BUSY MONTH FOR ACTIVE FUTURE FARMERS

**FEBRUARY 1948**

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2nd—Mail Report of Chapter Speaking Contest.
5th—Results Chapter Speaking Contest Must Be in Auburn.
9th—Plan Programs for National F.F.A. Week.
15th—Name of applicant for American Farmer Degrees in Auburn.
19th—Mail Application for State Farmer Degree.
22nd—Farmer George Washington's Birthday.
27th—Mail Report of County Speaking and Quartet Contests.
I BELIEVE IN IT

I am lucky. I have been working closely with the Alabama F. F. A. for four years. It has given me a chance to learn more about the F. F. A. The more I learn about F. F. A. the more I believe in it. An active F. F. A. chapter is the best way I know for a farm boy to improve himself and his community. It gives a fellow a chance to do what he'd like to do—"if he could." An active F. F. A. chapter eliminates the "if." I often wonder just what it is that makes the F. F. A. grow in size and value. There are reasons, I am sure.

But I believe the main thing is that the F. F. A. is a farm boy organization built around a sound idea. Future Farmers have several things in common whether they are from Alabama, California, Maine, Hawaii or Porto Rico.

1. All must be enrolled in vocational agriculture or they cannot become an F. F. A. member.
2. All must pay dues. This is always a very small amount paid once a year. But it is a very easy way to tell if a member is active that year. This means a member must re-new his active membership each year, giving him the right to vote in all F. F. A. matters.
3. The F. F. A. adviser is the teacher of vocational agriculture. This gives sound, continuous direction to the efforts of Future Farmers.
4. Offers leadership training to all members. Officers, committee work, public speaking, community services and many other F. F. A. activities serve as a training for leadership.

These are some of the reasons I sincerely believe that the Future Farmers of America is the greatest farm boy organization in our country. Let's keep it so!

Sincerely,

C. C. Scarborough

NEW STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Faulkner has been named State Executive Secretary, effective January 1st. He takes Mr. Scarborough's place, who is now teaching at A.P.I.

Mr. Faulkner has been District Supervisor in Southwest Alabama for the past six years. Before that he was F. F. A. adviser at Fayette. Their chapter was noted for its publicity work and leadership training.

The State FFA Executive Committee recommends that every chapter plan special programs in observance of National FFA week, February 21-27.

The officers for Lee County F.F.A. for 1947-48 are as follows:

President — Clinton Freeman, Beauregard.
Vice-Pres.—Harry Ennis, Smith Station.
Secretary — Johnny Pittman, Auburn.
Adviser—R. L. Yielding, Beulah.

The recommendations of the program of work committee also received a unanimous vote in favor of accepting them. The program of work is as follows:

February—Public Speaking Contest—to be held at Beulah.
March—Basketball Tournament—to be held at Smith Station.
April—Ag. Day—to be held at Beauregard.
May—Softball Tournament—to be held at Auburn.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.
"You Can Bank on This" is a handy manual every Alabama Future Farmer needs. It is a manual you can get very easily too. Your local banker will be glad to get a copy for you. Talk with your adviser and if he has not asked the banker for a copy for you ask him to do so.

This manual on banking was written by Mr. J. E. Moreno, Director of Agricultural Division, State Chamber of Commerce. He has written it for you and other farm boys in Alabama. It is easy reading yet gives you the things you need to know to handle your money in the bank as you should. It is a manual you will want to keep and study. It will help you become a better business man.

For Top FFAers

Can you get the State Farmer Degree this year? Here’s what to do.

1. Check F.F.A. Manual to see if you qualify.
2. Ask your adviser about an application blank.
3. Help him complete the blank.
4. Mail to T. L. Faulkner, 202 Samford Hall, Auburn, Alabama to reach him in February.

This year Alabama can award nearly 200 State Farmer Degrees. How many will be awarded?

First Blue Lupine Chain

The Future Farmers of America chapter of the Greenville High School have inaugurated another “chain” to their program of work—a lupine chain.

The purpose of the lupine chain is to get more cover crops planted on the farms of the boys enrolled in Vocational agriculture.

Lewis Crenshaw, Reporter

The seed were furnished by the Farm Supply Company. Fifty pounds of seed and a can of inoculation were given to four boys. These boys are to plant the seed for the purpose of harvesting next Spring. When the seed are harvested the boys are to pay the Chapter 100 pounds for distribution next year.
Your share, $1,782,472,718

For your livestock and your dairy and poultry products, soybeans, cottonseed, etc., you ranchers and farmers of America received in 1947 almost thirty billion dollars, a new high.

Out of that amount, $1,782,472,718 came to you from Swift & Company in payment for the products you sold to us. Of every dollar that we took in from the sale of our products, we paid to you an average of 79.3¢ for your products.

Together we are doing a big, vital job of helping feed millions of families in America and in many foreign lands. Neither of us can do that job without the other. Since we are in this together and dependent upon each other, we feel that you have an interest in knowing how we have handled our end of this “joint operation.” This page is our way of telling you. It shows you how we handled, in 1947, our business of processing and marketing. It shows how much money we took in, where it went to, and what services we performed to earn our 1¢ profit per dollar of sales.

How We EARN Our Profit

In addition to providing a market for livestock and many other agricultural products, Swift performs many essential services for producers and consumers. Most people can’t go to farms to buy their meat—neither can retail dealers. Swift brings the meat to them. We have been doing this big, necessary job for 62 years, efficiently and economically.

Here are the services Swift & Company performs to earn its small profit:
1. We buy livestock and many other products that farmers and ranchers raise; then process and distribute them.
2. We process, brand, and perform all the many necessary operations to prepare our products for market and consumption.
3. We utilize all by-products. Every part that can be used is processed and sold in various forms. The income from this source increases the price of livestock to producers, decreases the cost of meat to consumers.
4. Our research finds new uses and new markets for farmers’ and ranchers’ products.
5. Our Martha Logan experimental kitchens test foods under home conditions, so that Swift products may give consumers the greatest possible satisfaction and value per dollar.
6. We pay transportation charges on our finished products, delivering them to dealers in all parts of the United States. This makes a broad, nationwide market instead of a limited local market for the products of livestock producers.
7. We provide employment and a livelihood—good wages, good working conditions and security—for 78,000 people who work for Swift & Company.

Our earnings for all this were one cent on each dollar of sales.

Livestock Loss Stoppers

Killing horns on calves before they grow is easier than de-horning. According to the University of Minnesota, treatment should be made when the horn button can just be detected, usually before the calf is 10 days old. Clip the hair closely on the button, smear vaseline around the area, then rub with moist stick caustic until small drops of blood appear. Commercial pastes are also very good and easy to use.

An effective one-treatment control for hog-mange and lice has been found. It will replace the costly oil dips which often took 3 to 5 treatments to get results. It is a chemical known as benzene hexachloride. The University of Nebraska reports that when properly used it will completely free hogs of mange in one application. Hogs should be sprayed or dipped using an emulsion of 20 pounds of wettable benzene hexachloride, containing 10% of gamma isomer, in 100 gallons of water.

Pregnancy disease of ewes usually occurs near the end of pregnancy. Symptoms are stupor, teeth grinding, paralysis and unconsciousness. Prevention is important, for as yet no effective cure has been found. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that prevention consists of (1) controlled feeding to avoid sharp weight gains or radical feed changes during the last third of pregnancy, (2) feeding blackstrap molasses in the drinking water or on the feed, (3) forcing the ewes to exercise by walking at least a mile a day, (4) feeding a ration high in vitamin A, such as good quality legume hay.

Conservation of Our Land Resources

by H. H. Kildee, Dean of Agriculture
Iowa State College

During recent years we have become increasingly conscious of the importance of conserving our land resources. Accordingly, we have initiated conservation programs and practices which are sound and logical. Such action was and is urgently needed, not alone for the current generation, but as an obligation to generations yet unborn. As one result of the programs adopted, much land (which because of its character and slope was being destroyed by erosion) has been turned back to grass. Thus, expanding livestock production has become an increasingly important part of the program of conserving our natural resources.

Continual sale of crops off a farm or ranch results in serious loss of plant food. But the maintenance of plant food elements in the soil is urgently needed if our crop land is to continue to provide adequate quantities of human food. Livestock farming is helping accomplish this. For when land is used for grazing, rather than for crops, soil erosion ceases and the unnecessary loss of plant foods is checked.

Swift & Company
UNION STOCK YARDS
CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS
HOW SWIFT'S DOLLAR WAS DIVIDED

79.3 Cents to Producers—Swift & Company, during 1947, returned to millions of producers of agricultural products an average of 79.3 cents out of each dollar received from sales. We provide a daily cash market for your livestock, dairy, poultry and other products.

1.8 Cents for Transportation—Swift's transportation bill was $41,053,244 in 1947, or an average of 1.8 cents of each sales dollar. Approximately 3/4 of the livestock is produced west of the Mississippi River, 3/4 of the meat is eaten east of it. Swift service bridges this average 1,000-mile gap between America's producers and consumers.

1 Cent as Earnings—The company's 1947 net earnings were $22,334,977, after provision of $12,000,000 for high cost additions to fixed assets. This represents an average of only 1 cent of each sales dollar. Swift & Company is owned by 64,000 stockholders, whose savings provide the money for capital, plants, equipment, tools and raw materials. Of the net earnings, the stockholders received $12,436,612 in dividends. The balance has been kept in the company as a reserve for future needs of the business.

9.7 Cents to Employees—In 1947, Swift's 73,000 employees earned $217,072,168 in wages and salaries, or an average of 9.7 cents out of each dollar of Swift sales. It takes many skilled people to process livestock and other raw agricultural products into Swift's quality foods.

1.3 Cents for Taxes—Our total tax bill in 1947 was $26,915,888. This averaged 1.3 cents out of each dollar Swift received for the products it sold. In addition to federal taxes, Swift & Company paid taxes during 1947 in each of the 48 states, and in hundreds of municipalities where the company owns plants or other property.

Where the Dollar Went:

- Supplies 3.8¢
- Taxes 1.3¢
- Transportation 1.8¢
- Other Expenses 3.1¢

Here is a quick "picture" of how Swift's average sales dollar was divided in 1947. Smallest slice is Swift & Company's net earnings for many essential services in the processing and marketing of the agricultural products you produce. It averaged a fraction of a cent a pound on the millions of pounds handled.

3.8 Cents for Supplies—Last year, out of each dollar of sales, Swift spent an average of 3.8 cents, or a total of $86,005,885, on supplies of all kinds—mountains of salt and sugar; trainloads of boxes, barrels, other containers; miles of twine, tons of paper; fuel, electricity, etc.

3.1 Cents for Other Expenses—Among other necessary business costs are depreciation, interest, employee benefits, sales promotion, rent, research, insurance, development of new products, advertising, stationery, postage, telephone, telegraph, passenger travel, etc. These necessary expenses took an average of 3.1 cents of each sales dollar.

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Joe Hunt, Albertville FFA president, is receiving a model of the ideal Jersey type cow from Forrest Fancher, field representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club. Joe has placed high in judging contests. He was 6th in individual scoring at the State Fair judging. This placed him on the FFA judging team going to the National Dairy Show in Columbus, Ohio. Joe is a Sr. II and a good student, says H. C. Gregory, his teacher of vocational agriculture.

Billy Raley and William Hatfield of Sidney Lanier teamed up with Joe Hunt to form Alabama's No. 1 FFA Judging Team at Columbus, Ohio. They placed third in this national contest. Joe Hunt placed in the top 10 highest individuals.

Billy Raley had made the highest individual score in the State dairy cattle judging in Birmingham.

PLACED 3rd. IN NAT'L DAIRY JUDGING

FAA Trading Post

Want To Sell

Purchased Hereford pigs 10 weeks old, 115—Sheelah FFA, R. L. Yielding, adviser, Lukeston Rt. 1.

Three Poland China gilt 12 weeks old, $25—Hinkleburg FFA, H. L. Markel, adviser.


15 mo. old Duroc boar, subject to registration—Reesor FFA, T. W. Gandy, adviser, Rt. 3, Opelika, Ala.


Purchased Duroc pigs—Enterprise FFA, J. W. Reeder, adviser.

C-3 Argus camera, with leather case, leather shoulder type carrying bag for supplies, ground glass filters, lens shade, library of 37 books on photography, Weston II exposure meter and other accessories, all less than one year old. Will sacrifice for $125.

Air compressor with gasoline tank and large tank with almost new hose and spray gun and regulator, $108.

Portable 1-1/2 Kw generator with approx. 6 hp. gasoline motor, good condition, $65.—Flemston FFA, J. N. Christian, adviser.

Kodak crown 52 a thousand P. O. B.—Highland Home FFA, J. M. Thomas, adviser.

5-year old grape vines, dollar per dozen P.O.R.—Lexington FFA, W. H. Wilkerson, adviser.

2 large hotel size pressure cookers—Sardis FFA, Boaz, Rt. 1, L. E. Jones, adviser.

WANTED

Names of persons having Reg. pigs for sale, Duroc, Berkshire, Poland-China (black and spotted) Chester-Whites and Hampshire—Irish FFA, A. G. Bruggers, adviser.

H. W. GREEN

Future Farmers in Southwest Alabama will be seeing a new district supervisor of vocational agriculture. Mr. H. W. Green replaces Mr. Faulkner as supervisor in Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas,Escambia, Marengo, Monroe, Sumter, Washington, and Wilcox counties. You fellows in that area look for him and meet him when he comes to your school.

Mr. Green was teacher of vocational agriculture at Millport in Lamar county, Reeltown in Tallapoosa and at Lee County High School, Auburn. FFA chapters were always active when Mr. Green was adviser. He will continue to live in Auburn with his wife and two future Future Farmers—Billy and Paul.

NEW SUPERVISOR

Want To Buy

Popcorn popper—Corner FFA, W. J. Thompson, adviser, Warrior, Rt. 2.

Banjo Fiddle priced reasonable—Jemison FFA, L. C. Shields, adviser.

Band saw, 10 in., 12 in., or 14 in. with or without motor, Motor must be single phase 1-3, 1-2 or 1-3 H. P.—Marion FFA, W. S. White, adviser.

Electric Guitar, Thomasville FFA, N. B. Lawhon, adviser.

18 registered Duroc gilts, bred-Brookings FFA, Claude Hardin, adviser.

4 registered Duroc gilts for pig chain—S tower FFA, K. R. Waltorf, adviser.
CULLMAN JUDGING TEAM BEST IN 4 STATES

Dear Mr. Scarborough,

Thank you for your letter which arrived yesterday. I was most happy to learn that we had your moral support during the contest. Everything went smoothly for us. We left Cullman Friday morning and arrived in Knoxville that afternoon at 2:30. We checked in at the Colonial Hotel, after which we strolled through the town sightseeing and watching the Hallowe'en celebrants who were having lots of fun parading the streets in costume, etc.

We drove to Chilhowee Park where the contest was to be held, Saturday morning at 8:00. Judging was not scheduled to begin until 9:00 a.m., so this gave us an hour in which to examine the animals and prepare for the judging. The Polled Hereford cattle shown represented the "cream" of breeding stock from 23 states. As far as we could determine, the best cattle shown was raised in the states of Mississippi and Wyoming predominantly.

It was a surprise to us to learn that only four states were to be represented in the F. F. A. judging. (Alabama, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.) There were eight states represented in the 4-H Club judging.

Our team won the first prize of $60.00, and in addition, each member received a gold medal. Dwight Tilley, a member of our team, also won a gold medal for having the highest individual score in the F. F. A.

The team members were, Dwight Tilley, Cullman, Route #5, Duel Speegle, Logan, Route 6 and Frank Still, Logan, Star Route. Dwight is a senior at Cullman County High School and is president of the Cullman County F.F.A. This past school year he attained the degree of State Farmer at the State Convention. Frank is also a senior at C. C. H. S. and was president of the class F. F. A. last year and also received the State Farmer Degree at the State Convention in Birmingham last June. Duell, a senior at C. C. H. S., is treasurer of the local F. F. A. chapter and has been an outstanding member in promoting F. F. A. work locally.

The team judged 6 classes of Polled Herefords,—2 classes of bulls, 2 classes of bred heifers, 1 class of open heifers and 1 class of cows. Oral reasons were required on one class of heifers. Placings in the class counted 50 points and reasons counted 50 points. The states competing in order of placement in the competition are:— Alabama, 1st place, Virginia, 2nd place, 3rd place, Tennessee, and, 4th place winner—Kentucky.

We certainly enjoyed the trip immensely and felt that it was especially beneficial educationally for it gave us the opportunity to see the best Polled Hereford cattle in the country, as well as some really fine horses and other dairy cattle.

In the event that you submit this information to the Alabama Future Farmer please mention that the team wishes to express its appreciation to both the State and Local F. F. A. for their assistance in financing the trip.

Yours very sincerely,
J. D. Hardeman
FFA Adviser

Dies in Accident

Archie Gilmore, State F.F.A. secretary in 1938-39, was killed December 7th in an automobile accident in North Carolina. After finishing high school at Sulligent in Lamar County, he graduated in agriculture at Auburn. He was president of the Sulligent F. F. A. chapter, and a student leader in high school activities. At the time of his death Archie was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture.
CHAPTER NEWS

Abbeville collected money to buy 29,000 pine seedlings. Addison has five members entering public speaking contest. Arab is going to give $7 and $10 for first and second place in the FFA annual speaking contest. Athens has a chicken stew, held faculty as guests.

Baker started plot to raise vegetables for cafeteria. Beauregard held annual Christ­mas party with F. H. Belgerman had a squirrel stew and invited the P.H.A. voter­ship. Beltonville organized basketball team. Blue Springs pruned and pruned fire break around pine tree demonstration plot. Brandon pruned shrubs as their community. Heflin entertained fes­tive, giving two Christmas gifts.

Carrollton FFA's made and sold Christmas decorations. Cedar Bluff represented Cherokee County in giving free educational films for Chamber of Commerce and Welfare Department. Eclectic added 325 worth of books to library for students. Eclectic and Cherokee FFA's are planning trips for students. Florence chapter gave opening and closing ceremony, with full equipment, for chapel assembly.

Cullman bought 16,000 pine seedlings to use on F.F.A. project. Dooley purchased $225 power machinery for shop in cooperation with County Board of Agriculture, ordered 95 head of calves.

Electra added $30 worth of books to their library. Eclectic chapter is planning to present a show to the F.F.A. chapter. Floresville chapter gave an annual dinner and dance.

Gadsden added $30 worth of books to their library. Gadsden chapter is planning to present a show to the F.F.A. chapter.

Greensboro started nursery operations and floors, and walls of concrete. Happy Valley organized picture show room in basement of school to show free educational films.

Jackson participating in County F.F.A. activities. Jasper is planning to present a show to the F.F.A. chapter. Kentucky chapter added two new members to enter forestry contest.

Lacrosse ordered 16,000 pine seedlings to use on F.F.A. project. Mobile bought 1900 pine seedlings; sold 250 lining out stock to be grown in nursery on school campus. Northside bought 800 lining out stock to be grown in nursery for cafeteria. Pell pruned and pruned fire break around pine tree demonstration plot.

Pods to produce early plants to be sold in the community. Randleman held annual Father-Son-Mother-­Daughter banquet. Tanner-Williams planning additional projects such as post treating vat, air compressor as sprayer for paint and insecticides.

Waterloo working on nursery. West Line­stone has 196 per cent participation in speaking contest. White Plains organized string band, preparing for public speaking and parliamentary procedure contest. Woodlawn made cooperative order of fruit trees amounting to $115.

When a barn, or a tool shed, or any other farm building starts to sag, it's a danger sign. Weather gets in. Valuable stock and tools are exposed. The building itself is endangered. Before that happens, new concrete foundations and floors, and walls of CONCRETE or Concrete Masonry should be installed. Cost is moderate. Upkeep is low. And the building will be better than it was when new! Concrete can't burn! Many concrete improvements will pay for themselves in a short time—in feed and labor saved and in better animal health. Let us send you helpful free literature on such essential improvements as:

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