Sidney Lanier FFA members join in observance of National FFA Week, February 21 to 27, by setting out 400 fruit trees. Led by their president, Billy Eagerton, Pinedale, (extreme lower right), 22 FFA members are shown selecting fruit trees in chapter club room at the high school. Forty-five vocational agriculture veteran on-farm-training students have set out 800 fruit trees in the general cooperative vocational agriculture project. In the photo, crouching, left to right, are Dick Walsh, sentinel; William Hobbie, treasurer; Albert Holmes; Herbert Kelly, reporter; Paul Crashul; Howard Poole, vice president; Walker Hobbie; Billy Eagerton, president. Standing, left to right, are Robert Penn; Douglas Johnson; William Faulkner; Robert Bartley; Bill Harwell; Berlin Haber; Fred Stephens; Ralph Haber; Bobby Skinner; Roger Hardwick; James Wilson; Willis Lindsey; Julian Clinkscales. E. P. Geiger is their FFA adviser.

"Besides the 22 FFA members who have started orchards, 45 veterans, who are enrolled in the veterans on-farm-training program, have set out 800 fruit trees", Mr. Geiger said.

In the FFA forestry program, 10 FFA boys have planted 9,000 pine trees. Other boys are doing pine pruning, selective cutting, and practicing fire control at their homes.

In recent weeks 600,000 pine seedlings have been planted in Alabama by Future Farmers throughout the state. These seedlings were secured from Alabama Forestry Service in cooperation with State Chamber of Commerce and have been planted on land that would not otherwise have been used for crops.

J. E. Moreno, Director, Agricultural Division, State Chamber of Commerce, stated that "the supply was exhausted after shipment was made of 600,000 trees to F.F.A. members."

A partial list of chapters and number of seedlings planted are as follows: Lincoln 18,000; Butler 50,000; Pell City 19,000; Greenville 12,000; Beulah, Thomasville 11,000; Camden, Corner 13,000; Chatom, Eclectic 16,500; Goshen 13,000; Wetumpka 9,500; Fayette 21,000; and Riverton 5,000; and Sidney Lanier 9,000.
CONVENTION DATE SET

Alabama's 20th Annual FFA Convention will be in Auburn, June 9, 10, and 11. Plans are underway for a gigantic celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Alabama Association.

It is planned that the adviser, two delegates and all contestants in the state finals will attend. Room and feeding accommodations have been assured for 750 people by the college officials.

Our goal this year is for every chapter to be represented by those mentioned above.

WHY A CONVENTION?

Last year there were several F.F.A. chapters not represented at their annual convention. There were many reasons and excuses for this occurrence but the point is they were just not there.

The State Convention should be one of the main highlights of the year's work of an active F.F.A. chapter. Attendance and participation is one strong indication that it is an active chapter, that it has an active adviser, active officers, and an active membership. It also reflects interest and a desire by the chapter to assist in rounding-out and completing a successful year's work in F.F.A. It also is a very good measure of interest, ambition, initiative, and willingness on the part of the adviser and chapter members to have a hand in planning and promoting an even better program for another year.

Our goal this year is for every active chapter in Alabama to be represented by its adviser, two delegates, and all other members who are to participate in contests or appear on program.

Orrville FFA rifle team at target practice. The chapter owns a gun for inside practice and the boys use their own for the outside range. Safety in handling firearms is stressed at all times.

Alabama String Band

To National Convention

The Alabama Association of Future Farmers has accepted an invitation to send a string band to the National F.F.A. Convention to be held in Kansas City, November 14-18.

All string bands over the state are encouraged to keep up their practice. The best string band possible must be selected to represent the Alabama Association at the Kansas City Convention.

The Hubbertville F.F.A. boys did their part to get sweet potato production on a commercial basis in Fayette county. Some F.F.A. boys and several adult farmers grew some sweet potatoes for the market this year. Crates were bought unassembled to box the potatoes for storage and for market. The F.F.A. of Hubbertville helped with the potato project by assembling several hundred of these crates. Herbert Hollingsworth is president and N. S. Nelson, adviser.
Collegiate FFA Broadcasts

Members of the Collegiate Chapter of F.F.A., Alabama Polytechnic Institute at WJHO, local radio station where they have made a series of appearances during the present college year.


Corner Boys Make News

The Corner boys along with their adviser make front page twice with picture and story during National FFA Week in the Birmingham Post. They also ran in the Birmingham News and Age-Herald.—Might ask them how they do it.

State Officers Meet

The state officers met in Auburn, March 18, 19, and 20 for the annual spring meeting. Applications for 261 State Farmer Degrees were considered at that time. Preliminary plans were made for the 20th annual convention to be held in June.

County Speaking Winners


County Quartet Winners

Rogersville, West Limestone, Riverton, Arab, Scottsboro, Hackettburg, Belgreen, Catoe, Nanceville, Susan Moore, Geraldine, Centre, Glance, Vernon, Fayette, Gordo, Gantt, Pell City, Cuthbanna, Clanton, Marbury, Holtville, Sidney Lanier, Mellow Valley, Five Points, Camp Hill, Ashland, Sweet Water, Urash, Camden, Evergreen, Red Level, Brantley, Elba, Goshen, Clayton, Midland City, Headland, Ashford, Harvest, and Gorgas.

FFA ON THE AIR

Increasing numbers of Alabama Future Farmers are being heard over local radio stations and state network.

Outstanding leadership qualities are being developed as individual F.F.A. members are preparing and presenting material for these broadcasts. Local quartets and string bands are furnishing music in many instances.

In observation of National F.F.A. Week, the Future Farmer Organization was discussed over local stations as well as state and national network.

Among those chapters who have been active in carrying on broadcasts are: White Plains, Jemison, Ashford, Leighton, Riverton, Centre, Straughon, McAthy, Cedar Bluff, Brantley, Auburn, Corner and Billingsley.
Pictured above are eight of the chapter exhibits at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham last Fall.
Meet The Smith Boys

Reports from Pell City had so many Smiths in the F.F.A. news until Adviser J. W. Locke was asked to get us straight. Here’s what he wrote when he sent us the picture.

“Harlan is Chapter Reporter, Billy is Historian, Arlon is Treasurer, and Buddy is a Chapter Handy Man willing to do anything needing attention at that time. Harlan, Arlon and Buddy have another year in high school, Billy will finish this year, he was St. Clair County’s representative at the State Forestry Camp last summer. These four boys live on small farms, are excellent community leaders in their respective localities. All carry excellent supervised practice programs and are wheelhorses in our F.F.A. chapter. Harlan is responsible for putting our Publicity Program over.”

Better corn yields is the goal of fifteen F.F.A. members at Camp Hill as they undertake one-acre contest demonstrations. Dixie 11 Hybrid corn has been selected for these plantings.

Forest Plot Pays Off

Eight years ago Leroy F.F.A. chapter cleared an acre of land on the school campus, and set this area in pine seedlings as a chapter project. The seedlings were pruned and protected from fire.

This fall the F.F.A. boys started thinning the pines and peeling those cut to be creosoted for fence post. More than two hundred post have been cut and peeled. Only trees which were diseased or too thick were removed and a good stand of timber was left on the land. An additional acre has been planted to long leaf pines, and after four years, more than 95 per cent of these are living and are about six feet tall.

This area served as a good proving ground for teaching students good forestry management and practices, and has helped in getting students interested in planting their own forestry projects. This year more than eleven thousand seedlings have been purchased by members of the Leroy chapter according to their adviser, Mr. Gissendanner.

Better Cows Their Goal

Local advisers and F.F.A. members have set up plans to organize an artificial breeding association for dairy cows in Henry county. F.F.A. advisers are as follows: L. E. Porter, Abbeville; J. G. Yeager, Headland and W. D. Lucas, Newville.

It is obvious that this program will mean a great deal toward improving the quality of milk cows in Henry County.

FFA Trading Post

Want To Buy

Registered bred Duroc Jersey gilts—Beatrice FFA, Claude Hardee, adviser.

3 registered O. I. C. sow pigs, 8-10 weeks old, for pig chain. Prefer unrelated pigs if possible—Camp Hill FFA, T. M. Frut, adviser. Write immediately stating prices delivered Camp Hill.

1 Poland China registered gilt about weaning age—Cotaco FFA, J. L. Rodgers, adviser.

Want To Sell

Purebred Hereford shotes, 6 mo., $25 each—Beulah FFA, R. L. Yielding, adviser, Blanton, Rt. 1.

Baby chicks, U. S. Alabama approved, N. H. Reds, $16 per 100—Guin FFA, J. D. Aldredge, adviser.

1 popcorn popper in fair shape, $50—Beavinton FFA, C. L. Lawrence, adviser.
Utilization of livestock by-products is important to all farmers and ranchers. Of the total dollars received by Swift & Company for lambs, 15% to 25% comes from by-products. Cattle by-products amount to 10% to 20%. With hogs it is 2% to 5%. When bidding on live animals, Swift & Company's buyers estimate the yield and grade of edible meat. In their estimate they figure, too, the value of all by-products, including hides and wool.

Livestock by-products have greatly increased the value of your meat animals. Since earliest times, man has used hides and wool to make clothing. But only in the past half-century has research found the present great variety of uses for by-products. Fats, and lanolin from wool, are the base of many cosmetics, healing creams and beauty aids. Photographic film is coated with a gelatin compound. Other uses of gelatin and glues are almost endless. Animal fats are the main raw material of toilet soaps.

Life has been lengthened for people with diabetes, anemia and other diseases. They are helped by drugs such as insulin, liver extract, pepsin, adrenalin. These are all made from the glands of livestock. But for the pain-killing care of meat packers, these glands would go to waste. This happened during the wartime "black market" in meats, and the supply of insulin ran low.

With the growth of meat-packing plants, the war on waste began in earnest. Science found new ways to use by-products of your animals. Bristles make brushes. Bones make knife handles. Hair makes upholstery pads—such as insulin, liver extract, pepsin, adrenalin. These figure, too, the value of all by-products, including hides and wool.

A 16mm. sound, color cartoon, "BY-PRODUCTS." It runs 10 minutes—and tells the story of livestock by-products and their uses. You may also want to show "MEAT BUYING CUSTOMS," another 10-minute cartoon. For a history of the livestock-meat-packing industry, you’ll like "LIVESTOCK AND MEAT"—49 minutes, black and white. "A NATION’S MEAT" is a shorter version—30 minutes—full of information on the American meat supply. Then there is "COWS AND CHICKENS ... USA," a story of diversified farming—the dairy and poultry business in a nutshell. Please give us at least a month's advance notice to handle bookings. We can ship by express or parcel post. Only cost to you is payment of express or postage one way. A 16mm. sound projector is required. Order from Agricultural Research Dept., Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Illinois.

A Steer is NOT all Beef

Let’s take a look at this steer. It weighs 1,000 lbs. It’s not all steak. In fact, only a little more than half is salable beef.

Hanging in Swift’s cooling room, our steer has become two sides of beef.

Together they weigh 543 lbs. What happened to the rest?

Modern meat packers save everything of value from the steer—heart, tongue, liver, sweetbreads and other fancy meats. Hides for leather; bones, blood and scraps for animal feeds. Glands for medicines. All told, 161 lbs. of the steer is saved in by-products.

But 296 lbs. is shrinkage and material of no value. Only the meat and by-products can be sold.

What happens to the money the meat packer receives? It is used to buy livestock and other raw materials. It meets the expenses of slaughtering, dressing, refrigerating, transporting and selling. It pays rent, insurance, taxes—all the costs of doing business. The amount remaining after all of these expenses are paid is the meat packer’s profit. Over a period of years, Swift & Company’s profit has averaged a fraction of a cent a pound on the products we sell.

That’s the explanation of the "spread" between livestock prices and wholesale meat prices.

Swift & Company
Union Stock Yards
Chicago 9, Illinois
We All Want the Top Dollar

You, as a producer of livestock, want to get the best price for your animals—"the top dollar." As a salesman for Swift & Company, selling the products which result from these animals, I, too, want to get the top dollar.

The meat packer's buyer has to judge the grade of the animals and estimate how they will yield. He then makes his bids in competition with buyers for many meat packers and other commercial slaughterers. To get the animals, he has to offer going prices. Otherwise he just won't get them; somebody else will. And that "going price" which he must pay depends on the number of animals on the market and the demand for them.

After Swift & Company has made the animals which it has purchased into meat and by-products, we must sell them, again in stiff competition. If we don't offer meat at the going price, retail meat dealers will buy from somebody else who does. This competition in both buying and selling is so keen that we have to operate on a margin of profit which averages but a fraction of a cent per pound of product handled.

In our business, as in yours, it takes hard work and good management to come out with money ahead on a year's operation. Our efficiency in selling meat and by-products results in important economies and savings. Only through such savings can we earn our profit—and help increase the value of your livestock.

Mr. Jones, "guest editor" this month, is Vice-President of Swift & Company in charge of sales and advertising.

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Nutrition IS Our Business—And Yours

Right Eating Adds Life to Your Years—and Years to Your Life
CHAPTER NEWS

Abbeville donated 66 to school band; raised money by selling FFA brass band; had the members to apply for State Farmer Degree. Albertville attended county meeting; had FFA display in show window of business house up town. Bessemer school had a chance to send blanks, emblems and penants. Arab quartet won first place in county contest; added to FFA store. Athens had majority of members attend county speaking contest. Auburn planned father-mother-son-daughter banquet; entered State Fair. Athens, State President, Dana Lowery; sold fruit trees; ordered chicks to be grown out for banquet.

Beatrice setting out 4,060 pine seedlings as a county demonstration plot; plans for constructing cress bed; planting; 100,000 seedling s for his farm next year; pruned the shrubs on the high school; helped plan demonstration forest plot; put on radio programs; ordered 500 fruit trees; planning father-son banquet; operating supply store. Athens had majority of members attend county speaking contest. Arab planned father-mother-son-daughter banquet; entered State Fair. Athens, State President, Dana Lowery; sold fruit trees; ordered chicks to be grown out for banquet.

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