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## Outstanding Beef Cattle Program At Rogersville

LINDEN LIVERETT, Reporter

Rogersville FFA boys are pushing beef cattle production in their community along with pasture improvements.

The State National Bank of Florence has financed the boys in buying one beef cow and calf each. Mr. Buchanan, Agriculture Agent with the State National Bank has helped the boys in locating the cattle and worked with them in getting the needed credit. The boys have a two year credit term on the cattle.

Next spring they are planning to have a baby beef show and sale in Florence of the calves and apply the money on the notes. The following spring they plan to do the same and it is believed that two calves will pay for the cows and then they will have the cows left to get started in business for themselves.

The main purpose of this program is to help the boys and to see what can be done about grazing and selling pasture fed calves. At the present time they have 22 head of cows and 22 head of calves. They plan to get 50 head in all. If it is a success, they will be on their way toward increasing livestock in their community.

## FFA Week February 17-24

### Northport Chapter Alabama's Largest

Northport chapter is the largest in Alabama again for the third successive year. It is the only chapter with membership past the 100 mark.

L. W. White, local adviser, and his wide awake chapter are to be congratulated for keeping them active as long as they are eligible.

Second largest in membership to date is H. C. Gregory's Albertville chapter; third is Lexington chapter, L. H. Davis, adviser; fourth, Jasper chapter, E. G. Hendrix, adviser; and fifth, Silas chapter with J. W. Lee adviser.

### Local Chapters Start Planning Now

Future Farmers all over Alabama and all over the nation will celebrate February 17-24 as National FFA Week. Local chapters should begin making plans now for making this a week of celebration and hard work.

Here are some suggestions for local chapters in planning the week's program: present FFA programs at local civic club meetings; make national FFA Week signs and posters; arrange for special radio broadcast; prepare news articles

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FUTURE FARMERS WELCOME YOU—Left to right is Winford Collier, State FFA President; Heflin Nolen, Wetumpka FFA President; and C. S. Bazemore, Wetumpka FFA adviser.

They are erecting a welcome sign to their community. Similar signs are being erected at the city limit entrance for each of their five main highways and one in front of their vocational agriculture building.

Many FFA chapters throughout the state plan to erect similar signs during FFA Week. (These signs may be ordered from, Future Farmer Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia at \$2.00 each. Name of chapter may be added by local sign painter.)

## An Important Message To Future Farmers of Alabama



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# Total State Membership Still Lagging

## F. F. A. WEEK

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for local newspapers; present programs in high school assembly; hold annual banquet or other special event; get FFA Week proclamation from local Mayor; arrange for FFA window displays down town; hold open house for parents and friends; put on Torch Light Ceremony; plan some special activities for every day in the week.

Promote membership drive; parade through town; prepare FFA chapter news letter for distribution during the week; have all members wear FFA jackets and T-shirts during the week; conduct a project tour; listen to National Farm and Home hour, NBC, on Saturday, February 17th.

These are only a few suggestions and the local program committee will think of others.

—FFA—

## Boaz Member Breaks Corn Production Record

Glen Nelson of the Boaz chapter has gone well above the one-hundred bushel of corn per acre mark this year with a yield of 162.98 bushels on one acre. Glen's land had a good crop of vetch turned under this spring before planting. On May 7, Glen planted his corn 14 inches in drill with the rows being 38 inches apart. 400 lbs. of 4-10-7 was used with 200 lbs. of nitrate of soda being applied June 5, as a side dressing. Glen selected Dixie 17 as the variety of corn to plant.

Three other Boaz FFA members have also made 100 bushels per acre. They are: Billy Green, 111; Willard Ellis, 120; and Earl Hedgepath, 135.5. All of these boys used Dixie 17 as the variety of corn.

—FFA—

## Shorthorn Cattle Production His Favorite

Jimmy Reynolds of Hazel Green chapter and his father are leading in North Alabama in the production of shorthorn beef cattle. Jimmy is a senior at the Hazel Green High School this year.

Six years ago they purchased thirteen registered shorthorn heifers. From this beginning, they have built a large herd.

At the Madison County Fair in 1950, Jimmy was the only exhibitor of shorthorn cattle; consequently he won prizes on all cattle exhibited.

From his exhibits at the 1950 Alabama State Fair, Jimmy won five first prizes, three second prizes and one third prize. He also exhibited the reserve champion bull.

The total membership for the State is less than it was last year. Quite a number of chapters over the state have fewer members than they had last year. The state Executive Committee urges that all chapters make an effort to keep all eligible members active.

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**Using Leadership Activi-  
ties In FFA**

By WINFORD COLLIER  
State FFA President

By including leadership activities in your program of work, valuable instruction and experience in leadership would be available to all FFA members. They would be trained to be good leaders in their home communities.

There are several things which should be included in a good leadership program. Each chapter should hold one or more leadership schools for the chapter officers and members.

After planning the program, a copy should be given to members so each would know the chapter's plan of work and thus help it to be carried out on schedule. By encouraging all members to enter state-sponsored contests, they will receive valuable experience in such things as public speaking and parliamentary procedure.

Every chapter should have a definite Public Relation Program in operation. Each chapter should do such things as publishing news articles in local papers regularly, have radio programs, chapel programs, news letters, demonstrations, and electing chapter sweethearts. All members should be encouraged to wear official FFA jackets, T-shirts, etc. to all special functions such as livestock shows, fairs, field days, etc.

Every chapter should be represented at the State Convention. Two delegates, adviser, and all winners of state contest should be encouraged to attend.

In order for all FFA activities to be carried out, all FFA members must take an active part in the program and cooperate with the officers and adviser of the chapter.

**Forest Fires Cost Over A  
Billion Dollars Annually**

Forest fires cost the people of the United States more than a billion dollars a year, says American Forest Products Industries of Washington, D. C. This industry-supported organization, which sponsors the national Keep America Green program, figures the nation's forest fire loss this way:

In an average year the United States has 200,000 forest fires. Together these burn an area almost as large as the State of Indiana. Sawtimber consumed, if processed, would be worth 700 million dollars. Sawing that volume of lumber would earn American labor 40 million dollars in wages. In terms of one family homes the potential lumber forest fires burn in a year would amount to 86,000 houses.

Potential pulpwood trees destroyed by  
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**Carlowville FFA Presents  
Chapel Program**

The Carlowville FFA had charge of the assembly program in the high school auditorium recently, featuring "Farm Fire Prevention."

Willie Skinner, chapter president, gave the reasons for fire prevention week and introduced the other speakers who were Jerry Casey, James Godwin, Kenneth Bodiford, Stanley Holmes, William Bruner and Bobby McCurdy.

—FFA—

**Ozark FFA Has Carnival**

The Ozark FFA and FHA held its annual Halloween Carnival October 31. Some of the attractions were the fish pond, the mid-way, the sky ride, fortune telling, bingo, country store, ring toss, cake walks, and guessing contest.

It started at noon and lasted until 3:00 p.m. and was a big success. Receipts were \$57.52.

—FFA—

**Letter To State Adviser**

Mr. J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor  
Vocational Agriculture  
State Department of Education  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Cannon:

We appreciate receiving the Alabama FUTURE FARMER and wish to commend you and the editorial staff on the format and content of this publication. We always read it with interest.

The October-November issue, carrying an account of the second annual FFA purebred Hereford show, is of especial interest to us as we have just received and distributed the fifty purebred Hereford bulls donated to the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America by Sears, Roebuck Foundation. We would like very much to have about sixty copies of this particular issue so as to place a copy in the hands of each teacher of vocational agriculture who is local adviser of the chapter to which one of the bulls is consigned. The "follow-up" on the care and management of the bulls would, I am sure, be informative and stimulating to these teachers.

I know, of course, that you would not have 60 copies over your normal needs but hope that it will be possible to collect this number from those who read it but do not necessarily keep a file of the issues. We will be glad to pay for them if you can let us have this number.

Sincerely yours,  
F. B. Cale, State Supervisor  
Vocational Agriculture  
Richmond, Virginia

(Thanks Mr. Cale for the good letter, we mailed you the sixty copies. T.L.F.)

—FFA—



## FOREST FIRES

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forest fires would make enough paper to print every newspaper in the United States for 12 months. This potential pulp wood alone, were it saved and processed, would be worth about 600 million dollars a year.

Fighting forest fires costs Americans more than another 40 million dollars annually. Indirectly there are dozens of other losses too, less tangible, but equally serious. These include soil erosion, damage to fish and game and the irreparable damage to recreational areas.

Most forest fires are preventable. Ninety per cent are man-caused, the direct result of carelessness, ignorance and maliciousness. The Keep Green program, which functions locally under the banners of the individual states, is out to correct this situation through an intensive "grass roots" educational campaign in the field of forest protection and fire prevention.

"There's a price tag on every woods fire that burns," says American Forest Products Industries. "Regardless of where you live, who you are, or what you do, part of that price comes out of your pocket."

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The annual farm death loss from carbon monoxide poisoning is high. Under what farm conditions is this likely to occur? How may it be prevented?

## State President Visits Washington

Winford Collier, State FFA President from Wetumpka, represented Alabama's Future Farmers at a Youth Conference in Washington, D. C. December 2nd to 9th.

President Truman had called a mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth. This was the fifth in a series of such Conferences, under sponsorship of the President of the United States, since the beginning of the century.

Other such conferences were in 1909, called by Theodore Roosevelt, another in 1919, called by President Woodrow Wilson, another in 1930 by President Herbert Hoover, and another in 1940 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Representatives of various youth groups from Alabama and from all over the nation took part in this 1950 Conference.

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## Southside Member Makes Good With Projects

Joe Brown, of Southside, is making his projects pay off. He is now enrolled in his third year of Vocational Agriculture at Southside High School and is carrying on a good supervised farming program. His father, William Buster

Brown, is also interested in Joe's program and aids in every way possible.

Joe's farming program for this year includes: 1 registered Duroc gilt; 1 OIC sow and litter; pork production, 18 head; 1 Jersey cow; 2 Jersey calves; corn, 10 acres; cotton, 8 acres; soybeans, 2 acres; sorghum, ½ acre; alfalfa, 1½ acres for grazing. In addition to his productive projects Joe has completed a home grounds improvement project, painted his house, built a hog self-feeder, a farrowing house and fenced 1½ acres for grazing.

Joe was treasurer of the local FFA chapter last year. He is a member of the beef cattle judging team this year. He will be a candidate for State Farmer degree next spring. He plays baseball, basketball and is captain of the Southside football team.

—————FFA—————

## Theodore Has Outstanding Member

One of the most outstanding students of the Theodore Chapter is Gerald Orso.

Gerald is a senior and a second year vocational agriculture student. A look at his farming plans for this year should convince anyone that he has a well rounded farm program. A few of his projects include cotton, corn, a gilt which is to farrow soon, orchard and hog pasture improvement. Incidentally, preceding his cotton, he had a good crop of Blue Lupine, which was the first time that a winter legume had ever been planted on his farm. He also is planning to buy a beef calf to feed out and put in the fat calf show next spring.

This is not all Gerald has been doing to keep him busy from daylight until dark. While his father was away during the spring and summer, he worked the 200 acres on their farm with the aid of his father's tractor and a small amount of day labor. Last spring, he was in the field preparing land before daylight. He was in school by 8:30 o'clock in the morning and in the field again in the afternoon.

This Future Farmer of today will certainly make one of Mobile County's successful farmers of tomorrow.

—————FFA—————

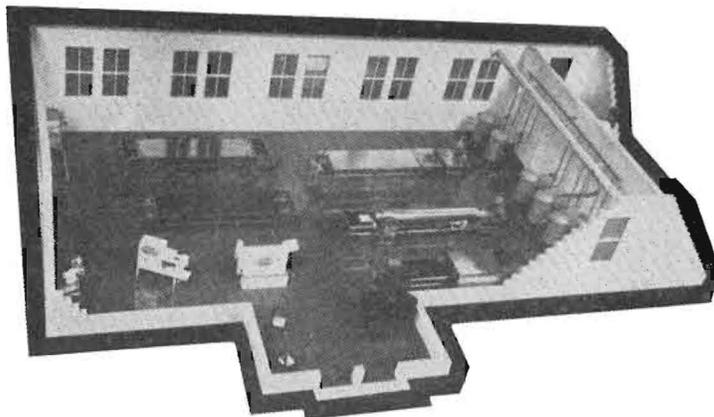
**HAVE A DEFINITE AIM.** Set before yourself, in clear outline, a great life purpose. Direct your mind to it daily. Plan the best means of attaining it. Several times a day affirm, "This one thing I do."

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"The gun involved in fatal accidents is never loaded." Likewise the farm bull is a continual potential danger unless properly handled. What are the essentials of a safe and sane bull management program?

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## CHAPTER NEWS

**ABBEVILLE** — Awarded 8 pigs from pig chain; held election for Chapter Star Farmer.  
**ADDISON**—Helped build a float used in Centennial Celebration of Winston County. It represented the progress in Dairy Production.  
**ALBERTVILLE**—Host to County FFA meeting.  
**ALEXANDER CITY**—Organized a new FFA chapter with 100 per cent membership; bought 20 books for FFA library; livestock judging team competed in Columbus, Ga., exposition; all members plan to enter one or more FFA contests.  
**ARAB**—Two FFA members and adviser won trip to National Convention in Kansas City; raised money at football games by selling peanuts and lineups.  
**ARLEY** — Sponsored campus improvement program.  
**ASHLAND**—Showed Sears, Roebuck Bull at State Fair; bought three FFA jackets.  
**ASHVILLE**—Completed plans for taking part in District Chapter contest.  
**ATHENS**—Added new books to department; working on speaking contest.

**AUBURN**—Local member elected reporter for county FFA organization; Johnny Pittman received American Farmer Degree; received Silver Emblem Award from National FFA Association; made plans to enter all state sponsored contests; elected chapter Future Farmer of the Year; ordered official FFA jackets; President gave purposes of FFA in chapel program.  
**B B COMER**—100 per cent of class joined FFA; program of work made, each member is on some committee.  
**BAKER**—Made plans for public speaking contest.  
**BAKERHILL**—Ordered 5,000 pine seedlings for chapter members; had two newspaper articles published; made order for FFA jackets.  
**BEAR CREEK**—100 per cent of members entered FFA public speaking contest.  
**BEAUREGARD** — Entered judging team in Columbus Fair; ordering pine seedlings.  
**BEULAH**—Sodded Bermuda on campus.  
**BLOUNTSVILLE** — Initiated Green Hands using ceremony in Manual; seven members attended District meeting; constructed book cases for town library.  
**BOAZ**—Members ordered FFA jackets; prepared to enter all county contests.  
**BRANTLEY**—100 per cent membership of all boys taking ag.  
**BRIDGEPORT**—FFA initiation held.  
**BRUNIDGE** — Sponsored FFA sweetheart contest.  
**BROOKWOOD**—Quartet and string band organized; members are ordering pine seedlings.  
**BUTLER**—Green Hand initiation held; four chapter officers purchased official jackets; initiated chapter farmers.  
**CAMDEN**—Organized string band.  
**CAMP HILL**—Sixteen members competing in quartet contest; initiated 16 Green Hands; planned joint Xmas social FFA & FHA; officers and adviser attended county FFA meeting at New Site; placed 2 registered OIC pigs with 2 members.  
**CARROLLTON**—Held FFA-FHA social; held Green Hand initiation.  
**CARLOWVILLE**—Making mail box post.  
**CASTLEBERRY** — Secured new FFA paraphernalia.  
**CENTRAL**—Ordered 5 new FFA jackets.  
**CORNER**—One member won a registered gift sponsored by the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce.  
**CEDAR BLUFF**—Sponsoring FFA sweetheart contest.  
**CENTRAL**—Had 5 boys in chapter that made 100 bushels of corn.  
**CHEROKEE**—Members of chapter plan to set out 7,000 pine seedlings.  
**CLAYTON**—Purchased 34 new FFA manuals; ordered 3 FFA jackets; initiated new members.  
**COFFEE SPRINGS**—Ordered six FFA jackets.

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**COLD SPRINGS**—All members working on contest.

**COLUMBIA**—Elected 5 honorary members.

**COLUMBIANA**—New members were initiated.

**COTTONWOOD**—Entered 12 hogs in hog show at Dothan; placed 5 purebred Duroc pigs with FFA boys; made plans for Age Exhibit during "ED Week."

**COTACO**—Plan initiation.

**CROSSVILLE**—Attended county FFA meeting; initiated new members.

**CULLMAN**—Held initiation for 28 new Green Hands.

**DADEVILLE**—Received FFA paraphernalia; received 3 official FFA jackets and ordered 5 official T-shirts.

**DOUGLAS**—Presented chapel program; attended county meeting.

**EAST BREWTON**—New members were initiated.

**EAST LIMESTONE**—Added two pigs to the pig chain.

**ELECTIC**—Held officers' training program; put on school safety program.

**ELBA**—Held joint party with FHA; organizing quartet.

**EUFAULA**—Made plans to order pine seedlings for eight members; participated in county FFA meeting.

**ENTERPRISE**—Elected FFA sweetheart.

**FAIRHOPE**—Attended a joint county meeting held in Robertsdale.

**FALKVILLE**—Initiated Green Hands; eight gilts added to pig chain; started 1950-51 scrapbook.

**FLORALA**—Sponsored magazine sales campaign jointly with FHA and made \$63.00 for our part.

**FLOMATON**—Elected three honorary members; initiation of Green Hands.

**FORT PAYNE**—Built forest fire prevention signs; ordered four FFA jackets.

**FRISCO CITY**—Sponsored jointly with FHA the homecoming queen and football game. Cleared \$360.00 to be used on mother-father banquet.

**GERALDINE**—Attended county officers meeting; built forestry signs and put them up in county.

**GLENCOE**—Bought a 500 lb. Hereford steer to grow out.

**GORDO**—Organized quartet; painted chapter room; furnished chapter room with butane gas.

**GORGAS**—Harvested patridge peas for chapter distribution.

**GOSHEN**—Held amateur night to make money for chapter.

**GRAND BAY**—Initiated Green Hands.

**GROVE HILL**—Sold two meat hogs raised by FFA; elected chapter sweetheart.

**GUIN**—Ordered FFA pins and other supplies.

**HALEYVILLE**—Ordered six FFA jackets and 8,000 pine seedlings; held chapter sweetheart contest; purchased tape recorder.

**HAMILTON**—Ordered chapter sweetheart jacket; ordered forty Green Hand pins.

**HARTFORD**—Held county-wide FFA-FHA meeting; had FFA-FHA party.

**HATTON**—Chapter sponsored a community rat control program.

**HAYNEVILLE**—Initiated new members; ordered jackets and rings.

**HEADLAND**—Ordered twenty FFA official manuals; initiated 18 new members.

**HEFLIN**—Have approximately 1,000 bushels of sweet potatoes stored in the FFA curing house. This community service sponsored by the FFA has been in continuous operation for twelve years.

**HIGHLAND HOME**—Registered twenty OIC gilts; initiated fifteen Green Hands; 14 boys have applied for junior membership in OIC Swine Breeders' Association; FFA treated 5,000 post in chapter post-treating plant.

**HOLLY POND**—Six members made over 100 bushels corn per acre; five members growing beef calves for Fat Stock Show.

**HOLTVILLE**—Plan string band and quartet; ordered 7,000 pine seedlings.

**IDER**—Built forest signs; organized quartet.

**INVERNESS**—Elected chapter sweetheart; held open house showing of new vocational agriculture building; sponsored stage show and dance, cleared over two hundred and fifty dollars; ordered new chapter banner; placed order for 8,000 pine seedlings.

**JACKSON**—Elected chapter sweetheart; planned sweetheart ball; held officer training period.

**JACKSONVILLE**—Held FFA-FHA party; ordered complete FFA paraphernalia.

**JEMISON**—Ordered eight FFA jackets; organized quartet; held annual M-D-F-S banquet with State FFA President main speaker.

**KINSTON**—Initiated 19 Green Hands; put on Farm and Home play called "Fabric of Freedom."

**LaFAYETTE**—Elected chapter sweetheart.

**LEROY**—Ordered five FFA jackets; ordered Green Hand pins; placed 12 new book in Ag library.

**LIVINGSTON**—Initiated 19 Green Hands; initiated 14 chapter farmers; ordered two FFA jackets; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings.

**LOCUST FORK**—Have ordered 4,500 pine seedlings; organized quartet.

**LYNN**—Making plans to initiate Green Hands.

**McADORY**—Applied for 8,000 pine seedlings.

**McKENZIE**—Ordered pine seedlings.

**MAPLESVILLE**—Hundred per cent membership.

**MARBURY**—Initiated new members.

**MARION**—Initiated Green Hands.

**MIDLAND CITY**—Chapter voted to buy a popcorn machine; quartet being organized.

**MONTEVALLO**—Working on contests and radio programs; entered chapter contest.

**MOUNDVILLE**—Initiated Green Hands.

**MUNFORD**—Sponsored rat killing campaign.

**NEW BROCKTON**—Initiated Green Hands; ordered 1,500 pine seedlings.

**NEW HOPE**—Three yorkshire gilts added to pig chain; OIC added to pig chain.

**NEW MARKET**—Began locating toys to be given to needy children at Christmas; plan to sell Farm and Ranch Magazine for the purpose of winning a radio and wire recorder.

**NEVVILLE**—Officers attended county FFA meeting.

**OAKMAN**—Initiated new members.

**ORRVILLE**—Had FFA-FHA float in homecoming parade; honored American Farmer.

**OZARK**—Ordered 9,000 pine seedlings; ordered and received five FFA jackets.

**PELL CITY**—Elected seven honorary members; initiated chapter farmers.

**PINE APPLE**—Ordered chapter farmer degree pins; initiated new members.

**PINE HILL**—Initiated Green Hands.

**PRATTVILLE**—Initiated new members.

**RAMER**—Initiated thirteen Green Hands to the Degree of Chapter Farmer.

**RANBURN**—Ordered nine official FFA jackets; planning to elect chapter sweetheart.

**REELTOWN**—Held two regular meetings; made plans to entertain officers of county; officers attended county FFA; plan to start selling Christmas trees.

**RED BAY**—Starting chapter forestry contest; elected chapter sweetheart.

**RED LEVEL**—Ordered 23,000 pine seedlings; ordered 137 fruit trees.

**REFORM**—Constructed drink stand on the ball park; chapter elected a new secretary.

**RIVERTON**—Purchased and have on feed show calves.

**ROGERSVILLE**—Purchased new 200 amp welder for shop.

**ROANOKE**—Magazine subscriptions are being sold to make money; 19 new members initiated; FFA quartet organized.

**RUSSELLVILLE**—Elected chapter sweetheart.

# COMPLIMENTS

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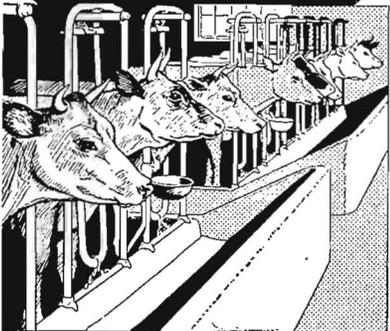
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**SAMSON**—Held Green Hand initiation; entertained FHA girls with a party.  
**SARDIS**—Held social with FHA girls; initiated 21 Green Hands; ordered 12 FFA jackets and one banner.  
**SIDNEY LANIER**—Sent Dairy Judging Team to Waterloo, Iowa; raised \$50.00 from Christmas card project; forty members writing speeches for public speaking contest; eight FFA members sent 20 entries for spring Fat Stock Show.  
**SILURIA**—Planted shrubbery around school; had chapel program.  
**SMITH'S STATION**—Had livestock judging team in Chattahoochee Valley Exposition.  
**SOUTHSIDE**—Placed seven pigs in pig chain; entered chapter contest.  
**SPRING GARDEN**—Boys entering state contest; plan to repair toys and give to needy families.

**STRAUGHN**—Plan to paint classroom and buy venetian blinds.  
**SULLIGENT**—Bought two registered Guernsey and two Jersey cows for boys in Junior Dairyman Program; initiated Green Hands; entered 10 calves in Birmingham Fat Stock Show; heading SULLIGENT NEWS articles each week with FFA emblem; elected chapter Farmer of the Year; members won \$134.00 in prizes at county Achievement Day Program.  
**SUSAN MOORE**—Won county corn contest sponsored by State National Bank; purchased 15 official jackets.  
**SUTTLE**—Initiated Green Hands and ordered pens for each.  
**SWEETWATER**—Plan to feed out six hogs as chapter project.  
**THOMASTON**—Initiated Green Hands; had social for members.  
**THOMASVILLE**—Ordered FFA jackets; made plans for initiating Green Hands; sold Christmas cards.  
**TROY**—Purchased owl and FFA emblem; ordered FFA jackets; initiation of Green Hands planned.

**TUSKEGEE**—Initiated 19 Green Hands; ordered FFA jackets for officers.  
**VALLEY HEAD**—Initiated 15 members.  
**VERBENA**—Have received 17 official FFA jackets.  
**VINA**—Made plans for the initiation of Chapter Farmer members.  
**WADLEY**—Initiated five Green Hands to degree of Chapter Farmer.  
**WALNUT GROVE**—Planned activity program.  
**WEDOWEE**—Ordered FFA jackets; held four quartet practice sessions.  
**WEOGUFKA**—Made plans to enter Parliamentary Procedure, Beef Cattle and Dairy Cattle Contests.  
**WEST POINT**—Ordered pine seedlings; initiated Green Hands.  
**WETUMPKA**—Initiated and awarded Green Hand pins to new members; bought and installed six highway signs.  
**WHITE PLAINS**—Ordered Green Hand pins and jackets.  
**YORK**—Purchased five FFA jackets; selling FFA calendars.

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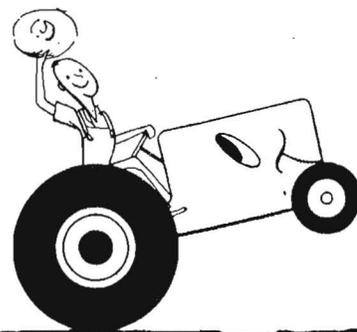
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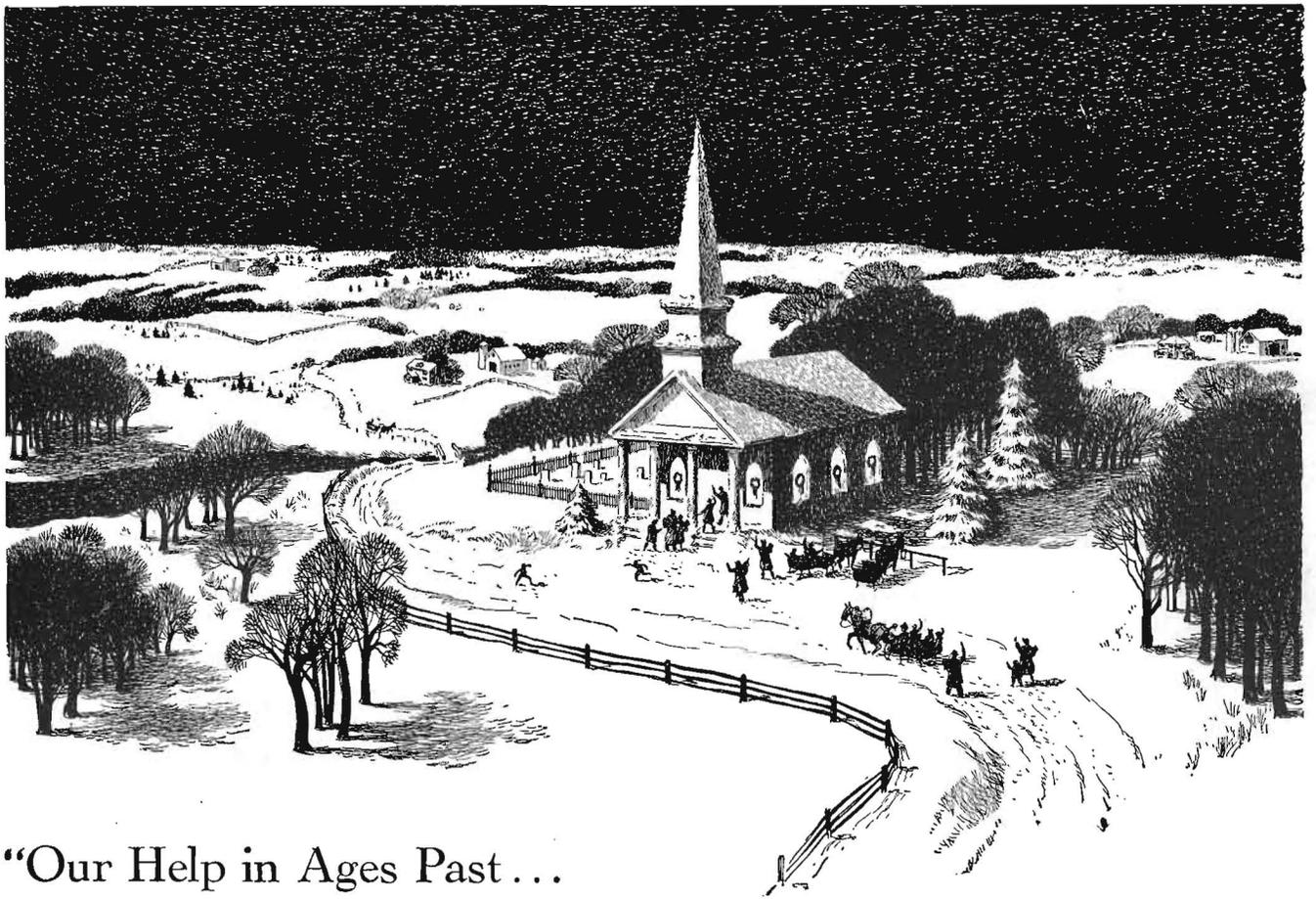
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*John Holmes*  
President