack Hood, West Point.

1947 STAR FARMER



John Hartley, Star Farmer, is shown here with his 920-pound steer which was Reserve Champion of the Silver Fat Stock Show at Montgomery. For placing next to the top in the entire show, John received a silver pitcher, \$50, and a free trip to the National FFA convention and American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City in October.

Our **STAR FARMER** for 1947 comes from the Black Belt. He is John Hartley member of the Sidney Lanier FFA chapter at Montgomery. John could well be called a "typical Black Belt farmer", if you are thinking of the progressive farmers of that area of Alabama. John has a big farming program built around beef cattle and a grazing program for them. He believes that the Black Belt offers a real challenge to develop the pastures. They are securing wonderful improvements by fertilizing and working the pastures. The Caley Pea is helping them to transform the waste areas to top pastures.

John lives on a 5,000-acre farm near Matthews and Cecil in Montgomery county, with his mother and older brother. John graduated from Sidney Lanier High School re-

cently and is now giving full time to his farming program. In connection with his beef cattle, John is "quite a hand" with tools, developing many labor-saving devices. A visit to the farm proves this at every turn. In fact, John's FFA adviser, Mr. E. P. Gieger, sent in application for him in Farm Mechanics and Farm and Home Electrification contests. Both very fine entries too, but rules will not permit giving more than one such state award to the same person.

John Hartley is a Future Farmer who is now farming. He has the setup for farming and the ability and desire to do it. It is a credit to the Alabama FFA Association as well as an honor to John to name him the top among the 94 State Farmers in Alabama in 1947—**OUR STAR FARMER!**

AMERICAN FARMERS

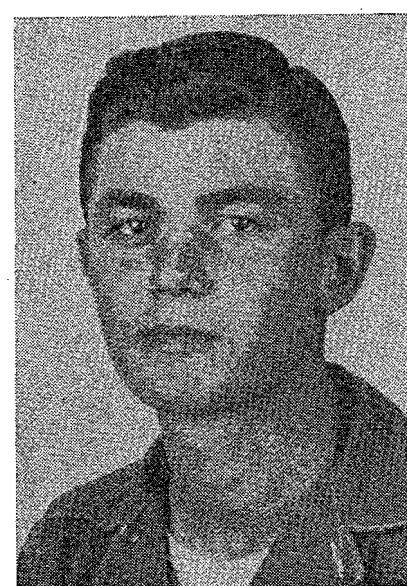
Everyone who heard Bill Collins talking out at Kansas City last Fall kept him saying something as long as they could to hear that SUTHIN drawl! It is thought that he got a free ticket to a banquet as a result of that drawl. The trip wouldn't have been so good without Bill. He's back on that farm down in Wilcox county continuing to be a real American Farmer.

George Dawson, Alabama's other American Farmer last year, is now serving in Uncle Sam's army. We have not heard from him recently, but he was expecting overseas duty and had not been told whether it would be Germany or Japan. He's anxious to get back to his Lee county farm.

Candidates for the American Farmer Degree this year are **Marlin Cranford**, Arab; **Marlin Robinson**, Susan Moore; **Neil Koon**, Smith Station; **Robert Carden**, Jemison; **Acie Mims**, Clanton; and **James Adams**, Straughn.



Bill Collins
Pineapple



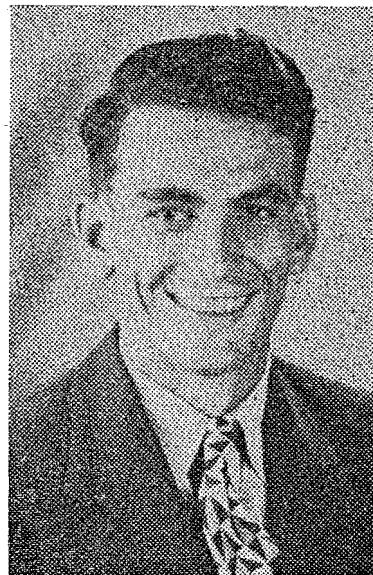
George Dawson
Auburn

MAKIN' HOGS AND \$\$

The Ashland FFA chapter decided last fall to take advantage of high hog prices. A little close trading resulted in buying two OIC pigs for \$20. Scraps from the lunch room made up most of the feed for the pigs. But to help balance the ration and make more gain, one sack of hog feed was bought for \$5. In addition to this a mineral mixture was kept before the hogs at all time.

The job of feeding the hogs daily was swapped around. Two Future Farmers collected the scraps and two others fed them. To keep the hogs from reducing over the weekend, FFAers living nearby took turns at feeding on Saturday and Sunday. This arrangement seemed to work and the pigs became hogs. What is most profitable way to get rid of the hogs? After much discussion it was decided to raffle off one with chances at 50¢ each. Good salesmen brought in \$67.50. The man who was lucky to win the hog was so glad until he gave the Future Farmers \$5 for dressing the

GOING OUT OF OFFICE



Edsel Thomason
State President

hog for him. The other hog was sold on foot for 27¢ a pound.

This method of letting pigs make hogs of themselves resulted in a net profit of \$100.15 for the Ashland Future Farmers. They plan to use the money on a trip this summer.

HANDY WITH TOOLS



Shown here are the Cummings brothers, Robert, Quinton and Judson. They had just completed making a body for their truck. All three are former FFA members at Isabella and keep going back to the vocational shop to do those needed shop jobs too large for doing on home farm. Quinton holds the American Farmer Degree and is now a member of the adult class in vocational agriculture at Isabella. All three boys work and manage the farm with their mother. The truck helps them get their fruit and vegetables to market at the right time. Truck farming is the major enterprise.

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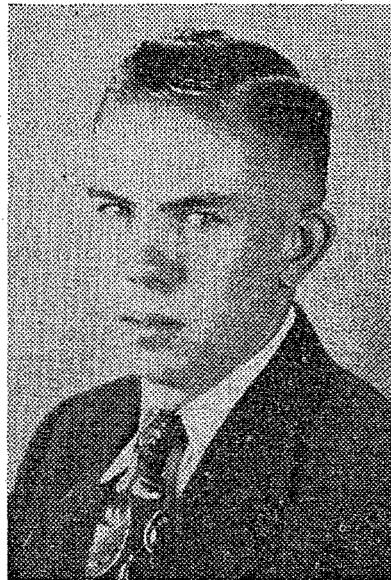
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1. Every farm boy in high school taking three years of vocational agriculture.
2. Every boy in vocational agriculture an active FFA member.
3. All the State and American Farmers allowed under the Constitution each year.
4. Two State camps owned and operated by and for Alabama Future Farmers.

State Officers



Kerna B. Tidwell



Joe Pace Palmer

Due to the fact that we had a state officer from Susan Moore chapter last year, Kerna B. didn't figure he had much chance. The nominating committee liked him so well until they recommended him and he was later elected to the office of state treasurer. In addition to his farming Kerna B. has plenty to do on the side. He is a member of the Naval Reserve and has just returned from a 14-day cruise. He graduated from Susan Moore High School last month. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. U. R. Tidwell.

Our state reporter is from Leroy

chapter in Washington county. In spite of the fact that it takes him all day long to get from home to Auburn, he is always on time at Executive Committee meetings. Joe Pace lives on 180-acre farm, and does most of the work with his tractor. He has one more year in high school. He has been chapter reporter, treasurer, and advanced to the quarter-finals in public speaking contest two years. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer. Mr. Palmer is principal of Leroy High School.

CALF SCRAMBLE

(Continued from page 1) shows a Future Farmer getting the best of the calf and working his way around to the haltering. (*Anybody know this fellow?*) Look closely and you will see another boy behind. This may be Billy Steele, Aliceville, who got a little hurt in the scramble, then had the hard luck not to get a calf. The last picture shows Boyd Davis, Princeton in Jackson county, who was the first to catch his calf. He held on too and got him across the line.

Other Future Farmers winning free calves in the scramble were: **Billy Henderson**, Moulton; **J. W. Eubanks, Jr.**, Athens; **Richard Kirksey**, Sidney Lanier; **Oberdeen Frost**, Eva; **Harold Clayton**, Hartselle; **Murray Fuller**, Suttle; and **Bobby Hudnall**, Livingston. Giving these fellows plenty of competition were **Jimmy Campbell**, Hayden; **Obie Littleton**, Jemison; **Douglas Farmer**, Northport; **Edwin Perry**, Heflin; **Billy Avery**, Five Points; and **Billy Steele**.

NEWSY LETTER

Newville, Alabama

Dr. C. C. Scarborough
Executive Secretary, F.F.A.
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Scarborough:

At the beginning of the school year, our chapter of the F.F.A. set forth several aims which we have already completed.

We planned and constructed a septic tank and disposal field for our section of the vocational department. Along with this, we put in sanitary fixtures. All of us learned a great deal about plumbing we did not know, and we are proud to have put in something we needed so badly.

After completing the septic tank, disposal field, and putting in the fixtures, we put a concrete floor in our blacksmith shop. We, also, put a metal sink in the blacksmith shop which has proved to be very handy.

Since the beginning of the year, we have gotten three new motors. One for our rip saw, one for our six inch jointer, and a tool grinder and a motor for it. Several outlet plugs have been put in to take care of the new equipment.

We laid a two hundred and sixty feet long, two inch pipe line from the elementary building to the school lunch room. We joined the athletic showers and the vocational building to this line. Later on the pipe line will be extended to the high school.

Sincerely yours,
David Griffin, Reporter
Newville Chapter, F.F.A.



Surely you know what this is—
what does your mother call your father?

Sidney Lanier Cops Prizes In Stock Shows



To put a little pep into learning how to groom a show animal, the Sidney Lanier Future Farmers shown here are putting on their own idea of an auction. Receiving the bids is Billy Raley; Jack Lofton is the auctioneer, trying to satisfy the seller and the buyer; and the others who look as if they just about as soon wash a calf as listen to that chatter are George Dickey, William Faulkner, Marvin Jones, William Hatfield and Paul Crashul. The picture was made and developed by Ewell Green, another Lanier Future Farmer.

104 different prizes, \$429.50 in cash awards, two silver cups, and one trip to Kansas City! That's the story of the Sidney Lanier Future Farmers at the Montgomery Fat Stock Show this year.

A look at the fact reveals that this is not a short story. It did not just happen there on the day of the show. Here are some of the facts.

Nearly a year ago 23 FFA members started feeding 40 calves as part of their farming program in vocational agriculture. Mr. E. P. Gieger, teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA adviser, gave plenty of class time to the study of care and feeding the animals. By the time the Montgomery county show was held most of the fellows

thought their calves ready, and the results prove that they were. Future Farmers won 34 prizes for a total of \$155 in this county show. Willie James Kirksey had an Angus calf which was judged to be the champion of the show.

Then followed the Montgomery District Show with 20 counties having entries with the results shown at the beginning of this article. In addition, Willie James and Richard Kirksey showed one calf each in the Birmingham Show and both won prize money. To top off a good year for Lanier Future Farmers with their beef calves, Richard Kirksey won a free calf in the calf scramble at the Birmingham Stock Show and Rodeo.

State FFA Convention



Elna Frame
State FHA President

Elna will brighten our convention program on Friday night. She will bring news of Alabama Future Homemakers and how the new national FHA organization is growing. Elna has been a very active president, visiting a number of FHA chapters and programs during the year. She is from Riverton in Madison county.

Miss Ruby Lea Robinson, State FHA Adviser, will also be present for at least part of the convention.

Straughn String Band At Convention



Members are James Williams, Cuthbert Chisum, Lamar Jones, and Edward McDaniel. Other string bands at the Convention are Sulligent, Hutton, and Kinston.



Clarence Milldrum
Clayton



Jimmy Morris
Jacksonville



Elton Gray
Lexington



James Robbins
Evergreen

Giving the above four speakers plenty of competition in the public speaking contest were the following second place winners in the semi-finals: Bill Manring, Kinston; Edward Tidwell, Susan Moore; Tommy Watkins, Russellville, and Earl Brown, Jackson.

Features In Birmingham

It has been a long road since winning the chapter contest in January. The Future Farmers at left above have won chapter, quarter-final and semi-final speaking contests in all parts of Alabama. The winner in the state finals Friday night June 13 in Birmingham will represent Alabama in the Tri-state contest in Georgia later this summer. Eliminations will continue until a national FFA champion is crowned in Kansas City in October. Not since 1941 has an Alabama boy won his way to the national finals. That year R. L. Jones not only got that far but won the national championship.

Clarence Milldrum is speaking on the subject "Blue Lupine"; Jimmy Morris is discussing "The Soil—A National Heritage"; Elton Gray has a similar subject, but different treatment, "Soil Conservation Our Greatest National Problem"; James Robbins has chosen the old problem of "Soil Erosion". Subjects are chosen by the boys and approved by their FFA advisers. These advisers are H. F. McCroskey, Clayton; L. F. Ingram, Jacksonville; M. Thornton, Lexington; and J. H. Moseley, Evergreen.



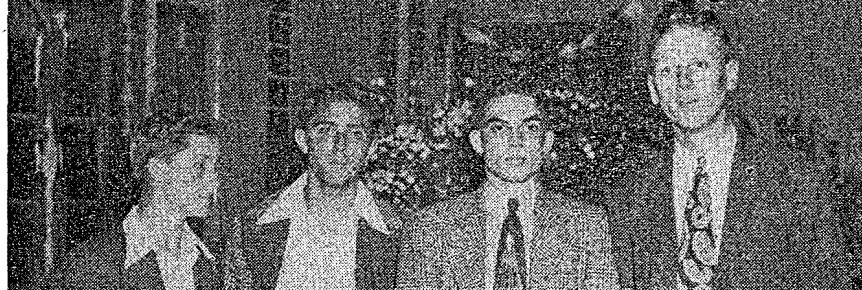
Bill Morgan

Nat'l. Vice President

Bill Morgan, National FFA vice-president for the South, lives in Morgan City, Mississippi. He served as reporter, vice-president and president of his FFA chapter there. In 1943 he was elected vice-president of the Mississippi State FFA, and was acting president the latter part of the year. The next year he was elected state president. He was elected national vice-president last October in Kansas City.

Bill lives on a 2500-acre delta farm and is now a student at Mississippi State where he is studying agriculture.

The Calf Scramble was sponsored by Mr. Frank P. Samford.

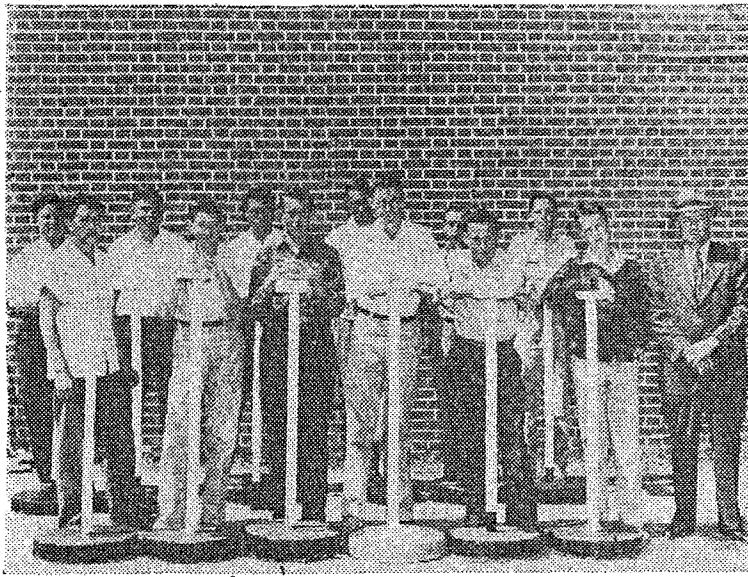


One of the quartets in the state finals in Birmingham Friday night June 13 is from McAdory. They are shown above, left to right, Joe Harris, Walter Naish, Jack Day and Albert Dennis. They have reached the finals by winning their county, quarter-final and semi-final contests. S. C. Doughty is FFA adviser. Other quartets competing for the state champion FFA quartet and a right to meet the Georgia and Florida FFA winners at the Tri-State meet, are Hanceville, Clayton, and Camden.

Candidates For State FFA Office

Harold Johnson, Ashford; Whitson Bonner, Ashland; Horis Beason, Ashville; Hoyt Hill, Camp Hill; Wayne Upton, Centre; Dwight Tilley, Cullman; Mat D. Homes, Jr., Fort Deposit; Dane Lowrey, Jemison; Bill Manring, Kinston; Billy Gene Davis, Lexington; Ralph Ethridge; Braxton Young, Millerville; Bobby White, Riverton; Eldred Croft, Straughn.

Shop Work Appreciated By Clanton Mail Carriers



Clanton F. F. A. Boys Make Modern Mail Box Stands of Concrete

Above is shown a group of F.F.A. boys of the Chilton County High School chapter who are pictured with rural mail box stands they made for their homes. The students undertook this project under the direction of their agricultural instructor, Mr. J. Reed Thompson. For this work and for setting an example for others to go by, they have been highly praised by Clanton's mail carriers. The stands are made with a concrete base with a pipe upright stand. Mr. Reuben Lowe, Clanton Postmaster, stands with the group.

A letter from the rural carriers

to the boys follows:

To Students of Voc. Agri.,
Chilton County High School

The Postmaster and Rural mail carriers of Clanton would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your efforts to try and make a much needed improvement in Chilton County. A good rural mail box not only makes our job easier but it also improves the appearance of your home.

We are hoping others will follow you.

Sincerely yours,

—R. W. Lowe, Postmaster.
—G. F. Harris, Route 1
—B. J. Sessions, Route 2
—G. C. Harris, Route 3
—W. G. Culp, Route 4
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—From Chilton County News.



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