

## Alabama FFA Attends National Convention

The Alabama FFA delegation, consisting of 50 members, joined over 5,000 American farm boys in Kansas City, Missouri for the twenty-second National FFA Convention.

The opening session climaxed a day in which 3,300 farm boys registered in the auditorium lobby.

Groups of boys wearing the blue corduroy jackets with gold emblems and lettering could be seen on any downtown street throughout the day.

The Riverton Beef Judging Team won the Gold Emblem Award in the National Beef Judging Contest. Sidney Lanier and Riverton Chapters received the Gold Emblem Award in the Chapter Contest. The Sidney Lanier Quartet also attended the convention and appeared on one of the programs.

Some of the major events of the convention were:

The selection of American Farmers. Ten boys from Alabama received this degree.

The National Public Speaking Contest.

Speeches made by the boys from England.

Songs and music by National Chorus and Band.

Entertainment by Grand Ole Opry stars.

Presentation of Dr. I. Q. Show and other amusing events.

On the return trip the Alabama delegation was the guest of the "Southern Agriculturist" at a banquet. They also attended the "Grand Ole Opry."

## Talent And Achievement Program Presented

Alabama FFA and FHA presented a "Talent and Achievement Program" during the Montgomery Cattle Exposition. The program was presented at night at the new baseball stadium.

Emily Newberry, FHA member from the Sidney Lanier Chapter, was crowned  
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## Five Points Bull Wins

### Riverton, Sidney Lanier Chapters Receive Gold Emblem Awards

Among the 7,250 local chapters in America, thirty-four were honored at the National FFA Convention with the Gold Emblem Award. Among the thirty-four were two from Alabama: Sidney Lanier, Montgomery and Riverton, Huntsville. These chapters were winners in the State Chapter Contest last year.

The Gold Emblem Award goes to the National winners in the Chapter Contest. Chapters are selected according to their records of accomplishments in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earning and saving by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and other general activities.

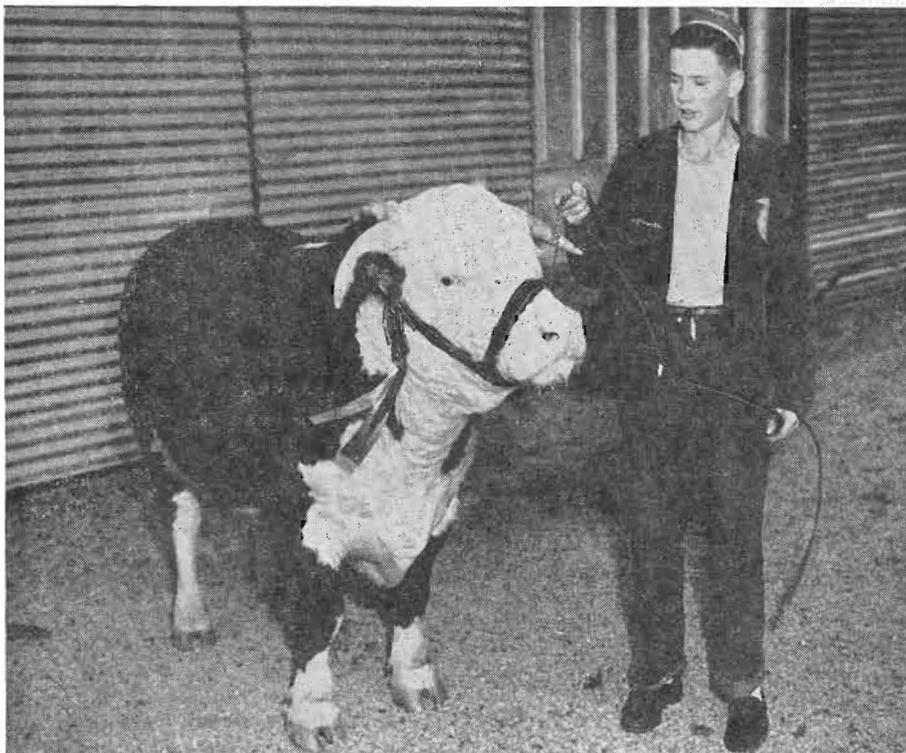
### Bull Show Highlight Of State Fair

The Five Points Chapter FFA bull won the Grand Championship at the State Fair show. The bull is being cared for and was shown by Reuben Finney, a member of the Five Points Chapter.

Placing second and winning the reserve championship was the Mount Hope bull. This bull is under the care of and was shown by Bill Roberson of that chapter.

All winners in the Sears Roebuck FFA Bull Show at the State Fair are as follows:

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Pictured above is Reuben Finney of the Five Points chapter with their FFA bull. Reuben was quite pleased since the bull had just won grand championship of the FFA bull show at the State Fair.

## BULL SHOW

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### Winners In The FFA Bull Show

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Reuben Finney         | — Five Points   |
| 2. Bill Roberson         | — Mt. Hope      |
| 3. Roshell Hollingsworth | — Greensboro    |
| 4. Bobby Green           | — Riverton      |
| 5. Douglas Huggins       | — Opp           |
| 6. Harold McCray         | — Greensboro    |
| 7. Roy Grisson           | — Phil Campbell |
| 8. Lavon Huff            | — Brewton       |
| 9. Mack Morris, Jr.      | — Sulligent     |
| 10. Ralph Sanderson      | — Hamilton      |

### Showmanship Contest

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Bill Roberson         | — Mt. Hope      |
| 2. Roshell Hollingsworth | — Greensboro    |
| 3. Bobby Green           | — Riverton      |
| 4. Richard Kirksey       | — Sidney Lanier |
| 5. Reuben Finney         | — Five Points   |

### Open Classes

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| (A) Class 2               |               |
| 1st Reuben Finney         | — Five Points |
| 3rd Roshell Hollingsworth | — Greensboro  |
| 4th Douglas Huggins       | — Opp         |
| 5th Lavon Huff            | — Brewton     |
| (B) Class 3               |               |
| 2nd Bill Roberson         | — Mt. Hope    |
| 4th Bobby Green           | — Riverton    |
| 5th Ralph Sanderson       | — Hamilton    |

## TALENT PROGRAM

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Queen of the Dairy Exposition by R. E. Cammack, director of vocational education. She had as her attendants ten members of other FHA chapters. Several thousand people witnessed the program and expressed their approval of it.

Listed below is the program outline:

Straughn FFA Trio — Lonzo, Oscar and Syrupy.

FFA Activities — Elton Pierce, State FFA President.

Alabama FFA Quartet — Sidney Lanier Chapter.

FHA Activities — Wanda Mills, Past Vice-President, Alabama Association, Future Homemakers of America, Winfield.

Sermon — John Clark from Straughn Chapter and his version of a Negro preacher in high gear.

String Band.

"Developing My Vocational Agriculture Dairy Program" — Davis Henry, FFA member, Sidney Lanier Chapter.

Alabama FFA Quartet — Sidney Lanier Chapter.

"My Trip to Europe" — Nick Lindsay, Past State FFA President.

Straughn FFA Trio — Lonzo, Oscar and Syrupy.

Alabama FFA String Band.



These young lovelies pushed the beautiful stock displays temporarily into the background at Municipal Stadium when ceremonies were held marking the coronation of Lanier brunet Emily Newberry as queen of the 1949 Montgomery Dairy Cattle Exposition. They are, left to right, Gladys Knight, of Wetumpka; Margie McKenzie, of LaPine; Janie Lou Bigger, of Ramer; Jean McIntyre, Evergreen; Edna Warner, Montgomery; Miss Newberry; Shirley Jean Kirby, Notasulga; Betty Jo Taylor, Clanton; Carol Jean Jackson, Autaugaville; Betty Lou Sims, Greenville, and Mary Bradberry, of Chelsea.

## Public Relations In FFA

By M. W. ESPY, JR.

Public Relations is to the FFA as it is to all organizations — a necessity.

A good Public Relations Committee should be appointed at the first meeting after school opens in the fall. It is their responsibility to keep the people up to date with their FFA program.

Perhaps the best plan to use in appointing this important committee is to appoint the reporter chairman and have an assistant reporter from each class.

The duties of the Public Relations Committee may be listed in five general topics.

1. Send in Monthly FFA Report in complete form giving all facts every month on time.
2. Send in with FFA Report the best news articles of the month including pictures when possible.
3. Publish a minimum of two news articles each month in local newspapers.
4. Each chapter to own, or have access to a good camera and use it.
5. Include in the program the following:
  - a. Newspaper articles.
  - b. Local FFA newsletters.
  - c. Radio broadcasts.
  - d. Exhibits and booths.
  - e. Assembly programs.
  - f. Talks to groups by teachers and boys.
  - g. Parent meetings.
  - h. Bulletin boards.
  - i. Circular letters.
  - j. Posters.
  - k. String band, quartet, FFA boys appear on programs at civic Clubs, PTA and other gatherings.
1. Hüge FFA Week celebration.

## Executive Committee Met December 5-6

The State FFA Executive Committee met in Auburn December 5th and 6th.

The officers spent some of their time working on this issue of "The Alabama Future Farmer." Do you like it?—T. L. F.

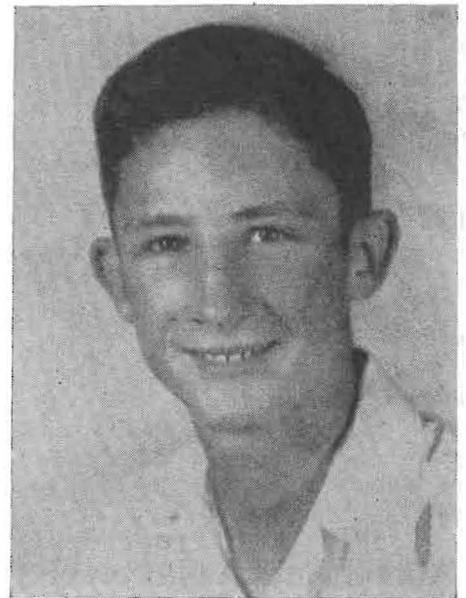
## Dates To Remember

February 5th — Chapter winner in Speaking and Quartet Contests.

March 5th — County winner in Speaking and Quartet Contests.

March 15th — American Farmer Degree.

April 1st — State Farmer Applications.



James Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grimes of Cuba, Alabama, is an outstanding corn farmer. James, a member of the York FFA Chapter, made 118 bushels of corn per acre. James used Dixie 11 hybrid seed corn. This corn was planted in rows 40 inches apart and 18 inches apart in the drill. 600 pounds of 4-10-7 fertilizer were used at planting time. The corn was side-dressed when 35 days old with 200 pounds of ammonium nitrate per acre.

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## 2 Local Advisers Receive Honorary American Farmer Degrees

J. D. Wigley, adviser of the Riverton Chapter, and H. I. Deloney, past adviser of the Sidney Lanier Chapter, received the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the National Convention.

Both advisers were awarded a certificate and a beautiful American Farmer key. This was in recognition of their chapter receiving the Gold Emblem Award in the National Chapter Contest.

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## FFA Contests Important

By HARVEY TOLLISON

The FFA contests have become one of the most important parts of FFA in Alabama.

This year the contests are connected with so many different phases of agricultural and FFA work until every member should be able to enter one or more of the contests.

Although all of the boys who enter cannot be winners, they gain a lot from participation. The sole purpose of the contests is to encourage FFA members to carry out a well-organized and successful farming program, to develop leadership ability, make good use of their talents, and to reward boys for outstanding work that they have done in FFA.

Every day boys are discovering new talents and developing skills that will be of great value to themselves as well as others. If it were not for the training and numerous opportunities that are offered by FFA many boys would never get a chance to show and use their talents, hidden qualities and leadership abilities.

Now is the time to be working on the contests. Study the contest booklet carefully and be sure that every member understands each contest. These contests are sponsored to help each chapter in sportsmanship, scholarship, and training better chapter members and officers. Every member should enter at least one of the contests. Remember, never put off until tomorrow the things that can be done today. Now is the time to start.

## FFA Helps Others

Given below is a list of services a chapter may perform in its community to create a cooperative spirit among FFA members, local farmers and businessmen.

1. Purchasing fruit trees, seed, etc., cooperatively for FFA members and farmers.

2. Selling cooperatively.
3. Selling school supplies and refreshments.
4. Landscaping public building grounds.
5. Assisting in acquiring commercial community services such as freezer locker plants, ice plants, dehydrators, cold storage and meat curing plants, hatchery, syrup mill, feed mill, etc.
6. Securing and operating community services that cannot be secured commercially such as: canning plant, post treating plant, bull ring, feed mill, milk route, seed treater, egg market, peanut sheller, potato storage house, concrete mixer, boar service, and seed cleaner.
7. Promoting one-variety communities.



**HEFLIN FFA SWEETHEART**

Miss Frankie Kilgore was recently elected the Heflin FFA Sweetheart for the year 1949-50.



Pictured above is the Alabama delegation that attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City in October.



Pictured above is the first place winning FFA exhibit at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham. It belongs to the Columbiana FFA Chapter.



Pictured above is the second place winning FFA exhibit at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham. It belongs to the Florala FFA Chapter.

## Duties of the Vice-President

By HARVEY TOLLISON

If a FFA chapter is to be successful, it must have a set of well-qualified and dependable officers. With capable leaders the business will be conducted in a well-organized and successful way. When this is done an effective program of work in which all members participate will be maintained, and every member will be interested.

Any member who is elected to a position of responsibility should be willing to prepare himself to perform his duties

creditably. Each officer should be familiar with the chapter constitution, by-laws and the annual program of work. He should cooperate with other officers and members at all times.

The vice-president should be ready at all times to assist the president in any way possible. He should preside at meetings in the absence of the president and be prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of the president. He should coordinate chapter effort by keeping in close contact with all officers and members. He should help keep chapter work moving in a satisfactory manner.

The success of a chapter depends largely upon its officers. If you are a chapter officer strive to do your best.

## My Trip To Britain

By NICK LINDSAY

During my term as a state officer of the Alabama FFA I made quite a few trips, but the one to Great Britain was the greatest.

I left home in June knowing that there would be three other boys going to Great Britain with me but I didn't know who they would be. After arriving in Washington I met them. They were Eugene Hanson, William Carlin and Joe Espey.

We arrived in Plymouth, England after nine days at sea. We went directly to London, where we spent the first few days of our visit sight-seeing. Among the many places of interest that we visited in London were the Buckingham Palace, National Art Gallery, Tate Art Gallery, and the Houses of Parliament.

After leaving London we traveled on to Shrewsbury to attend the Royal Show. The Royal Show is the largest agricultural show in Great Britain. Everything at the Royal Show was pertaining to agriculture. There were more cattle and machinery at the Show than anything else.

The Young Farmers Club of Great Britain had judging teams competing at the Royal Show. On the last day of the Show Princess Elizabeth presented awards to the winners of the judging contest.

We left the Royal Show and went to North Wales where we started a three-week tour of Wales. We stayed in the homes of farm families as we traveled through Wales and England. We only stayed in one place two or three days because we had so many places to go in six weeks.



MUNFORD FFA SWEETHEART

Blanche Holcombe, above, was recently elected FFA Sweetheart of the Munford Chapter for 1949-50.



**PELL CITY FFA SWEETHEART**

Annie Ruth Harris, above, was recently elected FFA Sweetheart of the Pell City Chapter for 1949-50.

One of the highlights of our trip came a week before we sailed for home when we flew from London to Paris to spend a few days sight-seeing.

I will always remember this trip as one of the highlights of my life. I realize that I probably never would have made such a trip if I hadn't been a FFA member.

**Duties of the Local Reporter**

By HOMER VINSON

The Chapter Reporter is just as important or more so than the other officers. It is his duty and responsibility to let the people know what the F. F. A. Chapter and its members are doing.

The reporter should be able to gather and classify chapter news. A book that will prove helpful in writing F. F. A. news is "Reporting F. F. A. News."

He should be well trained in F. F. A. news writing. He should contact local newspapers and supply them with F. F. A. news and notes for publication. The reporter should provide the newspaper with cuts or notes of the emblem and pictures. Every chapter should own a camera in order to be able to take pictures of chapter and individual projects. The reporter should send articles of chapter activities to the local newspapers at least once a month.

It is the reporter's duty to see that the monthly report of Chapter News is sent in to the executive secretary on time each month.

He should see that the Chapter presents radio programs and Chapter programs in recognition of National F. F. A. week and other Chapter events.

The reporter should file clippings and pictures of chapter activities and keep a Chapter scrapbook. The scrapbook should serve as a history of past chapter activities.

He should assist in arranging chapter exhibits at the State Fair and other places where exhibits are held.

**Duties of the Local Secretary**

By M. W. ESPY, JR.

Immediately after election, the secretary who has the interest of his chapter at heart, should go to his predecessor and

learn of the responsibilities that confront him.

When all members have paid their dues, the secretary should make an accurate roll, placing the members names in alphabetical order. He should call the roll at each chapter meeting.

He should encourage all members to keep accurate project records and should certainly do so himself in order to set a worthy example. He should have a list, before each meeting, of the business that is to be transacted.

The good local secretary should keep a record of the proceedings at each meeting, whether it be chapter or county, and

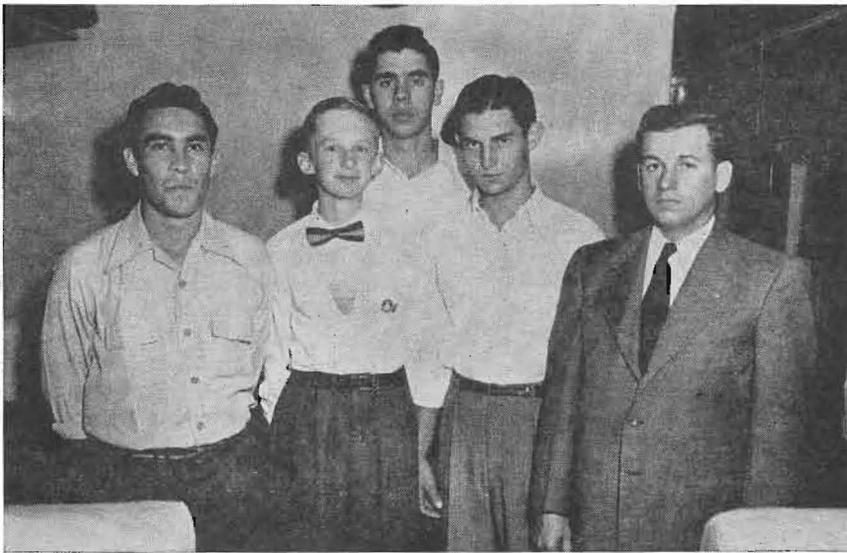
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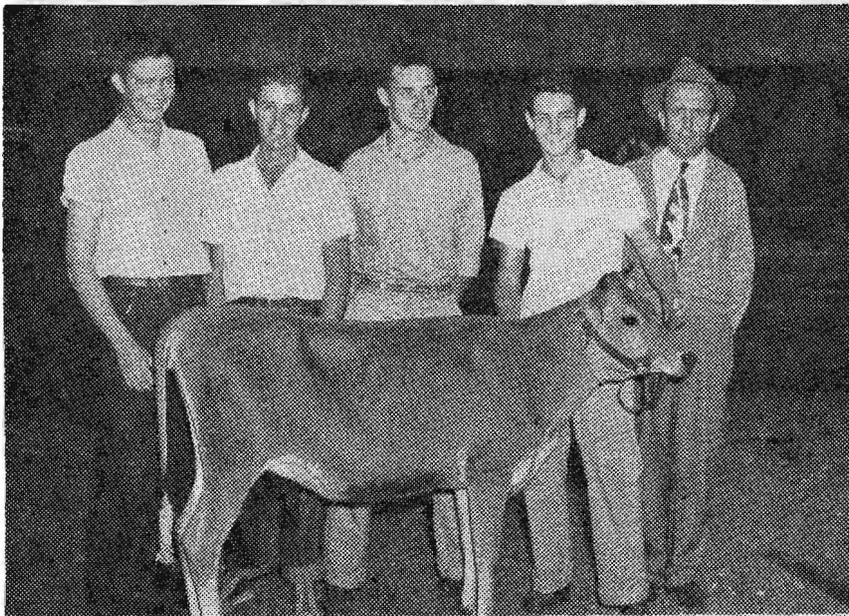
Pictured above is the Flomaton FFA String Band as they were playing for the annual Farm Bureau meeting held in Auburn. They are from left to right, Herman T. Boutwell, Dewey Moye, Clifton Moye, Winford Nolin and Curtis Booth.



Pictured above is the Straughn FFA String Band as they were playing for the Annual Farm Bureau meeting held in Auburn.



Here is Alabama's champion FFA beef cattle judging team. They are from the Riverton Chapter in Madison County. Members of the team are Mickey Wilbourn, Waylon Smithey, Billy Ray Patterson, Billy Johnson, and their adviser, J. D. Wigley. These boys won first place and were given \$100.00 and a Gold Emblem award for judging beef cattle at the American Royal Exposition in Kansas City. They were also state winners at the FFA Convention this past year.



Pictured above is Alabama's champion FFA dairy cattle judging team. They are from the Albertville FFA Chapter and are from left to right, William Edmonson, Melvin Cofield, Clifford Reed, Joe Hunt, and their adviser, H. C. Gregory.

These boys represented the state FFA at the National Jersey Show in Memphis. They also won first place in the FFA division at the State Fair. This entitled them to go to the All American Dairy Exposition in Indianapolis, Indiana where they won a Silver Emblem Award.

## Tuskegee Member Grows Hogs

By ALSEY HYDE  
Tuskegee Reporter

Frank Sears is the outstanding FFA swine producer in the Tuskegee area. He started out with a registered Hereford gilt eighteen months ago. This gilt farrowed seven pigs, two of which he kept for brood sows. He now has three brood sows and thirty-two fattening hogs.

Frank has increased his corn acreage

in order that he may be assured of plenty of grain for "topping off" his hogs. He believes that Herefords suit his purpose better than any other breed because they are good hustlers, raise big litters, are not subject to sun scald, dress out a high percentage when slaughtered, and reach 185 pounds at five to six months under good conditions.

Frank is in his fourth year of Vocational Agriculture and is treasurer of his local chapter. His father plans to turn the farm over to him next year.

## LOCAL SECRETARY

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file it, not necessarily to be read at the next meeting but for future reference.

He should know his part to perfection in both the opening and closing ceremonies, and he should have a knowledge of the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure.

Last, but far from least, the secretary should strive to make for his chapter the kind of secretary that they had in mind when they elected him.

## Duties of the Local Treasurer

By WILLIAM RAGSDALE

The treasurer of a local chapter of F. F. A. has many important responsibilities other than assisting in opening meetings.

The treasurer must receive and act as custodian of chapter funds. He keeps a financial record of the investments of the chapter or projects sponsored and carried out through chapter activities.

The treasurer collects dues and assessments and sends in state and national dues for the members of the chapter. He assists the other local officers and advises them in preparing an annual budget of estimated receipts and expenditures. He helps devise appropriate ways and means of financing activities carried out by the local chapter.

The treasurer cooperates with the secretary in keeping an accurate membership roll by reporting the number of paid members of the chapter. He should keep an accurate financial statement of chapter funds and assessments and be prepared to give reports on these statements when called upon to do so. He should encourage systematic savings through individual and chapter thrift accounts and strive to build up the chapter's financial standing. Unless another member is designated to do so, he serves as thrift bank treasurer for the chapter.

The treasurer of a local chapter is also faced with the responsibility of cooperating with the other officers, adviser and members in keeping the activities of the chapter interesting, challenging, and inspiring to all members.

## Dates To Remember

April 5th — Quarter Finals Speaking and Quartet Winners.

April 15th — Star Dairy Farmer and Efficient Milk Production.

April 15th — Farm Mechanics Contest Reports.

April 15th — Farm and Home Electrification Contest Reports.

## National Officers For 1949-50

George Lewis, 19, Mt. Sterling, Illinois was elected national president of the Future Farmers of America for 1949-50. He succeeds Doyle Connor of Starke, Florida.

Other officers elected to head the National FFA for the coming year are: J. Rogers Fike, 19, Aurora, West Virginia, 1st vice-president; Joe B. King, Jr., 19, Potaluma, California, 2nd vice-president; Merrill T. Cartwright, 19, Booneville, Mississippi, 3rd vice-president; Glen F. Lackey, 19, Delaware, Ohio, 4th vice-president; and Donald Bakehouse, 19, Owatonna, Minnesota, student secretary.



Pictured above is Emily Newberry, queen of the Montgomery Dairy Exposition, as she is being crowned by R. E. Cammack, state director of vocational education.

## Alabama's American Farmers

Ten Alabama Future Farmers were awarded the highest degree in the FFA, The American Farmer Degree, at the twenty-second annual convention in Kansas City October 10-13.

Each of the 237 boys honored over the entire nation received a certificate, gold key, and check for twenty-five dollars.

To receive this degree a Future Farmer must have an outstanding record based on farming, leadership and scholarship. This degree is limited to FFA members who have completed at least three years of Vocational Agriculture and have been out of school at least one year and are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming. Only one boy for each thousand members may be nominated for this high honor. Alabama's

ten successful applicants are well established in farming and each has a record that would be an inspiration to many adult farmers.

The following ten boys received this degree:



HORIS BEASON

Since his enrollment in 1944, Horis Beason, Ashville, Alabama has increased his 40-acre farm to 441 acres. He owns property valued at more than \$12,000. There is no debt on any of his property.

After a few months study in Vocational Agriculture, Horis realized that this 40-acre farm would not provide the opportunity that he wanted. He talked his Dad into selling it and buying the farm on which he now lives.

There was no dwelling on this farm so Horis, with the help of his father, drew up the plans for a farm home. Of course, his sisters offered a few suggestions. This problem was solved with a beautiful six-room farm home.

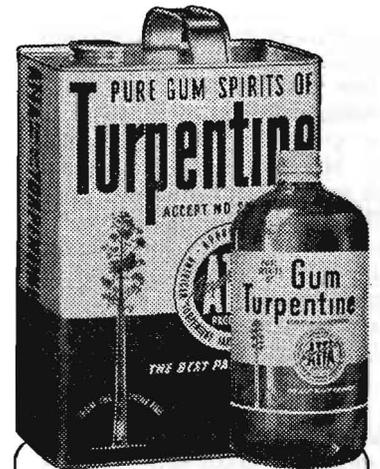
Horis' father worked in a hardware store and since Horis was the only boy the management of the farm was left to him. He had his mind set on a course in Agriculture at A.P.I., but the labor situation changed his mind and he is devoting full time to the improvement of this farm. This proved to be a wise decision because last year his profits were well over \$2,000.00.

This Future Farmer is a very successful cotton farmer as is shown by his first year's record. He planted 3 acres of cotton on very ordinary soil and produced 3 bales. Hay and corn were other productive projects with home garden and orchard as improvements. His labor returns for that year were a little more than \$600.00. The next year as a Sr. I student, he showed a net profit of about \$1,500.00 with seven productive projects.

He proved very efficient in providing the local market with broilers. Turkeys are the one thing that give him the most trouble. He hasn't been able to get any profit from turkeys but he has just completed a brood house and is still determined to make them pay off.

In 1946-47 he bought a Ford tractor  
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## An Important Message to Future Farmers of Alabama



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## BEASON

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and other necessary equipment. This proved to be the best investment he made. It made it possible for him to prepare his land at night while he was attending school during the day. With this help he was able to expand his farming operations in a great way. Horis prepares quite a bit of the land that he rents to two share croppers, thereby cutting expenses on his own production. His profit this year was about \$2,000.00.

Now that he is out of school he is devoting full time to his farm but he is very much interested in community affairs. He has bought a 1946 Chevrolet with profits from his farming last year.

His farming chores did not prevent him from being very active in his school affairs. He was cheerleader for one year, played on the FFA basketball team for four years and served as a member of the student council.

### MATT HOLMES

Matt Holmes of the Fort Deposit FFA Chapter has developed a farming program since 1944 which has netted him more than \$4,000. He owns livestock, beef cattle, and hogs valued at more than \$3,600, which he paid for with earnings from his farming program.

When Matt enrolled in Vocational Agriculture, September 1944, he did not live on a farm. His parents lived in a small town, owned and operated a gro-



cery store in which Matt worked after school and on Saturdays. For this service he received three dollars per week. Matt thought that he would prefer farming to working in the store and for this reason he enrolled in Vocational Agriculture.

Since Matt did not live on the farm it was inconvenient for him to carry a program which he was satisfied with. He found a great deal of pleasure in going to the farm one or two days each week during the time when the row crops should have attention.

Matt's productive projects for the first year consisted of 1 beef calf, 6 head of hogs, 50 poult, and 6 acres of corn, which netted him \$540.00. He reinvested his profits in beef calves, a purebred bull, hogs, 8 acres of corn, 1 acre of grain sorghum, and 1/3 acre of sugar cane. Hogs were cheap in 1945-46, consequently his profits were only \$412.64.

With his earnings and a loan of \$2,000.00 from his father he bought 16 Angus cows, a bull, 2 registered hogs, planted corn, grain, sorghum and hay to net \$1,253.99 in 1946-47.

Graduating from high school in May 1948 gave him more time to push his farm program and his profits jumped to more than \$1,800.

This year he is devoting his full time to the farm. He and his father have pooled their livestock and formed a partnership. Matt is to receive one-third of all profits from the farming program. The program consists of 150 head of beef cattle, 75 head of hogs, 1,500 poult, 15 acres of oats, 55 acres of corn, 10 acres of grain sorghum, 2 acres of alfalfa and 10 acres of hay.

In addition to Matt's regular farming program he has carried out many improvement projects, such as the building of a home on the farm, fish pond, brooder house for poult, and pasture improvement.

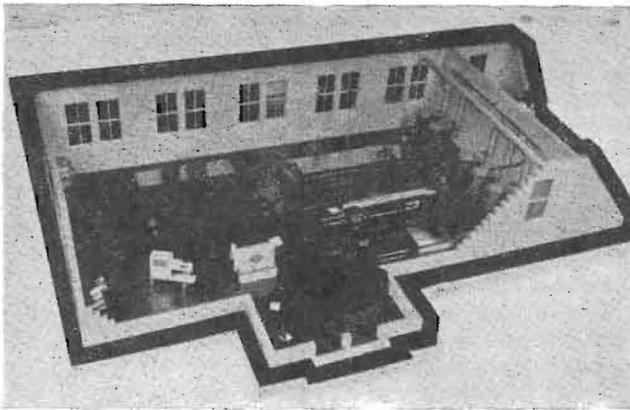
While Matt was in school he served one year as treasurer of the Fort Deposit Chapter and one year as president. He was also president of the Beta Club and secretary and treasurer of the senior class 1947-48.

Although Matt's school work and farming program kept him very busy, he enjoyed sports very much. He played football, basketball, and baseball for four years.

He planned to enter college at Auburn in September and enroll in agriculture, majoring in Animal Husbandry. While there his time will be divided between the farm and his college studies. When his college work has been completed he will return to the home farm and the herd of Angus cattle which he started in 1945.

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IRVIN KOON

When Irvin Koon, Smith Station, Alabama was eleven years old, one of his jobs was to feed the baby calves. For this service his daddy gave him a heifer to enter in the 4-H Club. He cared for the calf until she was about a year old. One day she was eating through a rail fence and caught her neck in a crack and broke her neck. Irvin sold her for

beef and took the money to buy another cow.

When he entered Vocational Agriculture and FFA work, his herd had increased to four cows. The cows and one acre of corn yielded a profit of \$203.05.

At school this year he entered into the local speaking contest and was a delegate to the state convention.

The second year he used the profit received from the previous year and bought three more cows, making a total of 7. He raised three acres of corn, ¼ acre of sugar cane and made a profit of \$421.06.

The second year he was chairman of the membership committee and also entered in the local speaking contest.

The third year he added two cows to the herd, making a total of 9 cows. He also carried 18 acres of oats, and ¼ acre of sugar cane which yielded a net profit of \$1,262.95. He took \$100 of this money and bought 51 acres of land.

At school this year Irvin was delegate to the state convention, delegate to the county district meeting, and chairman of membership committee.

The fourth year he culled one cow from the herd, leaving 8 cows. With these cows he had 3 acres of alfalfa, 10 acres sericea, and 4 acres of oats. Net profit this year was \$152.89.

He held the office of treasurer and also treasurer of district association, and was a member of county and chapter judging teams.

After finishing school he went into partnership with his daddy and brother. At this time the herd totaled 105. He has since culled out all boarders and cows with bad quarters. About this time his daddy went into a garage and grocery business leaving the dairy to Irvin and his brother.

They now have 51 cows, and are carrying on improvement projects which consist of 50 acres of sericea and 13 acres of alfalfa. Their aim is to keep operating the farm and dairy.

#### RALPH MIMS

Ralph Mims, Billingsley, Alabama, Alabama's Star State Farmer for 1948 is a hustler. It has been necessary for Ralph to be a hustler, for he has been doing a man-size job of farming for a number of years.

When Ralph was a lad of eleven years of age, his father was stricken with arthritis and could do very little tractor driving. Since the older boys were in the service it was necessary for Mr. Mims to teach Ralph to drive the tractor. Since then Ralph has done much of the plowing at night.

As a ten year old youngster Ralph entered his first calf in the Montgomery Fat Stock Show and has missed showing only once or twice since.

In 1945-46 his first year in Vocational



Agriculture, Ralph had as productive projects 2 acres of corn and 2 acres of oats. He also owned a sow and litter, but did not list them as projects. He cleared \$161.60. This was invested in his farming program for the next year.

In 1946-47, with his brothers in college, the twins too small to be of much help, and his father in the Veterans Hospital, Ralph had to assume all of the responsibility for planning, managing, and working the farm. During the summer he went to summer school to enable him to complete his school work a year sooner.

Ralph's productive projects for this season were: 4 acres of corn, 2 acres cotton, and one beef calf. From these projects he made a profit of \$878.58.

For the 1947-48 season, Ralph completed a much expanded productive project program. His program included: Oats 6 acres, 8 acres grain sorghum, 13½ acres cowpeas, 16 acres cotton, 9 sows and 118

pigs, 1 fat calf for the show ring, 60 acres corn, 1½ acres okra, ¼ acre Japanese cane, and 13 head of other cattle.

For the present crop year Ralph plans the following program: 19 acres of grain sorghum, 52 acres corn, 20 acres cotton, 9 acres oats for grain, 12 acres of oats and vetch, 4 acres of oats and Austrian Winter Peas, 4 acres of oats and reseed-ing Crimson Clover, 9 acres of Crimson Clover, 6 acres of kudzu (2 with Crimson Clover), 2 acres of Fescue and Crimson Clover, 3 acres of Sericea and Crimson Clover, and 17 acres of Sericea. (The various mixtures of Crimson Clover and Oats are an attempt to determine which of the many recommended mixtures seem best suited to his farm.) In addition, he has 3 cows, 2 heifers, 3 steers, 8 sows, 52 pigs, 1 boar and the ¼ acre of fishing canes previously reported.

While taking Vocational Agriculture Ralph served for two years on the executive committee, was secretary one of those years, served as FFA president one year, on the beef livestock judging team, dairy livestock judging team, and served on a number of publicly presented programs.

Ralph has always been an active church worker. He has served as both secretary and president of his Baptist Training Union.

#### MURRY LANGFORD

Murry Langford, a member of the Straughn FFA chapter, entered Vocational Agriculture in September 1943-44. He was very much interested in vocational subjects and FFA work. He carried

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His farming program for 1947-48 consisted of the following: 50 acres corn, 16 acres peanuts, 46 head hogs, and 3 head beef cattle.

He is still expanding his farming program. It includes 135 acres for 1948-49.

#### DWIGHT TILLEY

Dwight Tilley, Cullman, Alabama has a typical farm background. The opportunity he had on his father's farm was not unusual. The farm is equipped with common farm tools. It has no tractor or other power-driven machinery.

Dwight had two years of Vocational Agriculture, all that was offered while he was in school. During his two years in

for his first year's projects 7 acres corn, 2 acres peanuts, 6 head hogs, and home orchard improvement. From the above projects Murry cleared \$246.85 as his part that was 50% of the total profit earned from his program, which he shared with his father.

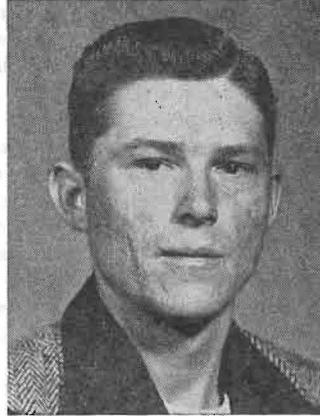
Murry also carried home ground improvement as one of his supervised farm projects, and took much interest in the beautification of their home. He resodded the lawn, pruned and transplanted shrubbery, added new shrubbery, and painted their home.

The second year in Vocational Agriculture, Murry expanded his supervised farming program to 20 acres corn, 8 acres peanuts, 9 head hogs, 100 broilers, and home orchard and home improvement projects. Upon showing leadership ability in FFA work Murry was elected vice-president of the Straughn Chapter 1944-45. He was raised from the Green Hand to Chapter Farmer in November, 1944. His second year's project earnings netted him \$584.87.

The third year in Vocational Agriculture Murry was well on the way to becoming an outstanding and improved farmer in his community. Due to the ill health of his father and scarcity of labor Murry took over his father's complete farm. He therefore had a chance to really put into practice improved farming practices he had learned in Vocational Agriculture. His farming program was expanded to 17 acres corn, 15 acres peanuts, 17 head hogs, 1 head beef cattle, plus 2 acres potatoes, home orchard and home improvement projects. This year Murry was elected president of the Straughn Chapter and also president of the Covington County FFA. He received his State Farmer Degree at the State FFA Convention in June 1946.

Murry entered the service of his country in December 1947. He spent 16 months in the armed forces, a big part of this overseas duty being in China.

Upon returning home he was anxious to continue his farming and FFA work. He purchased a Ford Tractor System and paid up his FFA dues.



Vocational Agriculture he showed great enthusiasm in his supervised farming program, and was always searching for new and improved methods in agriculture. He showed an unusual amount of initiative in planning and carrying out his entire program of supervised practices. Not only was he an excellent worker and manager of his father's farm but he was also able to inspire his classmates and neighbors and thus his influence was felt throughout the school and community.

He has since first enrolling in Vocational Agriculture, been a strong leader and diligent worker in introducing improved methods of farming. For example, he has led the way in sweet potato production, (particularly in the production of string sweet potato plants), planting and turning under legume crops, soil conservation, improved roads, and obtaining a milk route by his home. He is now engaged in a project of home beautification in his community.

He has had the full cooperation of his father in carrying out his projects. This includes financial assistance which has been kept on a strictly business basis with Dwight paying in full all debts incurred by him, either in cash or in labor performed on the farm.

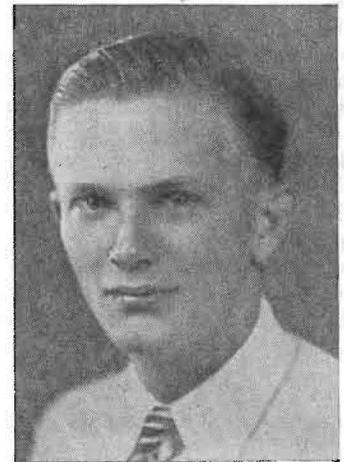
Dwight's part in FFA work has meant much to the local and county FFA. He is an active participant in FFA contests, and has won several honors. One of

his accomplishments was the winning of the gold key in Beef Cattle Judging at the International Polled Hereford Show and Sale held at Knoxville, Tennessee, in November 1947. In this contest he was on the team that placed first and he held highest score in the FFA division.

In the local chapter he was president during his last year in Vocational Agriculture. While holding this office, he was efficient in executing his duties, and developed a working spirit among the members that has meant much to our organization. While in office, he kept in close contact with the officers and members, working with them in trying to strengthen and develop their organization into a well-rounded club. Dwight was active in promoting interest in local and county FFA contests.

#### JOHN W. HARTLEY

John W. Hartley of Montgomery, Alabama, through his ingenious farming and management ability, has developed a beef cattle program that is the model of all that the FFA stands for. He has, through five years of hard work, built his farming program up to an asset of \$141,640.66 of which he still owes only \$20,900.00. He has invested his money into land, machinery and livestock. His latest purchase of 55 acres of land is now producing some of Alabama's best alfalfa.



John won the South's 1948 National FFA Farm Mechanics Award and went to the National Convention in Kansas City to win 3rd place in the National Farm Mechanics Award contest. John has been a member of the Sidney Lanier FFA Chapter for five years and has served it well in several different capacities. At the present time, although he, in partnership with his mother and brother, owns and operates a large cattle ranch valued at over 400,000 dollars, John finds time to serve as Assistant Adviser to the Chapter. He has held this position for two years. While in school he served as chapter vice-president one year and as

reporter one year. He has won many awards among which are: member of 1st place State Beef Cattle Judging Team in 1947; member of Gold Medal Livestock Judging Team in National Contest in 1947; Reserve Grand Champion steer - Montgomery Fat Stock Show in 1947; member of 1st place State Parliamentary Law Team in 1947; member of 1st place State Parliamentary Law Team in 1948; State Star Farmer in 1947; State Farm Mechanics Winner in 1948; 3rd place National Farm Mechanics Contest in 1948.

John is not only a champion mechanic but also a champion all-round farmer. He believes "It's cheaper to improve our present land than to buy more. I believe a person's prestige should not be judged on how many acres he owns, but should depend upon how he uses the land he has." For instance, the partnership owns three crawler-type tractors with full equipment needed to maintain a terracing program and reclaim land through clearing and filling in ditches. A bulldozer is needed for work of this kind and owning your own equipment saves a lot of time, expense and valuable land. They make their own road and bridge repairs and build fish ponds for themselves and neighbors. John built a portable welding outfit so that he could make on-the-spot repairs to all the machinery.

To further prove his belief in getting the most out of the resources at hand, John and his partners use 4,800 acres to feed their stock. Four hundred acres are given to producing their own hay, 1,000 acres to producing caley peas for building up the land and producing grazing land, and 3,400 acres of alfalfa and improved pasture for year-round grazing purposes.

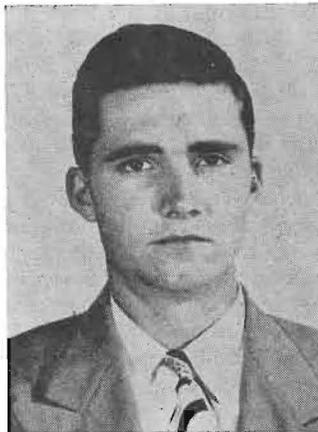
John is primarily interested in cattle and all the mechanical devices he has made on the farm have been aimed at increasing the capacity to produce cattle. Some of these devices include a squeeze chute with which he can dehorn, vaccinate, or brand an animal by himself without any help, and a spray chute that will completely wet an animal in a few seconds. The chute is set over a concrete pit and all the spray that runs off the cow goes back into the pit so there is no wastage. John believes in being thrifty.

The home which John, his wife and 10-month old daughter, share with his mother, is a beautiful place made conveniently modern in every respect by John's versatile improvements.

John is a real leader and is helping his community as well as himself and his family to live a better, richer life by the use of improved farming practices.

**PHILLIP DANIEL BROWN**

Phillip Daniel Brown, 19, of Evergreen, Alabama, began his agricultural career with a pig given him by his father



several years ago. From the sale of this pig he purchased a cow from his father. By using this animal as foundation and keeping all female animals as breeders, he now has a herd of 14 head.

Pastures have been improved and new acres added. Feed crops have been grown with plans to become established in dairy farming.

Since Dan's father is a minister and gives full time to this profession he has given full responsibility for operation and management of the farm to Dan.

Much progress and improvement has been made on the entire farm since Dan's operation began. For example, more and better terraces, more grazing crops, improved pasture and purebred sire have been added.

As past president of local chapter, Dan was an enthusiastic leader and was responsible for much of the chapter's progress.

He received the State Farmers Degree at the Alabama State FFA Convention at Auburn in 1946. At present he has  
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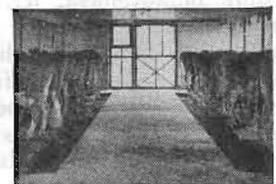
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## BROWN

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several positions as leader in his local community. He is president of his Sunday School class and president of Baptist Training Union.

All the money he has been able to earn has been invested in improving his farm, adding livestock and home improvement. At present he is building a modern milking barn and hopes to sell Grade A milk this year. A new tractor and other equipment were purchased recently enabling Dan to operate the farm with very little hired help.

For the present crop year he plans the following program: 60 acres of corn, 20 acres of cotton, 1 acre of strawberries for the early market, 3 acres of kudzu, 50 head of swine, 17 head of dairy cattle and a farm poultry flock. In addition to the above, much work is being done on pasture improvement, terracing, winter crops, temporary grazing and a home food supply. He is very enthusiastic about the development of his farm and has demonstrated beyond a doubt that modern and scientific methods of operating a farm pay good dividends.



**THOMAS BERRY**

Thomas Berry, member of Riverton Chapter, has developed a farming program since 1942 that has netted him more than \$6,000 in profits. He owns machinery and livestock valued at \$5,976 on which he still owes \$4,000. Thomas married Miss Gene Millsaps last summer and they are now installing modern conveniences in a six-room house where they are living.

It was evident from the time he enrolled in Vocational Agriculture that he planned to farm. He therefore set this as his goal.

The first year his program consisted of a beef calf, a brood sow, 2 acres of Crimson Clover, and 5 acres of corn which netted him \$102.99.

The poor health of his grandfather made it necessary for someone to assist him with his farm business. Thomas met

this challenge and at the same time enlarged his farming program the second year which netted him \$1,729.50. His dream of becoming a successful farmer was beginning to look very bright when it became necessary for him to spend the next two years in the Army.

When he returned in September 1946 his desire for a successful farm life was as keen as ever. Most of the money he had earned from his farming before entering the Army had been saved. After talking things over with his Dad, Thomas purchased a Moline tractor, a plow and a trailer. His savings took care of the major portion of the purchase — the balance being easily paid off when the crop was sold.

Last year Thomas decided to return to school and finish his high school work. In addition to doing a good job with his studies he also found time to take part in numerous FFA and school activities. His farming program was moving steadily forward to become his most profitable year — making a labor income of \$2,990.30.

He and his wife entered Jacksonville State Teachers College in September but when his grandfather died two months later Thomas and his bride rented the estate and immediately moved in and started farm life in earnest.

Thomas and his Dad make a good team — exemplifying that it is both possible and profitable for father and son to work together. This splendid relationship no doubt has done much to keep Thomas keenly interested in all phases of the total farming program. The farms are dotted with improvements as a result of the good team work and willingness on the part of Thomas to take the initiative while his father operated a store.

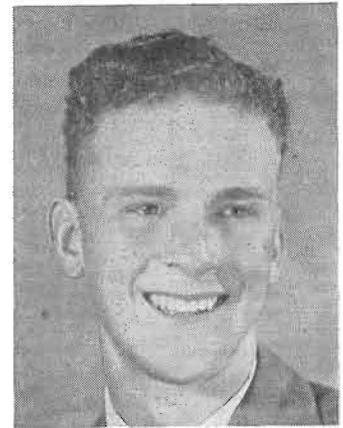
Thomas is anxious to buy a farm, but says that since land is so high at the present time he feels that it is best to improve the land which they already have and be ready to buy when conditions become more favorable. His first choice is his grandfather's estate.

Thomas attributes his good start to his parents who gave him encouragement, cooperation and business training and also to the training he has received in Vocational Agriculture and FFA work.

### BILLY GENE DAVIS

Billy Gene Davis is a 19 year old Future Farmer from Lexington, Alabama, who is working toward a small grain and beef cattle farm. His in-school and out-of-school supervised farming programs have grown steadily in that direction.

From the very beginning of his Vocational Agriculture training Davis had a business agreement with his father on the land rental. He furnishes one-half of the fertilizer and seed and all the labor, receiving half of the crops produced.



His first supervised farming program included 6 acres cotton, 8 acres corn, two hogs, and one beef cattle. Davis' profit was over \$700. He invested that and last year his earnings were over \$5,000.

He purchased a combine in 1947 and started raising small grain. His 1948 crop included 151 acres of small grains, clovers, and lespedeza. Davis was married to his high school sweetheart in November 1948. They immediately moved to a tenant house on the place and began to improve and remodel it. He has painted the house, established a lawn, landscaped, installed a water system, and built cabinets.

Davis' leadership in FFA has been outstanding. His leadership and activities did not stop upon completion of Vocational Agriculture and graduation from high school. While in school he served as secretary of the local chapter for two years, was active in the district organization, participated in the state dairy and beef judging contests, and has made special talks to the agriculture classes on bee keeping. At the present time he is keeping the registered Hereford bull presented the chapter by Sears Roebuck Foundation. His farm is used constantly for demonstrations by all day and adult classes.

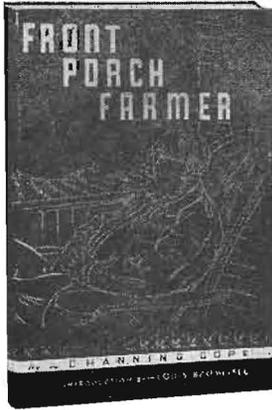
Davis is constantly adding to his information received in high school by keeping in close contact with the latest developments in the agricultural field. He was among the first in the community to plant hard seeded Crimson Clover, buckwheat, and Kentucky Fescue. Too, he follows through new ideas on machinery as well as crops.

By constant reinvesting his earnings he has one tractor, combine, and complete equipment including grain drill, culti-packer, disks, and planters.

Davis' custom work in the community is an invaluable service as well as an additional source of income for him. His custom work in the community last year netted him \$900.

Along with his small grains, which he

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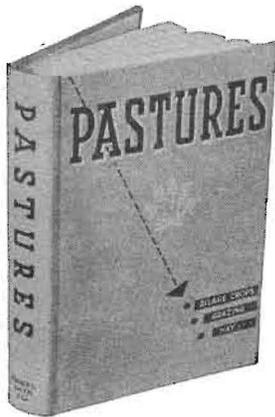
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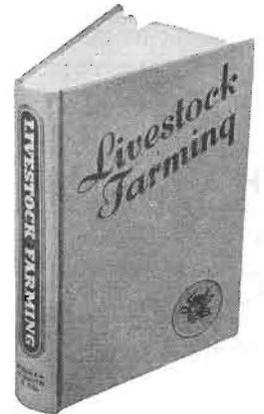
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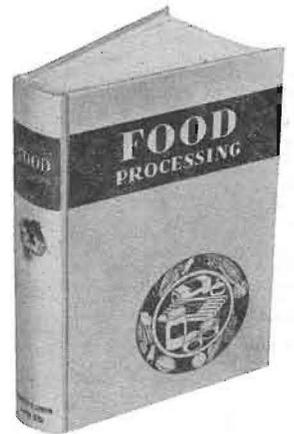
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## DAVIS

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plans to use more and more in his live-stock program, he has 20 acres which gives him year-round grazing. This pasture is cross fenced to give a wider range of grazing. In fact, every crop is a cash crop. Davis has a crop rotation that gives maximum use of all land. All products are marketed as such or as meat. A typical example of his rotation is wheat, which is combined, followed with buckwheat and reseeded crimson clover. The buckwheat is combined, the crimson clover grazed and combined.

Davis realizes that a good farmer is a farmer that has a live-at-home program along with his cash crops. He now has 25 hives of bees, 2 acres of orchard, a splendid home garden, and 100 chickens for home use and sale of surplus.

He is a believer in the adage "grow into a business" not "go into business." Davis' splendid progress since 1945 shows that in the truest sense of the word he is not a Future Farmer but a Farmer in his own right.

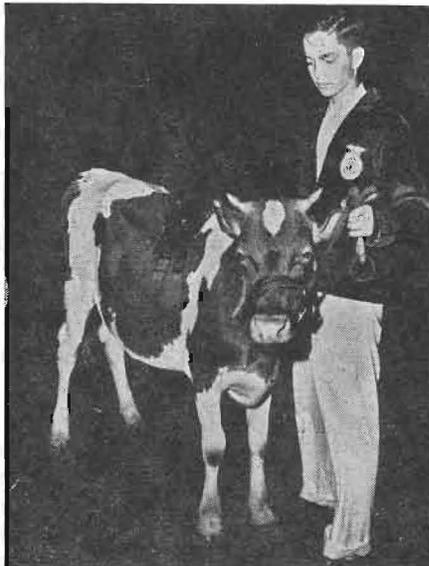
## CHAPTER NEWS

**ABBEVILLE** sponsored picture show for school; made tentative plans for county field day; appointed committees, and organized dairy judging team. **ADDISON** sponsored corn production program. **ALBERTVILLE** FFA boys are feeding out eight pigs for fat hog show and selling candy and drinks at football games. **ALEXANDRIA** chapter initiated Green Hands; picked bicolor seed for Conservation Department, and organized basketball team. **ALICEVILLE** has six boys entering Public Speaking Contest; plan to organize quartet and string band, and selling "Southern Agriculturist" magazines and FFA calendars. **ARAB** assisted in organizing County FFA; entering most of the FFA contests; one member attended State Forestry Camp, and one member won trip to International Livestock Show. **ARLEY** presented an exhibit at the State Fair in Birmingham. **ASHVILLE** made plans for Public Speaking Contest; made plans for ordering 5,000 pine seedlings; had social with FHA; organized string band, and organizing FFA basketball team. **ATHENS** raised eight members to Chapter Farmer degree. **AUBURN** Chapter is increasing pig chain; two members working for American Farmer degree, and chapter entering most of the contests. **AUTAUGAVILLE** members building FFA mail box posts; attended County FFA meeting; initiated Green Hands; organized basketball team.

**BAKER** members entered one or more FFA contests and bought two more pigs to fatten. **BAKER HILL** string band gave program at the annual Harvest Festival; helped organize County FFA; ordered new chapter room paraphernalia and making plans to start weekly radio programs. **BAY MINETTE** initiated new members. **BEAR CREEK** planning cattle judging team for the state contest; discussed buying tape recorder; secured news column in local weekly paper, and have eight articles already published. **BEAUREGARD** to enter Chapter Contest; held joint wiener roast and dance with FHA; showed Sears Roebuck bull in Birmingham at the State Fair, and Harry Lazenby attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. **BEULAH** selling Christmas cards and set up chapter program for the year. **BILLINGSLEY** planted clover plot; made road signs and put up in Billingsley, and ordered 12,000 pine seedlings. **BLOUNTSVILLE** bought lumber for members to use in shop. **BRILLIANT** FFA boys have organized a FFA quartet and FFA-FHA chorus. **BUTLER** chapter sponsored a rodeo, and bought a Hawaiian guitar and mandolin for the FFA string band.

**CAMDEN** had one article in local paper; one member made 100 bushel corn club, and setting up new community service on post treating. **CARLOWVILLE** elected two honorary members; selling magazines subscriptions to earn a wire recorder, and raised fifteen Green Hands to Chapter Farmers. **CARROLLTON** prepared 1950 FFA annual, and sponsoring reseeded crimson

clover campaign. **CEDAR BLUFF** held wiener roast. **CHEROKEE** Chapter is planning for establishment of a post treating plant in connection with cannery. **CITRONELLE** string band put on program for FFA boys. **CLANTON** FFA boys constructed FFA mail box posts; helped organize County FFA; elected two honorary members; elected FFA queen, and members ordered 14,000 seedlings. **CLAYTON** sponsored square dance and plan to purchase P. A. system. **COFFEEVILLE** bought two hogs to feed out; planted 12 different winter crops for teaching purposes; entered several state con-



Pictured above is Davis Henry, from the Sidney Lanier Chapter, and one of his Guernsey heifers. Davis won the FFA showmanship contest held in connection with the Montgomery Dairy Exposition. He was awarded a trip to the All American Jersey Show that was held in Memphis, Tennessee.

tests, and held officer training school. **COLD SPRINGS** reopened FFA store; treated trees in lab plot for peach tree boars, and planned Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet. **COLUMBIANA** entered an exhibit in the State Fair; initiated 28 Green Hands, and organized quartet. **CORNER** FFA boys are working on string band and quartet; and Jimmy Bagwell, State Home Improvement winner, went to National FFA Convention in Kansas City. **COTACO** ordered pine seedlings for boys; presented parliamentary procedure program and organized quartet. **COTTONWOOD** purchased official busts of Washington, Jefferson, and an owl for holding meetings. **CULLMAN** Chapter is organizing quartet and string band. **CURRY** purchased 16 m.m. projector; made plans to enter 4 chapter contests; initiated 40 Green Hands; bought OIC pig, and purchased 16 handbooks for FFA library.

**DOUGLAS**, a new department, organized string band; ordered 3 FFA jackets, and got three articles published in three county papers. **DOZIER** purchased new banner for classroom; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings, and each member to make some useful article for his mother's Christmas gift.

**ENTERPRISE** chapter is entering ten of the state FFA contests. **EUTAW** initiated 23 new members. **EVERGREEN** FFA boys are practicing speaking contest; practicing quartet, and making plans for Christmas program. **EXCEL** FFA boys are selling subscriptions to "Southern Agriculturist" to raise funds.

**FAIRHOPE** made two interesting field trips in connection with class work. **FALKVILLE** boys painted the interior of the Vocational Agriculture building. **FIVE POINTS** published a school newspaper, and Reuben Finney won Grand Champion with his Sears Roebuck Hereford bull at the State Fair. **FLORALA** presented assembly program; built 12 FFA mail box stands in shop, set up exhibit at State Fair, and had an intensive study of parliamentary procedure. **FORT PAYNE** bought officers jackets; two members made the Hundred Bushel Corn Club. **FRISCO CITY** placed five purebred gilts in pig club; chapter approved the buying of an arc electric welder for department, and operating the school store.

**GENEVA** FFA attended the county FFA meeting and plans are being made for a chapter Christmas banquet. **GERALDINE** completing plans for program of work; bought six pigs to be fed out. **GLENCOE** placed four registered gilts and one registered boar with members

and has four Herefords to enter in the fat calf show in the spring. **GORDO** initiated 26 Green Hands; had FFA-FHA party, and one member made 112.84 bushels of corn per acre. **GOSHEN** FFA and FHA presented talent night program to help finance pig ring; entered exhibit at County Fair; members entering speaking contest, and organizing quartet and string band. **GROVE HILL** added twelve books to library; held officer training classes; requested 33,000 pine seedlings, and organized string band. **GUIN** sold refreshments at ball game.

**HACKLEBURG** chapter has entered fourteen contests; sending news articles to newspaper; practicing quartet; obtained 15 new film strips; and ordered fruit trees for boys. **HALEYVILLE** bought four registered OIC pigs. **HAMILTON** elected chapter sweetheart, and publishing article in local newspaper regularly. **HARTFORD** secured three purebred gilts and won third place with State Fair exhibit. **HARTSELLE** organized quartet and string band and chapter is working on pine seedling program. **HATTON** gave chapel program; selling candy and drinks to raise money and taking orders for fruit trees. **HAYDEN** purchased new drink cooler and planned program for district FFA meeting. **HEADLAND** elected six honorary members and made plans for annual initiation. **HEFLIN** plans to have FFA Sweetheart Contest and a square dance. **HOLLY POND** FFA boys studied parliamentary procedure at chapter meetings; sold subscription to "Southern Agriculturist"; held joint social with FHA chapter, and entering more contests. **HOLTVILLE** organized string band; carried chapter Hereford bull to State Fair, and had wiener roast with FHA. **HUBBERTVILLE** building new FFA store; planning fruit tree order and published one news article.

**JACKSON** members building FFA mail boxes; added 36 new books to library; organized string band; purchased film slide machine, and held joint social with FHA. **JEMISON** dairy judging team attended National Contest at Waterloo, Iowa.

**KINSTON** held variety show and planning quartet.

**LEIGHTON** organized FFA basketball team and each member participating in one or more contests. **LEROY** sponsoring square dance with FHA; selling Christmas seals, and made plans for entering contest. **LEXINGTON** received two more registered Berkshire gilts for pig chain and Billy Gene Davis attended National Convention to receive American Farmer Degree. **LINDEN** elected officers and outlined annual program of work. **LINEVILLE** elected FFA sweetheart and initiated Green Hands. **LIVINGSTON** purchased Chapter Farmer pins; ordered official FFA belt buckles, belts, rings and caps; purchased Future Farmers of America sign for outside of classroom and purchased exhibitor sign. **LOCUST FORK** ordered over 13,000 pine seedlings, and organized FFA basketball team. **LOUISVILLE** held annual FFA-FHA banquet; purchased a slide and film strip projector; organized string band, and all members entering at least one contest. **LYNN** bought shades and blinds for agricultural building and showed two movies on research.

**McADORY** making new mail box posts; entered Chapter Contest, and Public Speaking and Quartet Contests are well underway. **McKENZIE** chapter has 35 members who plan to try for 100 bushels of corn per acre next year. **MAPLESVILLE** bought equipment for shop; elected officers; held chapter sweetheart contest, and selling magazine subscriptions to get a wire recorder. **MARBURY** FFA boys gave a program on parliamentary procedure in chapel; attended County FFA meeting, and held joint social



The picture above was made of the Kinston members and F. W. Wood, their adviser, while they were on their annual tour.



The picture above was made aboard a FFA special train while en route to the National Convention in Kansas City. A radio broadcast is being made while the announcer is interviewing officers from various states. At extreme left is M. W. Espy, Jr., Alabama State FFA Secretary.

with FFA. MARION delivered 450 fruit trees to patrons and students and initiated Chapter Farmers. MILLTOWN ordered complete FFA paraphernalia and purchased motion picture projector. MONTEVALLO worked on some contests and planned for entries; attended State Fair, and laid out special area for fruit production demonstration. MUNFORD elected chapter sweetheart; held joint class on landscaping, and planning joint Christmas party with FFA.

NEW BROCKTON ordered special officer pins, and made moving picture of school and chapter. NEWVILLE wired boys' athletic dressing room.

OAKMAN organized FFA string band and quartet. ODENVILLE boys have been studying parliamentary procedure. OPP held officers leadership meeting; won 5th place in Sears Roebuck bull show at State Fair, and ordered FFA jackets for some of the members. ORRVILLE put on radio program over WHBB; purchased 3 filmstrips; had visitor from Wales as guest speaker at meeting. OZARK elected officers and appointed committees.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY purchased slide film to be shown at meetings and six boys purchased beef calves. PELL CITY published 34 articles in county newspapers; secured 15 manuals for use of members; three members attended National FFA Convention; put up large FFA sign on highway; working on contests and elected chapter sweetheart. PINE APPLE held initiation of new members. PRATTVILLE plans to elect Vocational Agriculture queen and sponsor dance jointly with FFA.

RAMER organized string band; held Homecoming barbecue, and painted classroom. RANBURN ordered paraphernalia for meetings; selling "Southern Agriculturist" subscriptions to get a wire recorder, and held officer training school. RAWLS culled 100 chickens and chapter went to Andalusia to Duroc Breeders show and sale. RED BAY took FFA bull to State Fair; sending news article to county paper; added 10 books to library, and ordered official FFA banner. RED LEVEL added 65 new books to FFA library. REELTOWN had radio program. REFORM made field trip to Gordo Canning Plant. REHOBEETH elected two honorary members; nine members bought purebred pigs; ordered 5,000 pine seedlings, and planning Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet. RIVERTON received Gold Emblem award and \$100 in National FFA Livestock Judging Contest; Mr. Wigley, adviser, received honorary American Farmers Degree; Thomas Berry was awarded American Farmer Degree; purchased movie screen for school auditorium, and started quartet practice. ROCKFORD initiated 24 Green Hands and working on activity program. ROGERSVILLE elected two honorary members and local bank gave \$50 to member producing largest yield of corn.

SAMSON gave Green Hand FFA pins and operating concession stand at football games. SEMMES bought four hogs; ordered FFA paraphernalia, and voted to have each member enter at least one or more State-sponsored contests. SIDNEY LANIER secured FFA manuals for each member; ordered complete equipment for chapter meetings; launched Christmas card sales campaign; seven members attended National Convention; ordered six FFA jackets and planned Public Speaking Contest. SMITH'S STATION held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet and had two members attend National FFA Convention. SOUTHSIDE carried Sears Roebuck bull to State Fair; organized quartet, and sold two Duroc pigs and added three gilts to pig chain. STEVENSON had 10 boys to enter the 100 Bushel Corn Club for this year. STRAUGHN working jointly with FFA in campus beautification project, and comedy trio won first prize in county-wide high school amateur night. SULLIGENT put on assembly program and won 5th place in County Corn Festival. SUTTLE members are entering six state sponsored con-

tests. SWEET WATER had one member to attend National Convention.

TANNER sponsored Halloween party jointly with FFA. THEODORE obtained equipment for meetings. THOMASTON, new department, ordered complete FFA paraphernalia; elected officers; ordered Green Hand pins, and ordered FFA jackets, caps and knife. THOMASVILLE bought seven dairy calves; ordered Christmas cards to sell, and sent judging team to State Fair. THOMPSON ordered FFA supplies. TROY submitted one article to local newspaper and held officer training school. TUSKEGEE distributed two registered pigs in pig chain.

VALLEY HEAD visited State Fair in Birmingham and planned harvest festival. VERBENA organized quartet, string band; ordered complete FFA paraphernalia, Green Hand pins and FFA jackets. VERNON won 5th place on exhibit that was entered in State Fair, and added 2 pigs to pig chain. VINA FFA boys plan to enter Public Speaking Contest and Beef and Dairy Cattle Judging Contests. VINCENT landscaped campus, and ordered equipment for meetings.

WALNUT GROVE was host to County District meeting and planning talent night pro-

gram. WATERLOO ordered FFA jackets; planting pine seedlings, and bought two calves to enter show in March. WEST POINT started a pig project; had article in school paper, and all FFA boys entering Public Speaking Contest. WETUMPKA presented pins to all Green Hands; and entered FFA bull at State Fair. WHITE PLAINS held officer training course and made copy of chapter activity program for each member.

## National F.F.A. Week

February 19-26 is National F.F.A. Week. Start planning now to celebrate during that week in a big way.

Plan for news articles and lots of them. Make posters and signs. Have radio broadcasts, banquets, programs in assembly and at civic clubs, etc.



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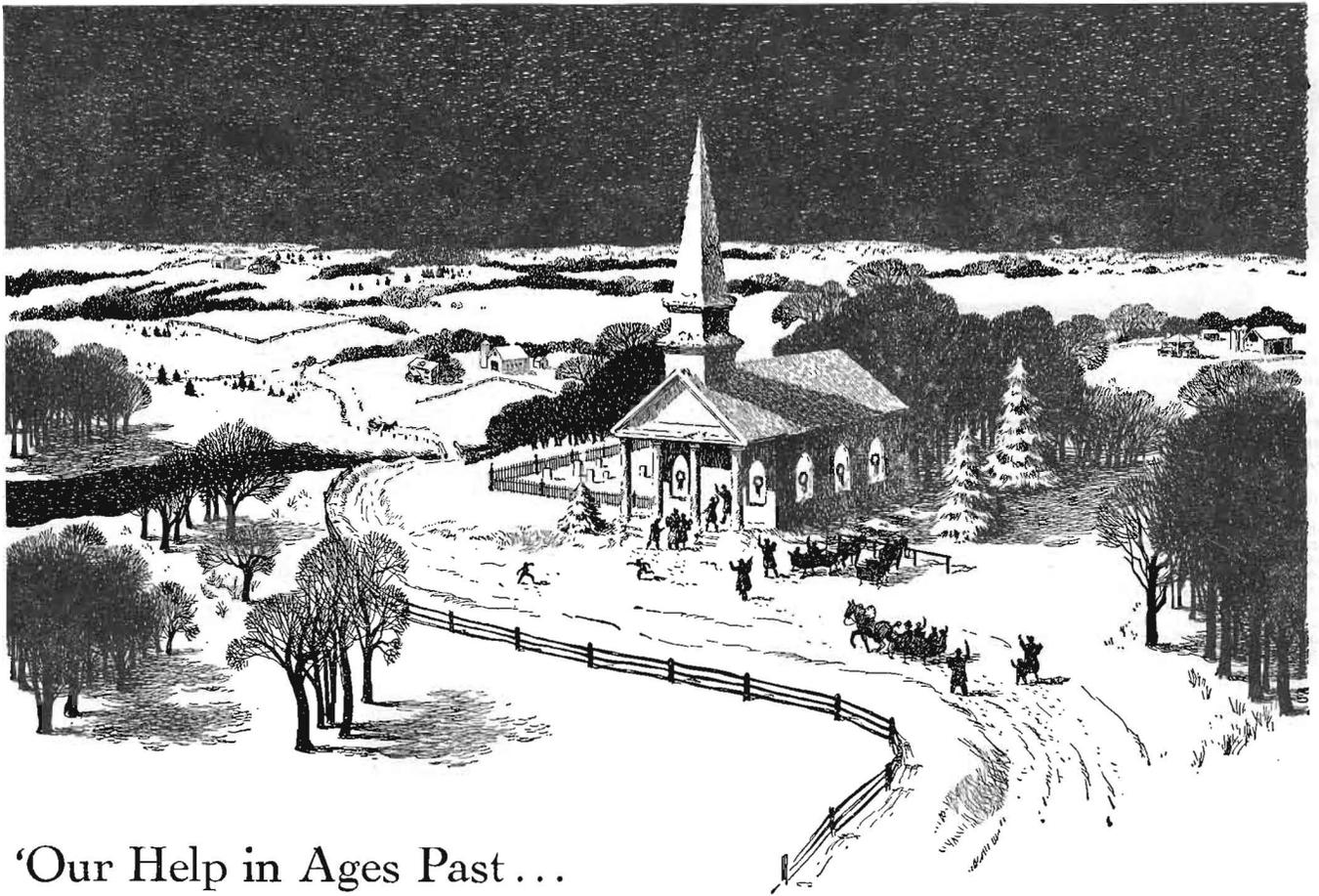
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Now another Christmas is over the land . . . another old year draws to its close. Joyously, at this time of spiritual accounting, churches are bright and fragrant with the faith of our fathers. Over Bethlehem the Star still burns, and if this statement may close, reverently, with a text, let it be from the writing of David, the poet, the great singer, who began as a tender of sheep, and became a king in Israel. For all of us in America today, a quotation from the Psalms is at once a rededication, and an act of faith in church and country: *“Be thou my refuge henceforth and forever, and my portion in the land of the living.”*

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