TOMORROW’S LEADERS

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The future of St. Clair County and the State of Alabama depends upon the youth of today. This age is calling for boys and girls physically, mentally, and morally fit to take over the tasks of tomorrow and to provide the leadership necessary for continued progress.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, “The world wants leaders, thinkers, doers—men of power and action, men who can step out from the crowd and lead instead of following.” Thus one would conclude that leadership comes to those who succeed in doing something worth while as well as having the ability to think. It is always interesting to discover some of the reasons why boys and girls become leaders.

The life of Clara Barton is the story of a rather bashful and timid girl who later became famous because she liked to do something for somebody else. Today, The American Red Cross, a nationwide organization, stands as a monument to her memory and to a life of service.

Probably none of us are able to realize what it means to be deaf, mute, and blind. We cannot visualize a life in complete darkness and silence. But this was the case of Helen Keller. Yet in spite of all handicaps she became an educated woman and contributed much to the world. She learned to read braille, to type, and finally to speak. She learned English, Arithmetic, Latin, French, Greek, Geometry, and Algebra. She has taught us not to become discouraged because of difficulties and handicaps.

Thomas Edison achieved success and a place of leadership through hard work. He always refused to give up if he did not succeed at first. Edison defined genius as “hard work, stick-to-it-iveness, and common sense.”

If we continue to observe the lives of individuals who have reached a place of leadership, we would no doubt continue to discover some of the reasons why they became leaders.

To acquire the traits and qualities essential for success and a place of leadership a rather broad preparation is needed. At this point it is well to recognize that the high school is more than just a place where we learn and recite a certain number of pages for our teachers. It is a place for the discovery and development of our talents and abilities. For this reason it is a splendid thing that you have an opportunity through your organizations, the

Swine Improvement Program

25 FFA Chapters Receive Gilts

A FFA swine improvement program has been started in Alabama. Twenty-five registered bred gilts have been placed with that many chapters in the state. These twenty-five gilts were purchased

Pictured above are the State FFA Officers for 1949-50. Standing left to right are William Raggsdale, Jr., Treasurer, Camp Hill; and Homer Vinson, Reporter, Red Bay. Seated left to right are Elton Pierce, President, Semmes; Harvey Tollison, Vice-President, Pell City; and M. W. Espy, Jr., Secretary, Headland.
by the Sears Roebuck Foundation in cooperation with the State FFA Association.

When the gilt has farrowed and the pigs have reached the age of from 8 to 10 weeks, the male pigs may be sold in the local community or disposed of as the chapter sees fit. The gilt pigs may be placed with deserving boys in the Chapter. The male pigs may even be exchanged for other gilt pigs in case the Chapter prefers to have a larger chain, or in case all the pigs turn out to be males.

The gilt pigs that are placed with the boys in the Chapter that have been selected to receive a pig, should then be grown out as breeding stock, as directed by the Chapter. When these gilts reach the age of six to eight months, the local Chapter may hold a local show. At this local show the two top exhibitors should be selected to enter the area show, while the 3rd, 4th, and 5th place gilts (if that many) shall receive a small cash award. After these boys have attended the local and area shows the gilts should be bred as directed by the Chapter, and when the gilts have farrowed each boy should return to his Chapter one choice pig, as selected by the Chapter. He then has completed his obligation, and will have paid for the pig that was placed with him by the local Chapter.

The pig returned to the Chapter by the boy may be placed with another boy, or may be disposed of as the Chapter sees fit, whichever disposition would do their program the most good.

The original gilt should be bred again so as to farrow at the time that will start a new group of boys in the pig chain, which should be known as the Second Year Chain. In case the chapter feels that the chain should be increased more than the pigs that are received from the original gilt, they could use some of those pigs returned by the first boys.

Listed below are the Chapters that have received the bred gilts.

**N. W. District** - Tanner, Athens, West Limestone, East Limestone, Rogersville.

**S. W. District** - Beatrice, Excel, Frisco City, Uriah, Evergreen.

**Central District** - Smith's Station, Auburn, Tuskegee, Reeltown, Beauregard.

**N. E. District** - Glencoe, Southside, Collinsville, Crossville, Fyffe.

**S. E. District** - Montgomery, Greenville, Luverne, Brantley, Holtville.

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F.H.A. and the F.F.A., to participate in many different kinds of school activities both inside and outside the classroom.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we observe boys and girls in your organization presiding with ease and self-control, and with a good knowledge of parliamentary procedure. You are learning to speak before a group, to participate in group discussion, to take part in contests within the local organization and with similar organizations in other centers. You are learning to live and work together. All of this plus a good social life and wholesome recreation contribute to that type of success which results in sound and dependable leadership.
Some Special Goals A Chapter Might Adopt

1. Every vocational agriculture student an FFA member by November 1st.
2. Chapter possess full equipment for conducting meetings by November 1st.
3. Every student in vocational agriculture participate in Speaking Contest.
4. Chapter have a quartet or string band.
5. Chapter with a definite public relations program in operation.
6. Chapter write plans and conduct leadership school for local officers.
7. One or more State Farmer applications from chapter.
8. One American Farmer applicant from chapter.
9. One applicant for State FFA officer from chapter.
10. Participate in three or more State sponsored FFA Contests.
11. Every member participate in one or more State sponsored FFA Contests.
12. Chapter have entries in livestock shows.
13. Chapter sponsor or support one or more community services.
14. Have definite time of meeting with a planned program for each meeting (twice monthly during school and once monthly during summer).
15. Develop chapter activity program the first month of school. A committee responsible for each goal set up in the program. (Use State Program Outline.)
16. Every member on an active committee. Committees report to chapter on accomplishments at regular intervals.
17. Secure copies of “Helps in Mastering Parliamentary Procedure,” and teach to all boys.
18. Elect and install new chapter officers before school closes in spring.
19. Adviser and two delegates attend State FFA Convention.
20. Have a finance committee that works.
21. Present “Green Hand,” “Chapter Farmer,” and “State Farmer” pins to all eligible members.
22. Select two or more honorary FFA members during the year.
23. Reporter to send in all FFA monthly reports on time and in completed form.
24. Chapter to promote wider use of FFA jackets, shirts, ties, jewelry, etc.
25. All eligible boys in school and community to continue their active membership in the local chapter.

Elton Pierce, speaking over microphone, is having a part in the dedication of the new $200,000 livestock building on the State Fair grounds during the week of the fair.
Chapter Membership
By Elton Pierce
State President

Now that school has begun and we are getting back into the "swing" of things again, there is one important matter of business that surely must not be overlooked. With an increase in enrollment in almost all of our high schools in Alabama there will be some good prospective FFA members. We have only a short time remaining to get all prospective FFA members enrolled before our fall list of members is submitted. Since membership and participation in FFA activities are such vital cogs in the wheel of our vocational agriculture program, we should all strive to have 100% membership.

If FFA is to perform the task as set forth in our national and state constitution, we have got to put our shoulders to the wheel and put FFA on the move in every single community where it exists.

Farm youths have more opportunities today than ever before in the history of our nation. The manner in which we farm boys accept these opportunities and push forward to make America a stronger nation is not only an opportunity to us but our duty.

CHAPTER FFA SWEETHEARTS
Several chapters have already elected FFA sweethearts. If their pictures are sent in, some of them will be run in the Alabama Future Farmer.

FINANCING FFA ACTIVITIES
By Homer Vinson
State Reporter

Financing a chapter is probably the most important activity in the development of a challenging FFA program. It would be hard for a FFA chapter to carry out a comprehensive program of work without the spending of money.

There are numerous ways of raising money to finance chapters. Methods which prove very successful in some communities may not be satisfactory in others. Each chapter must determine the methods that will be applicable and satisfactory in its community. The community service needs will be an important factor in determining the kind of financial projects that may be successfully sponsored.

There are many ways of raising money for chapter funds, but are they all good? A money raising activity should be an educational experience. In addition it should represent good morals, provide for leadership, and be consistent with the purposes of FFA.

A few of the projects that each chapter may sponsor that provides a source of income for the chapter and experience of educational value to the members are:

I. The construction of shop articles.
II. Repair of farm machinery.
III. Feeding pigs on cafeteria garbage.
IV. Growing and marketing crops.
V. Spraying orchards.
VI. Selling popcorn, candy, cold drinks, ice cream, peanuts and school supplies at school.
VII. Sponsor chapter sweetheart.
VIII. Operate chapter pig chain.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

The FFA exhibits at the State Fair were extra good this year according to the judges and others who saw them. The chapters responsible for them are to be commended for their fine work.

Listed below are the winners:
1st - Columbiana, Elvin Hill, Adviser.
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Soda Bill sez...

The communist believes no man should be rich; the capitalist believes no man should be poor.

Our City Cousin

That big machine,
City Cousin hears,
Is the kind
that pulls off ears!
Supplement
that Poor Forage
by Robert D. Rasmussen
New Mexico A. & M. College

Dried-up pastures and winter weather create the same feeding problem for the cattleman. They simply mean that you have lower quality feed and less of it. And you have little choice as to what you can do about it. You can let the cattle eat what they can find. In this case you're likely to take a weight loss on your cows. You'll also take a chance on a weak calf crop. Or you can feed a supplement. If you feed enough of the right kind, your cows and unborn calves will come through in good, healthy condition.

California experiments on deficient range showed the cow herd that got a protein supplement produced a 91% calf crop. Cows on similar range, without a supplement, produced a 61% calf crop. Arizona found that feeding supplement increased the weight of the calves at birth by 10 pounds.

The amount of supplement needed varies. Cows carrying calves, and young stock require more protein than open cows or mature animals. A safe rule to follow is to watch the condition of the stock. Keep them healthy and thrifty.

Research by the New Mexico agricultural experiment station shows that during the winter months range forage is most critically short of phosphorus as well as protein. While some of the cake supplements are high in phosphorus as well as protein, most ranchers over the state are using mineral supplement for year-round use. A mineral supplement containing at least 6% phosphorus should be made available at all times to range cattle. Experiments have shown that year-round use is better and more profitable than seasonal use.

Here's a goal for cattlemen. Use whatever kind and amount of supplement is necessary to keep your cattle healthy and thrifty. (Editor's Note: The principles of animal nutrition discussed above apply in all parts of the country.)

Quotes of the Month

"We, as ranchers, are not sufficient unto ourselves. In fact, we are only the beginning of the beef line. Of equal importance are the feeder, the processor, the distributor and the consumer. Disregard the rights or welfare of any of these, and sooner or later we suffer."

Sam R. McKelvie
Pres. Sandhills Cattle Ass'n

"He gave it for his opinion that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."

Gulliver's Travels (written in 1726)

Martha Logan's Recipe for
SAUSAGE AND CORN BREAD
(Yield: 6 servings)

1 lb. pork sausage meat 1 tsp. soda
1 1/2 cups corn meal 1 cup sour milk
1/2 cup sifted flour 1 egg
1/2 tsp. salt 2 tbsp. pork sausage drippings
1 tsp. baking powder

Brown pork sausage meat thoroughly in heavy skillet (about 9 inches in diameter). Drain off drippings. Sift together corn meal, flour, salt, baking powder, and soda. Combine egg and milk and heat until well combined. Add 2 tablespoons drippings to milk and egg mixture. Pour liquid into dry ingredients and stir just until well mixed. Pour batter over pork sausage in heated skillet. Bake in moderately hot oven (450°F.) until well browned, about 30 to 35 minutes. Serve hot as main luncheon dish.

Nutrition is Our Business—and Yours
Right Eating Adds Life to Your Years—and Years to Your Life

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MARBURY organized county FFA; held joint social with FHA, and plan to attend State Fair. MASON installed new officers; appointed committees; organized string band; set up tentative program of work; arranged for trip to State Fair, and placed order for fruit trees. MILLERVILLE initiated Green Hands; appointed six books for library; in cooperation with school purchased m.m. motion picture projector. MONTICELLO preparing registered Hereford for show in Montgomery; organized county FFA; plan to attend National FFA Convention in Kansas City; selling "Southern Agriculturist" subscriptions, and elected honorary members. MOUNT HOPE made educational tour, and initiated Green Hands.

NEW HOPE made plans to start another pig chain. NEW MARKET added 25 new film strips to library; one boy entering two calves in dairy show, and chapter has 14 new members. NEW SITE elected new officers for the coming year: head annual weiner roast; added 26 books, 1,392 circulars and leaflets to library; made thirty-six new mail box posts, and planning to organize a FFA string band.

OAKMAN made plans to initiate new members. ONOENTA added 25 new books to FFA library; reporter has regular column in County newspaper each week; chapter was given radio by Representative N. C. Benson; and three members showed calves in County Jersey Calf Show. OPP groomed and trained bull for State Fair; planned a swim improvement project; held an officers training school; and met with FHA for refreshments in honor of new members.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY presented a play jointly with the FHA. PELL CITY will have three members to attend National Convention in Kansas City; selling "Southern Agriculturist" subscriptions, and elected honorary members. PINEAPPLE appointed program, social, and initiation committees; and the adviser and a representative from each class attended the dairy show in Montgomery.

PRATTVILLE FFA boys attended dairy show in Montgomery; organized county FFA; plan to attend National FFA Convention in Kansas City. PICTURED above is Emily Newberry, queen for the Montgomery Dairy Exposition as she is being escorted to her throne by Elton Pierce, state FFA president.

RAMER designed drainage system to prevent erosion on grammar school playground, and three members represented the chapter in radio broadcast over WSFA. RED BAY chapter ordered FFA jackets; sending news articles to county paper; made tour to North Carolina; and getting bull ready for State Fair. RED LEVEL held officer training school; bought three pigs; and five members with adviser attended district dairy show. REELTOWN planned radio program to be given over WAUD; formed string band; and initiated new members. REFORM made plans to buy pigs to feed out. SICILY plannedradio and new paraphernalia; all members entering one or more FFA contests; constructing a FFA show, and planning initiation of Green Hands. SWEETWATER plans to buy pigs to feed out, and chapter will enter Sears bull in State Fair.

Bill Roberson, Mt. Hope chapter and his bull that placed second in the Sears FFA bull show at the State Fair.

Bill also won first place in the showmanship contest in the same show. He entered his bull in the open classes and placed second in class 3.

TANNER members won $395.00 in prizes at livestock show of Limestone Fair; went on hayride with FHA; gave two gilt pigs to members, and participated in District Dairy Judging Contest. THOMASVILLE elected officers: attended dairy cattle show at Demopolis, had a judging team in this show which won a trip to the State Fair. TUSKEGEE feeding out eight hogs; planning to raise two acres of clover for experiment plot, and initiated Green Hands.

VERNON added three registered O.I.C. pigs to pig chain; made exhibit to enter in State Fair, and operating FFA store daily and at football games. VINCE planned trip to State Fair.

WALNUT GROVE planned a trip to State Fair with FHA and bought four pigs to be used as a project for the year. WEOGUKA attended social given by FHA; and initiated Green Hands. WETUMPKA FFA boys attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City; selling "Southern Agriculturist" subscriptions; and elected honorary members.

This is Lonzo, Oscar, and Syrupy from the Straughn chapter as they appeared on program at the Montgomery Dairy Exposition.

Pictured above is the Lee County FFA Judging Team that won first place in the show at Doxville. From left to right are Fred Fincher and Charles Jones from the Auburn chapter, G. L. Story and Harry Lozenby from the Beauregard chapter, and J. E. Deloney, Auburn adviser.