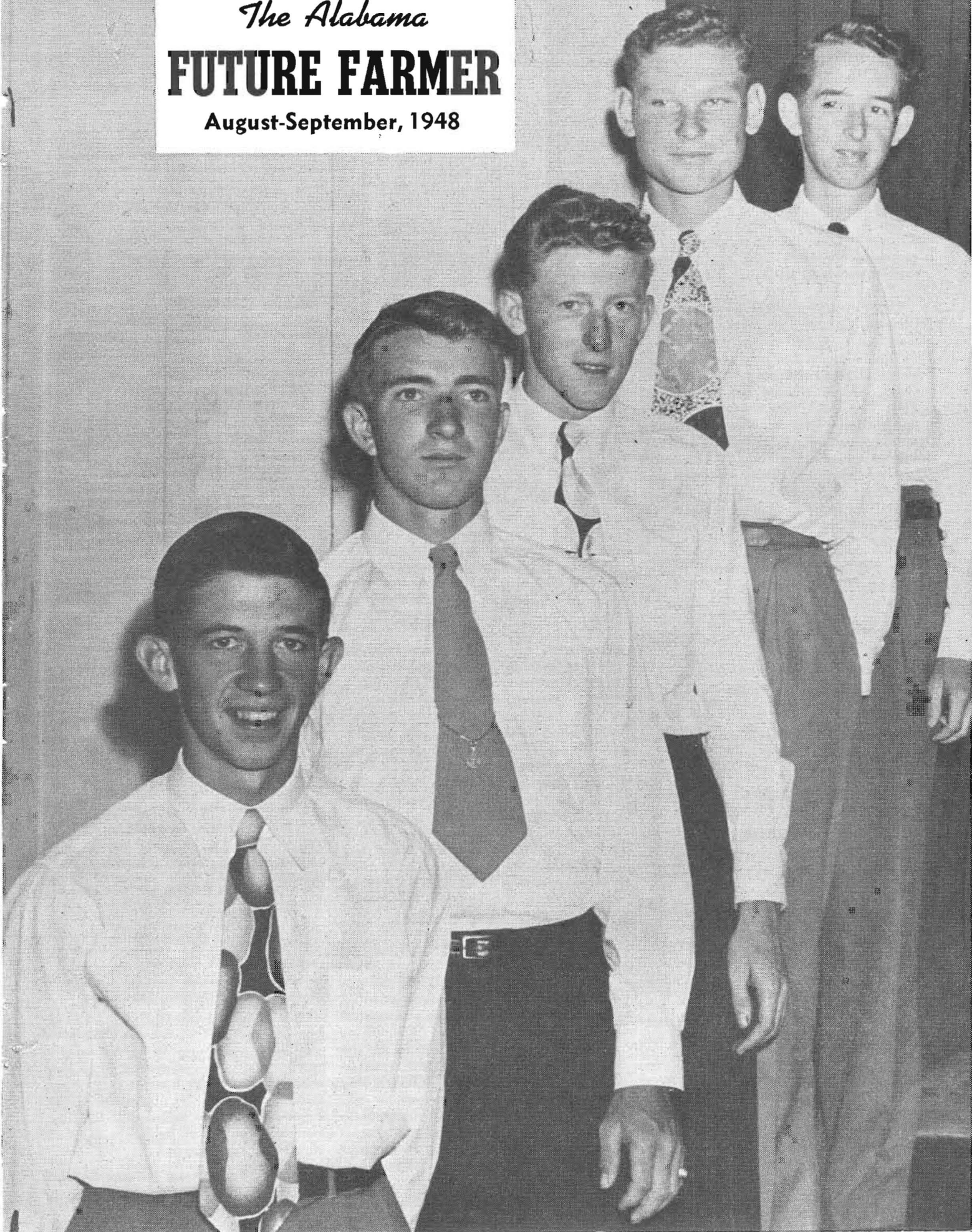


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19th FFA Convention Termed Success

The Nineteenth Annual Convention held in Auburn, June 9-11, was declared a great success by those attending.

Mr. R. E. Cammack, Director, Vocational Education said, "It has been a wonderful convention, one of the best I have attended."

Mr. J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education says: "It was the best all-round convention we have ever had."

Mr. J. L. Porter, Principal, Chatom Schools, writes, "Congratulations on a very good program, well planned, and carried out in a most impressive manner."

Mr. T. M. Pruitt, Adviser, Camp Hill Chapter: "It was a great convention. My boys and I enjoyed it very much."

This is only a few of the many statements of appreciation coming from advisers, members and other friends of FFA. The reason that it was a success is due to the fact that everybody, including the Agricultural Education Staff, the state officers, the local advisers, delegates and members cooperated 100 per cent in making it that way.

The 1948 FFA contest winners are as follows and are listed in the order of placing:

State Chapter Contest

Sidney Lanier, Riverton.

Quartet Contest

Hanceville, Sidney Lanier, Camden, Pell City.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Sidney Lanier, Riverton, Florala.

String Band Contest

Straughn, Phil Campbell, Kinston, Sidney Lanier.

Judging Teams

Beef—Phil Campbell, Cullman, Beauregard. Dairy—Vina, Corner, Pell City.

Public Speaking

S. J. Noah, Glencoe; Nick Lindsey, Orrville; Tommy Watkins, Russellville; Melvin Kilpatrick, Straughn.

Farm Mechanics

State Winner, John Hartley, Sidney Lanier.

Farm and Home Electrification

State Winner, Richard McConnell, Beauregard; District, Frank Sconyers, Headland; District, Billy Fowler, Blountsville; District, Thomas Berry, Riverton.

Greenhand Farmer

State Winner, Bervil Davis, West Point; District, James Williams, Ashland; District, Douglas Hall, Wetumpka; District, Bobby Smith, Uriah; District, Colleen Shotts, Hamilton.

Chapter Forestry Contest

Luverne, Camden, Greenville.

Individual Forestry

State Winner, James Jordan, Chatom; District, Billy K. Smith, Pell City; District, Frank Gravlee, Fayette; District, James Mallett, Cedar Bluff.

Chapter Home Improvement

Pell City, Riverton, Arley.

Radio Program

Straughn, Kinston, Sidney Lanier.

National Convention Plans Underway

Washington, D.C. (Special)—Arrangements for the gigantic Twentieth Anniversary Celebration National Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 14-18 are shaping up and indications are that the program will be one of the best in FFA history according to A. W. Tenney, National FFA Executive Secretary.

Attendance at the convention is expected to total somewhere between fifteen and twenty thousand persons. Despite a change in dates away from conflict with the American Royal Livestock Show, it still is expected that housing facilities will be a big limiting factor in the attendance, and many Future Farmers will again be furnished sleeping quarters on cots and blankets as has been done during the past two annual conventions.

A National FFA Band of more than 100 pieces, and a 100-voice FFA Glee Club, each made up of Future Farmers from all sections of the United States, will be featured at the convention.

Three or four speakers of national prominence will be scheduled to address the Future Farmers during the convention. The French Ambassador to the United States, Henri Bonnet, already has definitely accepted an invitation to speak.

A "Building of the Flag" pageant, in which representatives of the various States FFA Associations will place stars on the American flag in the order their state entered the National FFA organization will be a feature of the opening session program on November 15.

The five-day convention will see several other outstanding entertainment features, including General Motors' "Previews of Progress," a stage show presenting new developments in science, and other shows sponsored by commercial organizations.

The most publicized feature of the annual conventions, the Star Farmer of America presentation, in which one Future Farmer is pointed out as outstanding in the nation, is being overhauled to give it a dramatic and colorful touch. The program will be in the Mu-

nicipal Auditorium and will be "dressed up" with special decorations and ceremonies.

The last night of the convention will be a "Kansas City Night" program, with entertainment and special features furnished by civic groups in Kansas City, and a candlelight ceremony to bring official close to the convention.

One of the annual convention items of business is the raising of outstanding members to the American Farmer Degree. Only one member in a thousand may be advanced to this highest degree of the FFA.

Tenney said other business sessions of the convention will include a review of the past 20 years of FFA progress and accomplishment, and plans for future activities that will assure its continued growth and success. Since the initial organization at Kansas City in 1928, the FFA has grown to include 260,300 members who are affiliated with about 7,000 local high school chapters in 47 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The 1948 convention will mark the second appearance of a 100-piece FFA band. A 100-voice glee club will be a new feature this year.

Alabama will furnish an FFA string band for the occasion.

FFA MEMBERSHIP GROWS

A new peak of 260,300 membership in the FFA organization was reported by W. T. Spanton, National FFA Adviser.

Alabama's membership is 9,646, which is 303 more than last year. The State goal for the coming year is 10,000 which will mean that all chapters should strive to increase its present membership to the limit. Active local chapters with well-rounded activity programs in operation will do more to increase the memberships than any other one thing.

COVER PICTURE

State FFA officers, standing left to right: Nick Lindsey, president; Bob Salmon, vice-president; S. J. Noah, secretary; Buddy Clark, treasurer; Douglas Mitchell, reporter.

STATE OFFICERS

The State FFA officers are at your service and will be glad to assist local chapters whenever possible.

It is suggested that when a local chapter desires a visit by a State officer outside his home county to appear on program or to help otherwise, that they contact the State Executive Secretary well in advance. The purpose of the request should be stated and the Executive Secretary will designate an officer to fill the engagement.

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Others — \$1.00 year.

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ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Has the FFA Activity Program for your local chapter been planned for this school year, 1948-49? If this was not done during the summer, it should by all means be done the first thing after school opens. The program committee should have access to a copy of the State Activity Program for reference in planning the local program. All members should have a place on some committee. Don't forget to leave a space to write in the accomplishments at the close of school.

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Pictured above are the Ashland FFA boys as they returned to shore from a deep sea fishing trip at Panama City, Florida. Their 600 pound catch can be seen in the picture. James Lowell, chapter president, and Sam Jones caught a twenty pounder each. E. G. Whatley, their local adviser, is second from lower right. See more about their trip in chapter news.

*Nine Honorary State Farmer
Degrees Conferred*

Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded, during the recent State Convention, to a number of men who have made outstanding contributions to the success of FFA, and have shown in many ways, a special interest in its work. Those receiving awards were as follows:

Mr. J. A. Ogburn, Cashier, the Bank of Thorsby, Thorsby, Alabama.

Mr. J. A. Beaty, Manager, Agricultural Department, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. C. M. Dannelly, County Superintendent of Education, Montgomery County, Montgomery, Alabama.

Honorable T. F. Burnside, Principal, Collinsville High School and also a member of the State Senate, Collinsville, Alabama.

Mr. Maynard Layman, Editor, The Decatur Daily, Decatur, Alabama.

Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, Acting President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama.

Mr. J. E. Moreno, Director, Agricultural Division, Alabama State Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. M. E. Coleman, Educational Director, American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Georgia.

Mr. Robert N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Norfolk, Virginia.

Teachers of Vocational Agriculture

R. C. Frederick, Straughn; A. G. Driggers, Uriah; G. C. Adderhold, Tanner; C. D. Richardson, Stevenson; E. G. Whatley, Ashland.

**District Dairy Shows
To Stress Judging**

In most of the 1948 District Dairy Shows and in the State Dairy Show, special emphasis will be given to dairy judging contests.

The winning FFA teams from all district shows will compete in the State Show at Birmingham for a trip to the National Dairy Show in Columbus, Ohio. Dates for the Alabama shows are as follows:

Gadsden, September 14-15; Decatur, September 16-17; Fayette, September 22-23; Dadeville, September 24-25; Montgomery, September 27-28; Demopolis, September 30-October 1; Birmingham (State Show), October 4-9 during State Fair.

STATE SPEAKING WINNER

S. J. Noah, State FFA Secretary from Glencoe chapter was State winner at the Nineteenth Annual Convention. S. J. will compete in the Tri-State Contest at Auburn High School, August 31st. Georgia and Florida will have speakers in the contest.

Farmer: "Do you guarantee this clover seed?"

Merchant: "Guarantee! I should say so! If that seed doesn't come up, you bring it back and we'll refund your money."

Teacher: "Jimmy, name five things that contain milk."

Jimmy: "Butter, ice cream, cheese, and two cows."



Pictured above is one group of the FFA and 4-H boys at the forestry school held at Camp Grist. They are demonstrating the correct procedure in setting out pine seedlings. J. W. Byrd, one of their instructors, is at the extreme right of the picture.

Third Forestry Camp Big Success

"When they cut down the old pine tree," it will be strictly from necessity—from now on . . .

More than 70 boys from all of Alabama's counties have been studying the importance of timber conservation at Camp Grist, near Selma.

They lived in the open with the trees. They have learned how to plant them, how to care for them and how to grade them. They know about the value of pulpwood. They know of the dangers of fire.

In short, they have learned that Alabama's forestry products are "big business" throughout the state.

The annual forestry camp is sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, and its three member mills in Alabama, the Southern Kraft Division, International Paper Company; Gulf States Paper Company, and Hollingsworth & Whitney Company. In addition, instructors and information have been provided by the Alabama Department of Conservation, the Alabama Department of Education, Alabama Extension Service, Miller & Company, the Selma YMCA and the U.S. Forest Service.

Dan C. Royal, forester, Miller & Company, Selma, was director of the six-day camp. Paul Grist, YMCA secretary, Selma, was general director of the camp.

The camp was attended by 36 FFA boys and 35 4-H Clubbers.

They lived like soldiers. And they liked it. They "rolled out" at 6:30 every morning for reveille. At 7:00, they participated in devotional and flag-raising services. Breakfast was 15 minutes later,

after which they had to police their quarters.

The instruction period opened at 8:45 a.m. The day was well spent.

Subjects taught were: tree identification, forest fire control, harvesting, utilizing and marketing forest products, and timber management.

However, it was not "all work and no play." The boys played basketball in the gym, there were handicrafts, archery, swimming and reading.

A 45-minute rest period was a "must" after lunch. Vespers were held at 8:00 p.m., followed by a two-hour recreational period in the gym.

Taps at 10:00 p.m. ended a busy day for the tired boys.

The camp opened Monday and closed Saturday.

FFA members attending the camp were: Herbert Kirkland, Geneva County; Jimmie Johnston, Wilcox County; Edward Cameron, Henry County; Thomas L. Allen, Choctaw County; Tom McCreight, Coosa County; William Bradley, Conecuh County; Swan Anderson, Dallas County; Derrell Scroggens, Russell County; Thomas Wood, Crenshaw County.

Alfred Davis, Chambers County; Willie Miller, Houston County; Harvey Lauderback, Dallas County; Hewell Phipps, Lee County; William Ragsdale, Tallapoosa County; Vedell Dennis, Sumter County; Wilber Lavender, Mobile County; Buddy Harwell, Escambia County; Womac F. Mills, Montgomery County.

William Schultz, Clarke County; Russel Massey, Dallas County; Joe Herod, Dallas County; Edward McDaniel, Covington County; Max Dennis, Coffee County; George K. Parker, Dale County;

Ted Ellis, Lowndes County; Everett Barnett, Perry County; Aubrey Patrick, Washington County; Donald Ledbetter, Elmore County; James Segrest, Macon County.

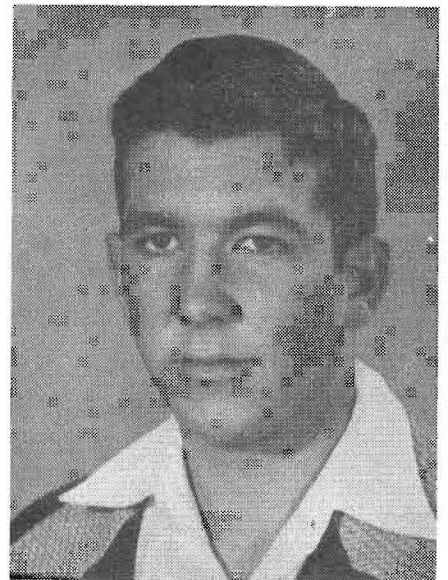
Albert Compton, Marengo County; Jimmy Dick, Pike County; Millard Glass, Baldwin County; Jimmy Grant, Barbour County; Charles Watson, Butler County; Bobby Johnston, Bullock County and Glenn Anderson, Dallas County.

Beef Calves Should Be Purchased Early

Future Farmers who do not already have their beef calves should purchase them immediately if they plan to show them next spring.

The rules for the 1949 Fat Stock Shows state that for FFA members to be eligible to compete in district shows, calves must be owned by, and on the premises of the feeder, and legibly tattooed under the supervision of his teacher of vocational agriculture by October 31, 1948. They also must grade PRIME, CHOICE or GOOD at the time of the show to be eligible.

There are yet to be several feeder calf sales and if suitable calves cannot be found locally, they might be bought at one of these sales.



ALABAMA STAR DAIRY FARMER

Milton Crawford, winner of the 1948 State Star Dairy Farmer award first became interested in the dairy business when he purchased a heifer calf in 1944. He became an FFA member of the Northport chapter in the fall of 1945 and continued his dairy projects and added other projects to his dairy program. During the year 1945 and 1946 he purchased four more cows making a total of five cows

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from which he sold \$775.70 worth of milk during the project year. In 1946 he added another cow to his herd and sold during the years 1946 and 1947 \$950.00 worth of milk; in 1948 he was milking eight cows and sold \$1100.00 worth of milk.

He now has eight cows of producing age and owns half interest in a four star bull. His dairy stock is valued at \$1460.00 and his half interest in the bull is \$150.00 which makes his cows worth \$1610.00.

Milton has purchased a 160 acre farm on which he is making improvements. He has 15 acres of cotton on the land he has cleared on this farm this year. In addition to this he has carried corn and hay projects to grow feed for his cows. He feeds corn, hay and cotton seed meal grown on his farm.

He has cleared and fenced a pasture and has planted lespedeza sericea and kudzu for temporary grazing. He has helped his father build a grade A dairy barn, purchase an electric milker, a cooler and hot water heater. He has also built a bull pen. He owns half interest in a tractor and equipment with his father.

He helps keep the milker and other implements on the farm in repair. He is now planning to clear additional pasture and plant additional temporary pasture.

Milton was awarded the State Farmer Degree this year. He served as chapter reporter one year and also served on other committees including the dairy judging committee, the athletic committee and played basketball on the Future Farmer team two years. L. W. White is his local FFA adviser.



Straughn chapter is winner in both the String Band and Radio Program Demonstration Contest. Pictured above are the members who participated in these contests. Also at extreme right is their adviser, R. C. Frederick, and lower left Eldred Craft.

START YOUR FFA CONTESTS EARLY

The FFA contests sponsored by the State Association will be essentially the same as they were the past year. The revised contest book should reach all chapters in September. It is not necessary to wait for the new instruction book to begin planning and working on them. Preliminary plans may be made from last year's book.

WHERE'S THE REPORTER?

Do you have a reporter for your local chapter? If so, is he on the "ball"? Perhaps he would like an assistant reporter from each agriculture class. How would this be as a goal for each chapter reporter?

1. Two news articles per month published in local newspaper.
2. Two pictures during the year in local newspapers.
3. One "Monthly FFA News Report" filled out in complete form to the Executive Secretary by the first of each month.
4. One good story each month sent along with "Monthly FFA News Report." Include good pictures with story every other month.

FFA TRADING POST

WANT TO SELL

10 O.I.C. pigs, 2 months old; one 6 year old saddle mare complete with riding gear. Belgreen FFA, C. R. Wood, Adviser.

Hoyt Stewart registered O.I.C. pigs for sale at \$15 each. Rogersville FFA, S. L. Canerday, Adviser.

WANT TO BUY

2 Duroc gilts for pig chain. Excel FFA, K. E. Welford, Adviser.

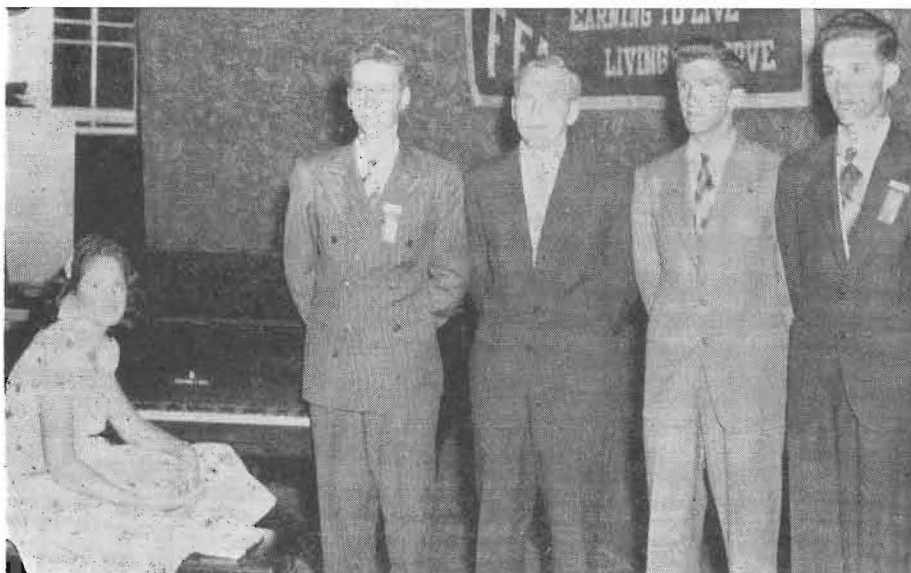
Zoysia grass in wholesale lots, shrubbery in wholesale lots. Montevallo FFA, M. Thornton, Adviser.

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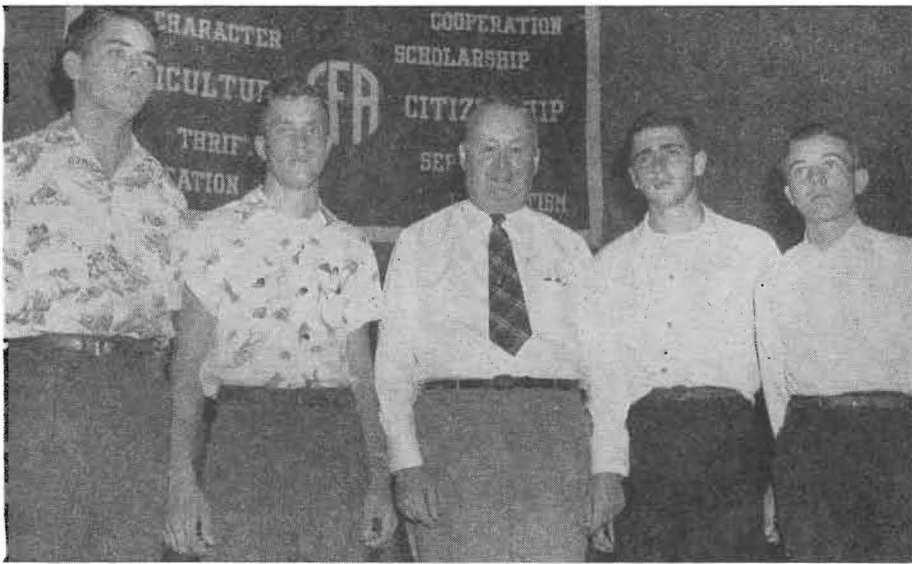
- Year Around Hatching
- Broiler Type Chicks

CROMER'S HATCHERY

ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA



Hanceville Wins Again — Pictured above is the Hanceville quartet and their accompanist who were judged the State winners at the convention in June. They will compete in the Tri-State Contest against Georgia and Florida that will be held in Auburn, Tuesday night, August 31st. This is the third time that Hanceville has been State winner. L. B. Cagle is their adviser.



Winners in the forestry contest are pictured above. Reading from left to right is Frank Gravlee, district winner, Fayette chapter; James Jordan, State winner, Chatom chapter; J. C. Cannon, State Adviser, Montgomery, Alabama; James Mallett, district winner, Cedar Bluff chapter; Billy K. Smith, district winner, Pell City chapter.

JAMES JORDAN WINS

James Jordan, 18-year old Future Farmer from Chatom, was awarded first place in the 1948 state cooperative FFA forestry program.

James' project was principally stand improvement on approximately 25 acres. He marked and cut diseased and crooked trees, which resulted in about 16 cords of fuel wood and 7,500 board-feet of lumber. Jordan also carried on all work on a gum farming project which amounted to 5,500 faces, and he planted 2,500 seedlings.



STATE FARM MECHANICS WINNER

John W. Hartley, Mathews, Alabama, a member of the Sidney Lanier FFA chapter was awarded first place in the

Farm Mechanics contest. This award was in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in farm mechanics while a student in vocational agriculture.

During his first year in vocational agriculture one of the projects listed to be carried was the establishment of a home farm shop. Realizing that it would be possible for him to save money on repairing equipment in the farm shop, he decided to purchase some tools.

Also in John's first year in vocational agriculture, he carried two show calves as a project, which were sold and the money received used to purchase an electric welder. This increased the amount of work that could be done in the farm shop both in construction and repairing. Having learned how to use the welder and finding that it was impossible to purchase machinery due to the limited supply during the war John decided that he would make a home-made tractor. This was accomplished by taking a small truck and reducing the size to where it could be used in the field in small jobs not requiring too much horsepower. Following this John constructed welding tables, vise tables, saw tables and horses, play equipment for the children to use, tool boxes, trailers, truck bodies, bush rakes for HD7 Crawler tractor which was designed and constructed without any blueprint to follow, cattle squeeze chute, in which it is possible for one person to hold an animal without assistance of any type, cattle spray chute, in which the animal is completely wet by just walking through. In addition to the large job in constructing listed, many smaller items were built for use on the farm. In addition to his construction, he has repaired combines, mowers, side-delivery rakes, trucks, trac-

tors, pick-up balers, planters, cultivating equipment, and many other small items of machinery and hand tools on the farm.

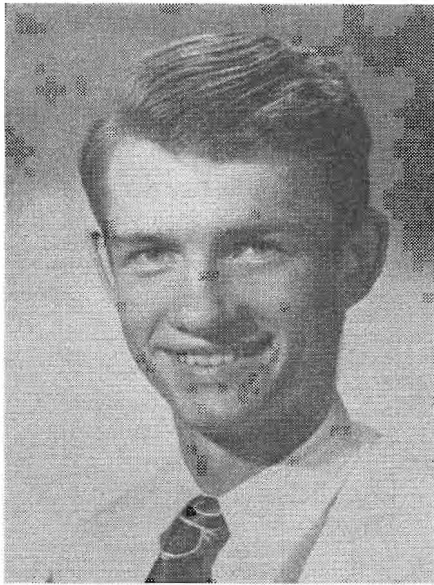
John has not confined all of his work to the farm shop; he has taken an interest in every phase of the farming program. He has constructed and wired a large brooder and laying house for poultry, large concrete block granary used in storing seed and supplies, repaired the garage, feeding barn, and tenant houses, constructed sanitary water troughs for cattle, providing running water to all the barns and frost-proofing all outside hydrants. In the home, he has concreted the kitchen porch, installed an oil heating system, installed two attic fans, and installed a complete bathroom with sewage systems and disposal field. On the farm he has taken part in the construction of electric fences, wire and board fences, ponds for watering livestock and the constructing and maintenance of terraces and ditches needed in soil conservation practices.

John has been very active in his FFA work during his time in school, having served as an officer in the local chapter and entered in competition in all types of livestock shows. He has won many prizes, competing in district shows throughout the state of Alabama, and was a member of the beef cattle judging team to win first place in the state and represented the state of Alabama in the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City during the 1947 convention. This team won one of the Gold Medal Awards given in recognition of their outstanding ability in this contest. He has received the degree of State Farmer and was elected as Star Farmer for the State of Alabama during 1947 because of his outstanding program in FFA work. E. P. Geiger is his local FFA adviser.

HAP HAZARD



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STATE FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION WINNER

Richard W. McConnell of the Beau-regard chapter was awarded first prize in the State Farm and Home Electrification Contest. He also received his State Farmer Degree this year.

During the past year Richard spent most of his spare time working with electricity. On Saturdays and after school he wired seven houses. He repaired numerous electric motors, installed appliance outlets, repaired electric range heating elements and many other odd jobs.

Two years ago when the rural electrification lines were extended into his community, Richard was hired as a linesman helper. He spent the summer months erecting poles and power lines. Then again last summer Richard got a job as a student electrician with an electrical repair shop in Opelika. These two summers' work gave him a good foundation in the practical application of electricity. He realized that he thoroughly enjoyed that type of work and wanted to learn more about it.

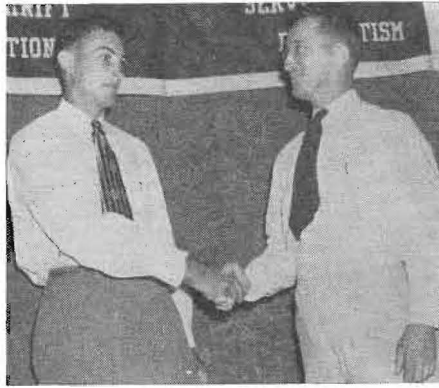
In addition to doing electrical work Richard took the initiative to spend many hours studying electricity beyond that normally expected of a high school boy. During the month of April he attended a short course in electricity given at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute by Mr. Hurst Mauldin of the Alabama Power Company.

At present he is farming part time and also has his own electrical repair shop. T. W. Gandy is his local adviser.

"Mama, I never see a picture of an angel with a beard or mustache. Don't men go to heaven?"

"Yes, dear, but it's always by a close shave."

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State Star Farmer is congratulated by his adviser, T. L. Gallman.

Ralph Mims, Billingsley chapter, was named Star Future Farmer this year. Since entering vocational agriculture he has been very successful with his entire farming program. His father, Mr. S. P. Mims and his vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. T. L. Gallman, always assist him in the planning of his work.

During his first year of vocational agriculture, Ralph had the following projects as his own. Two acres corn, 2 acres oats, home orchard, home improvement, and land improvement. Some supplementary practices included seeding meadow strips, building terraces, removing stumps from fields, worming pigs, and tractor maintenance. He was a member of his local FFA executive committee. His net income for the first year was \$161.20.

During the second year of vocational agriculture he had the following projects: Four acres cotton, 4 acres corn, 1 beef calf and home grounds improvement. Some of his supplementary practices included building a tractor shed, building pasture fences, painted his barn, sprayed the home orchard, treated cotton seed, and set out pine seedlings. He was chapter secretary, chairman of executive committee and chairman of program committee. His net income this year was \$897.58.

This year has shown the greatest improvement in his program. He has 2½ acres okra, 6 acres oats, 6 acres sorghum, 10 acres cowpeas, 30 acres cotton, 4 sows, 45 pigs, 1 beef calf, 40 acres corn, 2 heifers, ½ acre Japanese fishing canes. His total income this year will no doubt be several thousand dollars. He is president of his local FFA chapter, chairman of executive committee, and on the parliamentary procedure team. His total worth as a farmer today is \$5,899.75.

Young Bride: "Now, dearie, what will I get if I cook a meal like that for you every day of the year?"

Husband: "My life insurance."

In 1947 hybrid corn was planted on 71.4 per cent of the total corn acreage in the United States.

SIDNEY LANIER GETS CALVES EARLY

Here's what the Sidney Lanier boys are doing in preparation for the livestock shows.

"Secured 14 beef calves to be fed and shown in next spring's fat stock show and made plans to secure 16 more as soon as possible; made plans to enter 28 pure-bred calves and 15 grade calves in dairy show."

You can also count on the chapter having judging teams at both the dairy show and the beef show.

FIRE has less chance on the **CONCRETE FARM**

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CHAPTER NEWS

Ashland FFA chapter met July 24 to complete plans for summer trip. On July 26, twenty-four boys left Ashland in a school bus for Panama City, Florida. They had reservations at Camp Hellen which belongs to Avondale Mills of Sylacauga. The chapter stayed three days at Mr. Comer's camp at a cost of only \$1.20 per person per day. The entire chapter enjoyed a four-hour cruise on Mr. Comer's yacht. The boat riding, swimming, and other recreation were fully enjoyed by all but the climax of the trip came on Wednesday when they all went deep sea fishing and returned with a 600 pound catch. James Lowell Williams, chapter president, tied with Sam Jones for the "Jack Pot" with a 20 pounder each.

Beauregard chapter had an ice cream supper Wednesday night, July 7th; voted to spend 3 days on camping trip at Chewacla Park. Belgreen had four boys and adviser attend the State Convention, two boys received their State Farmer Degree during the convention; came back by Montgomery and went through the Capitol, sat in the Governor's chair as he was in the hospital, but on account of their feet not being big enough they couldn't fill the space required; they went on through Birmingham and went up on the Iron Man; plan to enter more contests this year; elected officers in each class so they would get more practice in holding meetings. Brantley FFA in cooperation with the school bought a Farmall Cub Tractor to be used in cutting the grass on the school campus, and to teach the members of the FFA how to drive, handle, care for and cultivate with farm machinery and equipment.

Camp Hill FFA chapter had William Ragsdale, Jr., their president, to attend the forestry camp, representing FFA members of Tallapoosa county; James Price, Junior Ragsdale, Marcus Harris and Charles Smith have best chances to date of winning Dixie 11 corn growing contest; they have excellent corn and are hoping to qualify for the 100 Bu. Club. Centerville had several boys who bought calves for showing, others planning to buy later. Central requested one of Sears-Roebuck's purebred Hereford bulls. Cherokee members helped to plan canning program; cooperated in field trips for veteran students; planning get-together of PHA and FFA group soon after school begins; cooperating with veteran trainees in buying large fan for vocational department; plans for cleaning up and painting vocational department. Coffeetown officers met to discuss and plan the coming year's program of work; members cultivated sweet potatoes that are to be dug and stored this fall for the purpose of bedding next spring, this field of sweet potatoes was inspected by the State Department of Agriculture and graded A—no disease or insects. Cullman officers met July 9 to plan a chapter meeting and joint FFA-FHA party for July 29; met July 29 and called a meeting for August 5 to plan for a tour for those who wished to go.

Excel officers met for the purpose of setting up a program of work for the year.

Fairview purchased 2 registered Jersey heifers and 1 registered Jersey bull; planned a trip to experiment station at Crossville. Falkville held 2 meetings during the month of July and planned a fishing trip; Hoyt Lee Penn and Harold Clayton received checks for \$100 each in Birmingham, July 10, this money was awarded for catching a calf in "the calf scramble" at the Fat Calf Show and Sale last May; Eddie Summerford also received a check for \$100, Eddie had the Grand Champion Steer in Morgan county; these boys will use this money to buy steers to feed out and show next spring.

Gaylesville chapter has been inactive since last December but are reorganizing in August. Geneva had sixteen members and adviser make a ten day tour of southern Florida; made plans for an officers training course the first week in September; had ten news articles published in five papers during the month, including two Florida newspapers; visited with two FFA chapters while in Florida on tour.

Hamilton officers met July 7 for a day of constructive work along with some recreation, joined the FHA officers in a picnic lunch at noon and enjoyed a swim in the river after evening session; worked largely on plans to get more participation in the FFA. contests this year.

Jemison planned State Fair exhibit; planned officers meeting before school opens; planned best ways to handle drinks to give least interference; discussed program of work for 1948-49.

Kinston organized DDT spraying campaign in cooperation with city, a large percentage of all barns and outbuildings sprayed; FFA fish pond demonstration fertilized; took four-day trip to Long Beach on the Gulf near Panama City, Florida.

Lexington chapter officers met to discuss past program of work to formulate tentative plans for the coming year with new adviser;

summer session begun July 26, active program being planned for 1948-49.

McAdory had the following officers for 1947-48 to volunteer for Armed Service this month: Ralph Ethridge, past State Secretary and Local Chapter President; David Bridewell, Chapter Reporter; Billy Sumerlin, County Vice-President and Medrith Veitch, Local Sentinel; Leroy Fox, Howard Clark and Donald Sumerlin purchased beef steers; two other ag. boys volunteered for Armed Service. Midland City sending representative to state forestry camp; making plans for exhibit at State Fair; to carry out forestry demonstration plot. Montevallo is a new department and plans for enrollment being made, approximately 40 boys plan to begin in first two classes; charter applied for; standard equipment for filing system being ordered; plans made for visiting Alabama State Fair; working with Mr. Homer Fisher in making long-time landscaping plans for entire school area.

Oakman officers met and did some planning for the coming year; suggestions were made on joint work but this will have to be approved by chapter and FHA's; plan to meet again before school opens for more planning. Odenville had one officers' meeting and discussed plans for next year's work; collecting materials to make a pole-treating vat; plans were made for a fishing party the latter part of August.

Pell City member, Bob Lee, will try to win the Star Farmer Contest this year; Owen Lee is entering the Farm Mechanics Contest; chapter assisting in financing pea sheller in canning plant; Buddy Tomlin, Chapter Farmer, is operating the canning plant this summer; Ray Watson, President 1947 and Owen Gore, member quartet 1947, joined Air Corp in July.

Red Bay FFA boys selling popcorn at baseball games; held meeting of officers July 26 and nominated committees; FFA boys and adviser helped to prepare the county-wide Farm Bureau picnic. Rogersville chapter held meeting July 30 and made the following plans: to enter three or more FFA contests, present one radio program each month, carry two newspaper articles each month; carry on the chapter's pig chain, purchase a new chapter camera.

Sidney Lanier secured 14 beef calves to be fed and shown in next spring's fat stock show and made plans to secure 16 more as soon as possible; made plans to enter 28 purebred calves in dairy show and 15 grade calves for dairy show; completed National Chapter Contest Report; transferred two gilts to members in pig chain. Silas planning to have the largest chapter they have ever had; ice cream and cold drink boxes being installed. Stevenson made educational tour to Florida; to hold special meeting to explain chapter work to Jr. III boys. Straughn won 1st place State FFA String Band Contest, 1st place State FFA Radio Demonstration Contest, 4th place State FFA Public Speaking Contest; Donald Tillman and Edward McDaniel received State Farmer Degrees; chapter adviser awarded State Honorary Farmer Degree; chapter adviser and nine FFA members made twelve hundred mile tour through Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia; practice string band for National FFA convention; made arrangements for Edward McDaniel to attend State FFA Forestry Camp at Camp Grist; Eldred Croft and Kent Barton, chapter leaders entered API. Sulligent spent last week of month in camp at Gulf Shores, more next month about trip; boys have bought seven calves for Fat Stock Show next year; received two checks for \$100 each for county champion calf shown by Charles Gilmer and scramble winner James Ray Hawkins. Suttle held two meetings, July 9 and July 29, final plans were made for the chapter to take an educational and recreational trip to the gulf coast, twenty members plan to go; the chapter has a corn demonstration plot in the lab plot, the four varieties are Whatleys, Funks G-714, Dixie 11, and Dixie 17, the corn looks good and has drawn wide attention from farmers in the community.

Tanner has 20 new members, entered 4 more pigs in pig chain; pruned shubbery; planned social. Tuskegee member, James Segrest, to attend Camp Grist Forestry school; Frank Sears' pig-chain Hereford sow farrowed six pigs on July 29; tractor school to be conducted at vocational agriculture building on August 3-4; Bill Davis, chapter treasurer, has started into the cow business by raising calves which a neighboring dairyman gives to him the day they are born. Bill teaches them to drink from a pan; seven boys plan to feed out steers this winter.

Teacher: "This essay about your dog is, word for word, the same as your brother's. How do you explain that?"

Pupil: "Well, you see, ma'am it's the same dog."

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