

String Band Takes Over At Convention

The Alabama FFA String Band won much recognition at the National Convention in Kansas City.

While there they appeared on the program seven times including two radio broadcasts. All Alabama should be proud of the fine showing they made.

All members of the band had an opportunity to see and talk to Judy Conova, Roy Rogers, and Dale Evans, which was quite interesting to them.

Members of the band are Billy Railey, Sidney Lanier, electric Spanish guitar; Edward McDaniel, Straughn, bass fiddle; Buddy Clark, Kinston, mandolin; Charles Gunter, Straughn, guitar; Reginald Nall, Straughn, vocalist, and Theron Tucker, Straughn, fiddle.

R. C. Frederick, adviser of the Straughn chapter is director of the band.

GOLD EMBLEM AWARD FOR SIDNEY LANIER

The Sidney Lanier chapter in Montgomery is one of the nation's twenty-four Gold Emblem winners in the National Chapter Contest.

Fred Stephens, FFA president of the chapter, attended the national convention and accepted the award for his chapter. This is the highest honor a chapter can achieve from the National organization.

E. P. Geiger, former adviser for the chapter, was awarded the honorary American Farmer degree since the chapter report was based on last year's accomplishments while he was adviser.

SILVER EMBLEM AWARD FOR RIVERTON

The Riverton chapter won the Silver Emblem award along with seventeen others in the nation. This is the second highest honor awarded a chapter by the National FFA Organization.

Nickey Wilbourn, President of the Riverton chapter, was present at the national convention to accept the award for his chapter. J. D. Wigley is chapter adviser.

Alabama Rates High at K. C.

Awarded Highest Degree

Nine Alabama Future Farmers were awarded the American Farmer degree at the National Convention in Kansas City. There were 214 from over the nation who received this award.

This is the highest degree awarded a member by the National organization. Those who received this honor were as follows:

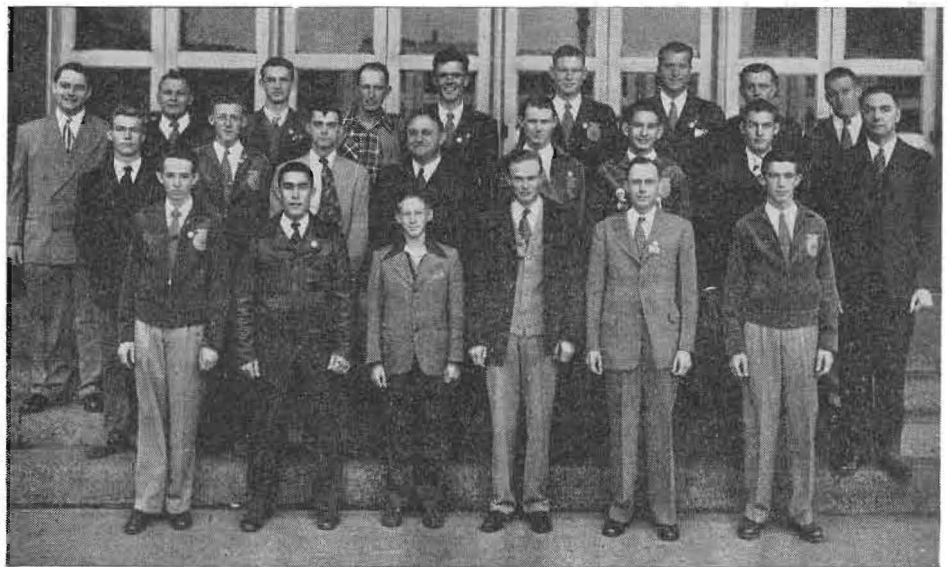
1. James A. Adams, Andalusia
2. Hudson C. Calfee, Clanton
3. William L. Clotfelter, Arab
4. Malcolm E. Davis, Lexington
5. Harry H. Ellis, Castleberry
6. James Cecil Garner, McKenzie
7. Joe Wayne Johnson, Grand Bay
8. Hosia D. Justice, Florala
9. George F. Reynolds, Chatom

National Convention Honors Alabama FFA

A delegation of 26 from Alabama attended the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 14-18th.

Alabama scored high among the other states in winning prizes for accomplishments and for participation in the convention. The two official delegates representing the Alabama FFA Association were Nick Lindsey, State President and Bob Salmon, State Vice-President. Ralph Mims, State Star Farmer from the Billingsley chapter participated in a "Massing of the Flags" ceremony in which the Star Farmer from each state took part.

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The Alabama delegation attending the National FFA Convention in Kansas City pictured above as follows: Back row left to right: Fred Stephens, Sidney Lanier; Billy Railey, Sidney Lanier; Richard McConnell, Beauregard; Malcolm Davis, Lexington; Harry Ellis, Castleberry; Buddy Clark, Kinston; Theron Tucker, Straughn; R. C. Frederick, Straughn; Reginald Nall, Straughn.

Second row: Jack Couch, Falkville; S. J. Noah, Glencoe; L. H. Davis, Lexington; M. Thornton, Montevallo; Edward McDaniel, Straughn; Charles Gunter, Straughn; Ralph Mims, Billingsley; T. L. Faulkner, Auburn.

Front row: Douglas Mitchell, Corner; Nickey Wilbourn, Riverton; Dolan Small, Montevallo; John Hartley, Sidney Lanier; J. L. Dailey, Montgomery, and Nick Lindsey, Orrville. Others not in picture: Bob Salmon, Auburn; Mrs. John Hartley, Montgomery and H. O. Coffey, Birmingham.

NATIONAL CONVENTION—

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The Alabama string band appeared on the program seven times including two radio broadcasts. Alabama's nine American Farmer Candidates were awarded this highest degree in FFA. The Sidney Lanier chapter was one of 24 in the nation to receive the Gold Emblem Award. The Riverton chapter was one of 18 in the nation to receive the Silver Emblem Award.

John Hartley of Sidney Lanier chapter was awarded third place in the National Farm Mechanics contest. Richard McConnell was awarded third place in the National Farm and Home Electrification contest.

The 26 attending agreed that the convention was a real inspiration to everyone and that more advisers and members should attend each year.

Here's what some of those attending have to say:

S. J. Noah, Glencoe chapter says: "I just can't find words that are meaningful enough to express the wonderful time I had at the convention. One thing for sure, it was the happiest and most enjoyable week of my life. I know without a doubt that the boys and men that were with me were the finest in the world. I am looking forward to going back next year."

Reginald Nall, Straughn chapter says: "I enjoyed my trip to Kansas City very much. It was an experience I shall never forget. It was an educational trip that I wish every Future Farmer could take. When you attend the National Convention you will realize more what the FFA means. I truly wish every Future Farmer could at least attend one National Convention."

Douglas Mitchell, Corner chapter says: "Every FFA member should congratulate the National officers on the splendid job they did in planning and conducting the convention with such tact and seeming simplicity. It was most inspiring and provided each member present with a new sense of understanding as to the broadness and far-reaching effect of our organization."

Edward McDaniel, Straughn chapter says: "I think that every FFA member should strive to go to the National FFA Convention. It is really an educational trip for anybody. That was my first time to ride on a train and I really enjoyed it. I saw the boys get their American Farmer Degree and that will make me work harder for that honor."

Nick Lindsey, Orville chapter says: "I wish every Future Farmer could attend a National FFA Convention to see the opportunities offered by the National organization, and also to see what achievements have been made by national contest winners."



THEY'RE ALL HAPPY — M. Thornton (left) smiles while Malcolm Davis, (center) American Farmer from Lexington chapter displays the certificate he just received. Lowery Davis (right) is FFA adviser at Lexington and succeeded Mr. Thornton who is now at Montevallo.

DAIRY TEAM PARTICIPATES

The Vina Dairy judging team ranked honorable mention at the show in Waterloo, Iowa. They were the State winners at the convention in Auburn last June.

There were 33 states that participated in Iowa. Members of the Vina team were: Baldwin Roland, Shubert James, Harton Morris and Troyce Ledbetter as alternate. Their FFA adviser is J. O. Avery.

R. C. Frederick, FFA adviser, Straughn chapter and director of Alabama string band says: "I was very much impressed with the reception given us at the convention by the national officers as well as the general public. The trip was indeed enjoyable, educational and inspirational. I shall never forget the kindness and courtesy shown us individually by our state advisers. I sincerely hope more FFA members from Alabama can attend next year."

Richard McConnell, Beauregard chapter says: "My trip to the convention was one of the most interesting weeks of my life. I wish that more Alabama FFA members could attend the National Convention each year in order to better learn what FFA really means to the entire nation."

Charles Gunter, Straughn chapter says: "I had never before attended a National Convention, and I hope that this was not my last. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. Personally, I think that one cannot understand just what the FFA can mean to you until after attending a National Convention. In the future I am going to do all that I can toward making it possible for other members to attend."

Membership 10,075

Northport Largest

1. Northport 128	111. Camp Hill 44
2. Butler 109	112. Enterprise 44
3. Heflin 91	113. Eva 44
4. Cullman 90	114. Hayneville 44
5. West Point 88	115. Red Level 44
6. Jemison 87	116. Rockford 44
7. Straughn 84	117. Russellville 44
8. Uriah 77	118. York 44
9. Lexington 76	119. Florala 43
10. Susan Moore 75	120. Louisville 43
11. Gordo 74	121. Carbon Hill 42
12. Albertville 73	122. Cold Springs 42
13. Geraldine 71	123. Hatton 42
14. Hanceville 69	124. Jacksonville 42
15. Winfield 69	125. McAdory 42
16. Fairhope 68	126. Pine Hill 42
17. Millport 68	127. Ramer 42
18. Pell City 68	128. Smith's Station 42
19. Ashland 67	129. Abbeville 41
20. Citronelle 67	130. Arley 41
21. Fort Payne 67	131. Samson 41
22. Centre 66	132. Clio 40
23. Crossville 66	133. Haleyville 40
24. Sidney Lanier 66	134. Odenville 40
25. West Limestone 65	135. Beauregard 39
26. Greensboro 64	136. Blountsville 39
27. Robertsdale 64	137. Holtville 39
28. Ashville 63	138. New Brockton 39
29. Arab 62	139. Ohatchee 39
30. Brookwood 62	140. Aliceville 38
31. Montevallo 62	141. Dozier 38
32. Evergreen 61	142. Hayden 38
33. Geneva 61	143. Midland City 38
34. Glencoe 61	144. New Market 38
35. Grove Hill 60	145. Brundidge 37
36. Sardis 60	146. Milltown 37
37. Winterboro 60	147. Oneonta 37
38. Clanton 59	148. Orrville 37
39. Corner 59	149. Scottsboro 37
40. Fayette 59	150. Southside 37
41. Georgiana 59	151. East Limestone 36
42. Hackleburg 59	152. Gaylesville 36
43. Belgreen 58	153. Grand Bay 36
44. Foley 58	154. Headland 36
45. Riverton 58	155. Ozark 36
46. B. B. Comer 57	156. Red Bay 36
47. Brilliant 57	157. Stevenson 36
48. Leighton 57	158. Bear Creek 35
49. Repton 57	159. Beatrice 35
50. Atmore 56	160. Coffeeville 35
51. Grant 56	161. Guin 35
52. Greenville 56	162. Hartford 35
53. Livingston 56	163. Leroy 35
54. Cherokee 55	164. Tanner 35
55. Eutaw 55	165. Tuskegee 35
56. Vina 55	166. Waterloo 35
57. Cedar Bluff 54	167. Ashford 34
58. Millerville 54	168. Autaugaville 34
59. Thomasville 54	169. Oakman 34
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61. Castleberry 53	171. Palmetto 33
62. Excel 53	172. Rawls 33
63. Billingsley 52	173. Reeltown 33
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67. Sulligent 52	177. Mount Hope 30
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98. Marion 47	208. Maplesville 23
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100. Camden 46	210. Paint Rock
101. Centerville 46	211. Valley 23
102. Flomaton 46	212. Town Creek 23
103. Hamilton 46	213. Alexandria 22
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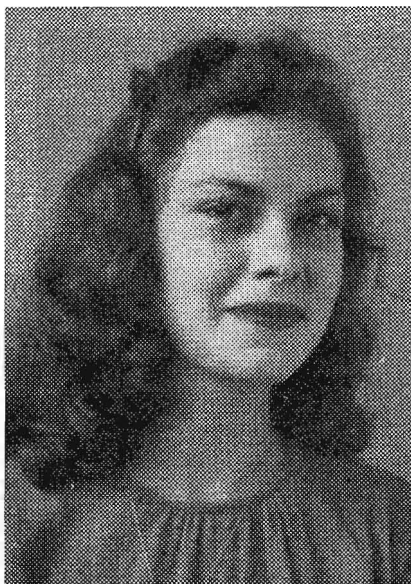
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FFA Week Feb. 21-27

The week of February 21st has been designated again this year as National FFA Week. This is the week in which George Washington's birthday comes. We will send each of you more information regarding this at a later date; however, it would be well that you start now making plans to celebrate during this week by having programs of various kinds. Many of the chapters plan to have chapel programs, banquets, civic club programs and many others at this time.

DECEMBER-JANUARY, 1948-49 >



GREENSBORO FFA "Sweetheart of the Month." — Miss Ethel Dial (above), student at Greensboro High School, has been named "Sweetheart of the Month" by the local chapter of the FFA, and she is thus in the running for the "Sweetheart of the Year" contest.

ELECTRIFICATION WINNER Nation's 3rd Best

Richard McConnell, Beauregard chapter, was third place winner in the National Farm and Home Electrification contest.

Richard was present at the National Convention to accept his award of \$200 plus \$60 travel expense.

This means that Richard was third best in the nation which is quite an honor for Alabama FFA as well as for himself. T. W. Gandy is his local FFA adviser. (See August-September issue of the *Alabama Future Farmer* for picture and article on Richard.)

Other National winners were as follows: First place, Richard Harriman, Illinois; second place, Bill Nelson, Montana.

FARM MECHANICS WINNER Nation's 3rd Best

John Hartley, Sidney Lanier chapter, was third place winner in the National Farm Mechanics contest.

John was present at the National Convention to accept his award of \$200 plus \$45 travel expense. His wife was also present to see that he returned home safely with the award.

This means that John was the third best in the nation which is quite an honor for Alabama FFA. (See August-September issue of the "Alabama Future Farmer" for picture and article on John.)

Other winners were: Otto Zerbe, Montana, first place; George Thompson, Kentucky, second; and William Keyes, Virginia, fourth.

BEEF JUDGING TEAM

The Phil Campbell beef judging team represented Alabama at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City. They placed 13th in livestock judging and 18th in meat judging.

This team was winner at the state FFA Convention last June.

Members of the team are as follows: Bobby Moody, Leo Jones, Talmage Watson, and Elbert Jack, alternate. Their FFA adviser is Grover Morrow.

FFA TRADING POST

WANT TO SELL

Eleven purebred Duroc pigs (4 males, 7 females). Three purebred Angus bulls (6, 8 & 8½ mos. old). Beatrice FFA, Claude Hardee, adviser.

Purebred OIC pigs will be ready December 7th. Enterprise FFA, J. W. Reeder, adviser.

One Delta 8" saw and 4" jointer combination, \$125.00. Motor included. In good condition. Leroy FFA, O. D. Gissendanner, adviser.

One Sears Roebuck 1200 capacity incubator, \$60.00. Ohatchee chapter, James W. Brown, adviser.

Registered Duroc Jersey pigs for sale with papers. Eight weeks old, price \$20.00 each. Phil Campbell FFA, Grover Morrow, adviser.

WANT TO BUY

One Duroc Jersey sow pig. Columbiana FFA, Elvin Hill, adviser.

Two medium-type Poland China gilts — registered. Price must be reasonable. Jemison FFA, L. C. Shields, adviser.

Wholesale lots of shrubbery. Quotations on registered pigs. Any breed. 8 wks. of age. Montevallo FFA, M. Thornton, adviser.

Twenty August or September farrowed OIC or D. J. gilts subject to or registered. Marion FFA, W. S. White, adviser.

CHAPTER NEWS

ADDISON practiced parliamentary procedure. Attended cattle show at state fair. **ALBERTVILLE** had largest FFA membership in history of chapter. Officers and others purchased official jackets. Arranged Dairy Award display in chapter classroom of all awards won this year from the County Dairy Show through the District, State, and All-American Show at Columbus, Ohio, October 12-15. Have plans for window display in an uptown business house show window. Have a chapter scrapbook to include all chapter activities. **ALICEVILLE** FFA boys made plans to raise money for the treasury by selling peanuts, hotdogs, and ice cream; had news article in school paper; using official FFA Treasurers and Secretaries Manual. **ARAB** chapter awarded Honorary Membership Pins to Professor Johnson, the Principal, and Lenard Hayes, a student, for their outstanding contribution of time and effort to the Arab chapter. **ARLEY** ordered regulation jackets for officers and one dozen copies of manual. Planning social with FHA; set up educational exhibit at state fair. **ASHLAND** worked out agreement to be used with Sears Roebuck Foundation bull. Made plans and worked on chapter radio program to be presented in the future. Checked corn yields in Hybrid corn contest. **ASHVILLE** put on assembly program; installed electric welders; dehorned herd of cattle; made plans for entering several contests; made application and received Sears' bull and organized FFA string band. **ATHENS** raised Green Hands to chapter Farmer Degree. **AUBURN** had social; organized pig chain; planning for annual FFA banquet; refinishing floors in Agricultural and Home Economics departments and organizing the county FFA. Kiwanis Club sponsoring fall garden contest.

BAKER set out camellia cuttings in hot bed. Bought two pigs to feed out. **BAKERHILL** re-established and has 100% membership. The chapter just getting under way has big plans for the future. Two boys have FFA calves which they plan to show next spring. **BEATRICE** chapter sponsoring all-day tour of two of the larger feed lots in Black Belt. Refinishing floors and repainting entire classrooms; ten calves purchased by boys for county fat calf show next April. **BEAUREGARD** judging team placed in the state contest at Birmingham; host chap-

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ter for the first meeting of the Lee County FFA. Harry Lazenby and Herman McConnell each received a purebred Hereford bull at Montgomery October 30th. FFA members are feeding out 14 steers for shows next spring. **BRANTLEY** FFA boys sold drinks to complete payments on their tractor; received one of the purebred Hereford bulls given by Sears Roebuck and Company and collected dues from 50 members which makes them 100%. **BUTLER** has a supply store on the school campus and also sells refreshments at the ball games. Now have a total of 109 members which have all paid their dues. Pins for the Green Hands have been purchased.

CAMDEN FFA boys and FHA girls together enjoyed a weiner roast and dance. Received one of the Sears bulls. **CARLOWVILLE** elected new officers. **CARROLLTON** chapter went opossum hunting; attended state fair; awarded Sears Roebuck calf and community service, drive to improve orchards. **CASTLEBERRY** entertained FHA with a party; helped buy power equipment for the shop; helped pay expenses of candidate for American Farmer Degree to Kansas City; started a chapter quartet; to start a string band at once and added three more pigs to the pig chain. **CHATOM** got Sears Roebuck bull; gave out membership cards; and presented American Farmer degree to George Reynolds. James Jordan went to national convention. **CHEROKEE** ordered pins and rings; made plans for buying registered gilts for projects and planning to have over 100% membership. **CITRONELLE** having well planned program at every meeting. Chapter has eleven hogs to fatten and sell and had four entries in corn show. **CLANTON** working on FFA library and making plans for annual FFA and FHA party. Band and quartet very active. The band played for the Annual Farm Bureau luncheon, also won first place in the musical contest at Halloween Party and the quartet was placed second. Chapter is continuing the campus improvement project. **CLIO** purchased an electric arc welder and received a Sears bull. **COFFEEVILLE** chapter had members in public speaking contest; made pictures of chapter and chapter officers for local papers; built crates and potato house to store them in. **COLD SPRINGS** was host to the Cullman County FFA. A beef calf was bought and sold to raise money for the chapter; went on a hunting and camping trip to the Bankhead National Forest and gave party for FHA. **COLUMBIANA** clean-up campaign very successful. FHA and FFA made a float for the Homecoming Parade and won the prize; sold popcorn and hot dogs at Homecoming game. **CORNER** enjoyed a meeting with the McAdory FFA at the district fire station and were given ways and means of preventing and extinguishing fires. Entered a booth in the State Fair, Curing Hay the Electrical Way. We won fourth prize of \$130.00. **COTACO** helped sponsor a Halloween Carnival. **CROSSVILLE** organized string band; purchased a bass fiddle; ordered pins for all members and fifteen members to enter hogs in the DeKalb County Top Hog Show. The string band has been playing for Adult Farmers meetings, FFA meetings and for FFA-FHA party. **CULLMAN** had an extemporaneous speaking contest held at their last chapter meeting and Charles Yarbrough won first prize. His speech was "Why I Plan to Be a Farmer." Ollie Scott, our chapter president, was chosen to serve as president of the county FFA. Planning Father and Son Banquet and selling ice cream to raise funds. **CURRY** had a booth in the Halloween program.

EAST BREWTON received a Hereford bull from the Sears Roebuck Foundation; initiated the new members, refreshments were served and members also received their Green Hand pins. Assisting in operating the school store and sold chances on a Thanksgiving turkey. **EAST LIMESTONE** is a new chapter and has elected officers; applied for charter; ordered Green Hand pins; using official secretary and treasurers book and building classroom and shop equipment. **ELBA** to have a box supper and cake walk jointly with the FHA. Also made plans for starting a pig chain. **ENTERPRISE** awarded one of the Sears Roebuck bulls; elected fifteen chapter farmers and sold peanuts at ball games. **EUTAW** was host to county meeting with Akron and Moundville attending. Sold Coca-Colas at ball game. **EVERGREEN** installed Telescopic Bleachers in new gymnasium from which we cleared \$75.00; purchased tri-purpose S.V.E. projector; operating school canteen; improving our classroom and shop instruction by use of more and better visual aids; entered eleven registered Duroc hogs in Monroeville Hog Show and won \$60.00 in prizes; carried six calves to Montgomery District Dairy Show and won third best kept county exhibits and entered District Dairy Judging contest in Montgomery, Alabama, and won first place and nice trophy also, team participated in State Judging contest in Birmingham, Alabama. **EXCEL** FFA members attended the Hog Festival held at Monroeville, Alabama; Kenneth Blanton and Carlton Jordan both FFA members won prizes.

FAIRHOPE chapter enrolled 32 new members; had 37 old members making a total of 69 members, largest membership in history of

chapter. Selling cold drinks, peanuts and popcorn; organized band and quartet; gave prizes for the boys having highest corn yield, the highest being 96.7 bushels raised by Dick Higbee. **FAYETTE** carried 35 FFA members to the State Fair in Birmingham for one day visit. **FIVE POINTS** cooperated with school in putting on a carnival; helping with canning plant and promoting growing more vegetables to can. **FLORALA** making plans for Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet; purchased a Delta rip saw for shop; spent \$75.00 for reference books and attended county FFA meeting. Pruned shrubbery around school. **FORT DEPOSIT** enlarged laying house to care for 400 hens; placed 350 Christie New Hampshires in laying house; six of the boys secured calves to feed for the fat stock show and sold eleven cases of eggs.

GAYLESVILLE got Hereford bull from Sears Roebuck Foundation; FFA boys donated feed for bull; showing film to school to raise money; selling subscriptions to magazine to raise money and initiated ten Chapter Farmers. **GERALDINE** had largest enrollment in history of chapter. **GLENCOE** held joint social with the FHA. Four members are feeding calves for the fat calf show. Chapter was awarded one of the Sears Roebuck Hereford bulls. **GORDO** cleared \$260.00 by raffling off a Frigidaire; terraced field for demonstration purposes. **GORGAS** harvested three hundred bushels of corn from corn project; planned an overnight fishing trip. **GRAND BAY** Joe Wayne Johnson awarded the American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention. Bought a new combination circular saw and jointer and planted turnips and onions in our year-around garden. **GUIN** organized quartet; preparing for public speaking and studying other contests.

HACKELBURG raffled off a pig; ordered official jackets, rings, T shirts, sport shirts and dress shirts; sent three articles to the newspaper this month; practiced for quartet contest; planning for a string band; added \$170.00 in new work tools to the farm shop and chapter is 100% in Public Speaking Contest. **HALEYVILLE** membership cards given to the members; initiated sixteen Future Farmers and members putting on a short program with FHA in chapel. **HAMILTON** held annual Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet. Two State officers, Douglas Mitchell, State FFA Reporter, and Wanda Mills, State Vice-President of the FHA were present. Attended state fair and entered an exhibit on corn and received Sears Hereford bull. **HARTSELLE** entertained the FHA with a trip to Monasano State Park at Huntsville and selling candy and ice cream. **HATTON** selling ice cream, drinks, candy and school supplies. **HAYNEVILLE** feeding out three hogs with lunchroom scraps. Selling Christmas cards as an additional source of income. **HEADLAND** planning a party. **HEFLIN** has increased the number of boys receiving pigs to seven. **HOLLY POND** sponsored Parent Night and plate supper and plan to enter several contests. Extinguished one forest fire in cooperation with Forestry Service; completed picture gallery and displaying pictures of the activities of FFA members. **HOLTVILLE** made \$80 selling peanuts and drinks; building a place to peel and treat posts for the community and visited chapter's Hereford bull. Purchased a 10-inch circular saw, a wood lathe and a drill press. **HUBBERTVILLE** FFA boys are screening and spraying lunch room.

ISABELLA received a Sears bull. We are very glad to get the Sears Roebuck bull which was given to us.

JACKSON chapter was entertained at a Thanksgiving party by the FHA. Raising funds for chapter by selling pencil and paper. **JEMISON** had M-D-F-S banquet, attendance 150; sponsored girl for Homecoming Queen; ordered 22,000 pine and cedar seedlings and set shrubs around Vocational Building. Attended State Fair and put on exhibit.

KINSTON received Sears bull; won second prize for exhibit at State Fair and sponsoring a musical program.

LEIGHTON harvested corn from FFA project. **LEROY** held M-D-F-S banquet and dance in cooperation with FHA, 140 boys, girls, and their parents attended. Working on campus improvement project. Held joint meeting with FHA and made \$15.00 selling Christmas cards. **LEXINGTON** sponsored eat stand at community fair, cleared \$140; obtained a Sears bull; received \$25 for exhibit at North Alabama State Fair, exhibit had theme of Safety in Farm Shop. Sponsoring ground improvement at school; made hardwood cuttings to establish nursery for FFA members; making cooperative order for fruit trees and planning farm safety campaign on school and community basis. **LINEVILLE** initiated eighteen new members. **LIVINGSTON** made \$116.25 operating FFA store and selling drinks and candy at football games. Initiated Chapter Farmers; showed film "That Inspiring Task" to entire membership and entering the FFA contests. **LOUISVILLE** added new books to library; bought new power equipment for the shop and sponsoring a county-wide Bangs Disease Control program. **LUVERNE** organizing a quartet; received Hereford bull from Sears

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Foundation; bought \$421.13 movie picture machine; operating drink stand and ordered FFA jackets for members. **LYEFFION** made plans for year and attended county meeting. **LYNN** sponsored four picture shows and sold candy. Completing landscape program of vocational department including a walk across the ground.

MCKENZIE entered exhibit at the State Fair. **MARBURY** members picked up \$35.00 worth of pecans, funds to purchase shop equipment; sold chances on turkey; purchased sanding machine and paint spray and FFA and FHA planning joint social. **MARION** held joint social with FHA, attended local cattle sale; have order in for chick brooders and purchased new power equipment for department. **MELLOW VALLEY** had joint meeting with FHA; in charge of two chapel programs. Practicing quartet and string band and one application for 100 bushels corn club. **MILLERVILLE** sold chances on a turkey Thanksgiving and made \$31.75. We cut and peeled over two hundred fence posts and operated the creosote and canning plant two days each this month as a community service. **MONTEVALLO** had two representatives at national convention at Kansas City; set out a demonstration orchard and cooperatively ordered trees. Chapter gave boys two registered pigs; entered state chapter contest; applied for 4,500 pine seedlings; received Sears Hereford bull; purchased FFA banner; raised over \$100 in chapter funds and 100% ag. boys in FFA with dues paid. Attended Montgomery Dairy show and attended State Fair one day. **MOUNT HOPE** received registered Hereford bulls from Sears; made \$25 selling Christmas cards, also \$25 selling scrap iron; made plans for F-S-M-D banquet.

NEW HOPE chapter picked cotton. **NEW MARKET** appointed new officers, committees; and to sell Christmas cards. **NORTHPORT** over 100% membership. **NOTASULGA** made cooperative fruit tree orders for boys, adult farmers, and veteran trainees; ordered 6,000 pine seedlings; purchased and made forty cedar chests and planning a joint Christmas program with FHA.

OAKMAN received Sears Roebuck bulls. **ODENVILLE** went to Inland Lake to fish two days and one night. Measuring corn on projects of the members where they do not qualify for the 100-Bushel Club. The highest yet has been 93 bushels. **OHATCHEE** bought picture printer, film strip and slide machine and had concessions at ball games. **OPP** studied parliamentary procedure; put on radio program over local station; attended farm machinery demonstration and planted observation plot of crimson clover. Held joint social with FHA and entertained other chapters of FFA and FHA in Covington County with a weiner roast and square dance. The State string band winners from Straughn chapter provided the music. Three members and an adviser attended the State Fair. **ORRVILLE** bought two pigs to feed out for our M-F-D-S banquet. We made \$60.00 developing and enlarging pictures. Nick Lindsey attended the National Convention at Kansas City, Missouri. **OZARK** had demonstration on the works of electricity by Mr. Hurst Maulding. Plan to give chapel program; painted the classroom and fixed the lights in the shop.

PELL CITY ordered 17,000 pine seedlings; secured 24 Green Hand and seventeen Chapter Farmer pins; plans being made for Parents' Night and canning plant being operated. Had last years State Farmer Degree certificates framed. Held FFA information contest. **PHIL CAMPBELL** FFA string band gave concert at Trapp Town and Guin, proceeds to pay for electric Hawaiian guitar. Beef judging team made trip to Kansas City. **PLANTERSVILLE** received Sears bull, built a pen to keep him in. On the farm where he is kept, we have a ten-acre pasture for him to run on. In this pasture there is a good stand of clover and lespedeza now growing. Finished pouring a cement walk in front of the school building. Sponsored a contest for Harvest Queen for the school year. The winner was Miss Betty Nichols. Planning a F-S-M-D banquet.

RED BAY sold pop corn and candy at school and ball games; organized a campaign to raise \$400 to buy a pea sheller for local canning plant. Planning a joint Christmas program with FHA girls and ordered Green Hand pins. All members making mail box posts; several members feeding out beef animals for showing purposes; received purebred Hereford bull and planning rat control campaign. **REELTOWN** bought reference books. **REFORM** purchased arc-welder grinder; made application for 16,000 pine seedlings and chartered Tri-State bus and went to the State Fair. **RIVERTON** cleared \$35.00 on picture show. Sent delegates to National Convention in Kansas City. Had joint party with FHA; sponsored tractor clinic and provided feed and quarters for FFA bull. Secured twelve pigs and five calves for winter grazing demonstration. Secured eleven calves for Fat Stock Show. **ROCKFORD** held joint party with FHA. **ROGERSVILLE** had charge of assembly program; building mail box posts and pig chain is doing fine, two gilts have farrowed sixteen pigs.

SAMSON made \$75.00 selling peanuts, candy

and drinks, also \$20.00 selling chances on a radio. FFA and FHA held a Halloween party. Organizing a quartet and have 100% paid membership. **SILAS** operating chapter store, have sold more than \$1100 worth. **SOUTHSIDE** building magazine rack for department. Received a Hereford bull from Sears. **SPRING GARDEN** had joint FFA and FHA party. Sending delegates to county meeting. **STEVENSON** checked corn plots-highest yield 98.44 bu. per acre, winner awarded a brood sow. Received Hereford bull from Sears. **STRAUGHN** held annual FFA-FHA Night; crowned honorary King and Queen of FFA-FHA; selected FFA Sweetheart; ordered official FFA Sweetheart jacket; sponsored fruit exhibit and ordered forms for 15,000 pine seedlings. **SULLIGENT** FFA member, William Millican, won \$100 for his yield of 92.3 bu. per acre on three acres at the County Corn Festival. The entire chapter along with their adviser attended this festival. Attended skating party with FHA; published three news articles and ordered 700 fruit trees for FFA members cooperatively. Received Sears Roebuck bull. Arthur Flynn won County Essay Contest on Forestry getting \$25.00 prize. Published two news articles. **SUSAN MOORE** ordered FFA T shirts; officers and several members have ordered FFA jackets and rings. Host to district FFA meeting; selling drinks at football games. **SUTTLE** held F-S-M-D banquet; feeding out four hogs with corn from chapter plot; promoting school ground beautification program; planning with FHA to have F-S-M-D banquet. **TANNER-WILLIAMS** had weiner roast; work-

ing with the P.-T.A. to beautify school grounds. Two boys entered calves in the annual Dairy show. Painted one barn for a farmer in the community with paint sprayer. **THOMASVILLE** presented chapel program and selling Christmas cards and wrappers. Planted the campus in rye grass. Mixed minerals as a FFA co-op project. **TOWN CREEK** made plans to improve chapter room.

URIAH made fishing trip to Gulf Coast; made money by raffling turkey for Thanksgiving to buy hogs to feed out for banquet. **VALLEY HEAD** FFA members getting hogs for Hog Show in spring. In cooperation with FHA cleared \$178.40 on our annual Harvest Festival.

WATERLOO purchased rip saw for shop. **WEOGUFKA** held joint FFA and FHA fish fry. **WETUMPKA** sold 350 fruit trees; awarded degree pins to all members; one member has Sears Roebuck bull; sold drinks and peanuts at ball games and making and repairing toys for underprivileged children. **WHITE PLAINS** to sponsor a safety week campaign; attended State Fair; Green Hand pins have been received and distributed; ordered new equipment for the officers stations. **WINTERBORO** is 100% FFA membership. String band played for the Halloween program. Thirteen boys entering the Corn Contest this year, two made over 100 bushels per acre.

YORK cleared over \$200 selling drinks, candy, and hot dogs at football games. Purchased new bench, saw, and electric drill for shop; to set 10,000 pine seedlings and cooperating with town in lighting streets for Christmas.



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Marvin Koger

First Calves Forecast Production

by Marvin Koger, Animal Husbandman
New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station

Want to estimate efficiency of calf production in your cow herd? The cow's *first calf* tells more than her good looks. In a New Mexico study, we took the weaning weights of first calves weaned by three-year-old cows. These weights were compared with the weaning weights of calves raised by these same cows in the next four years. Cows and calves were placed in five groups (according to the weaning weight of first calves). Here's the 5-year record:

Groups	Average First Calf Weights From 3-Year-Old Cows	Average Calf Weights From Same Cows for Next 4 Years
Group 1	321 pounds	404 pounds
Group 2	349 pounds	417 pounds
Group 3	383 pounds	430 pounds
Group 4	409 pounds	443 pounds
Group 5	441 pounds	456 pounds

Considering only the two extremes, Group One and Group Five, it was shown that breeding stock picked from Group One could be expected to produce, for the next four years, calves that had a yearly average weaning weight of only 404 pounds. But those picked from Group Five should produce calves with a yearly average weaning weight of 456 pounds, 52 pounds more than Group One.

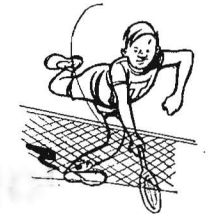
These figures show that later calves are apt to be a repeat performance of the cow's first calf. Cows doing poorly their first calving year continued to produce the lightest group of calves. They were poor risks. Culling cows with light, scrubby first calves would be well repaid in greater profit through more efficient production.

If you would like a full report on this experiment, write to New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station, State College, N. M.

How good are you kids at knowing the names of the animals used to help you play games?



In baseball, what part of a *steer* do you wear? Why, the *glove* has a padding that's made from its hair!



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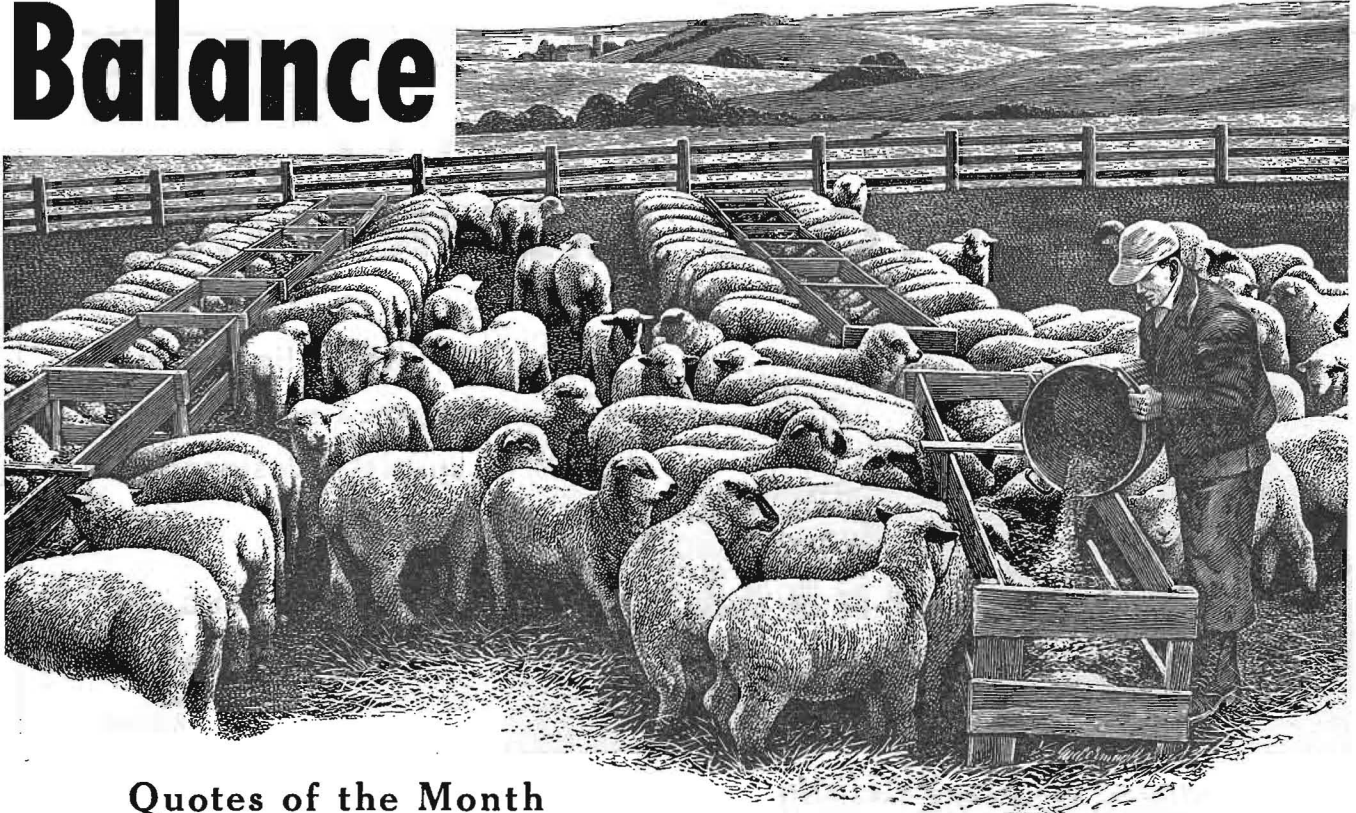
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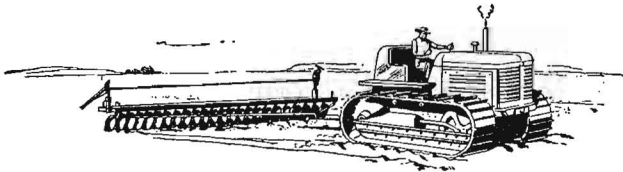
A phosphorus supplement fed to ewes in amounts to satisfy their requirements would increase their vitality, help maintain their weight during the winter, and increase the percentage lamb crop.

Farm and Home Science, Utah

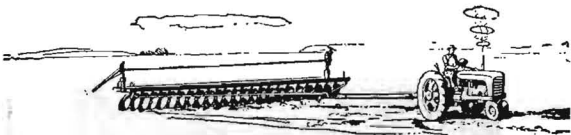
Martha Logan's Recipe for BAKED HAM SLICE

Cover a 2-inch-thick slice of ham with honey or orange marmalade. Add 1 cup water or fruit juice. Bake in a covered pan in a slow oven (325° F.) about 25 to 30 minutes per pound (about 2 hours).

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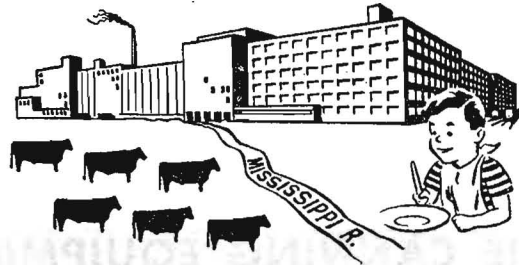
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