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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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 display downtown; 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.

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 3, 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.

Shorthorn Cattle Production His Favorite

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

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

Avoid substitutes. Gum Turpentine is the real thing—the original, standard paint thinner preferred by 9 out of 10 painting contractors (men who know paint best). Use Gum Turpentine for every paint job and for cleaning woodwork, furniture, floors, windows, paint brushes, etc. Disinfects. Sold wherever paint is sold and at variety, drug and grocery stores.

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Using Leadership Activities 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.

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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 houses the potential lumber forest fires burn in a year would amount to 86,000 houses.

Potential pulpwood trees destroyed by

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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.”

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.

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.

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.

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AUBURN—Local member elected reporter for county FFA organization; Johnny Pittman received American Farmer Degree; offered 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; bad 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—Saddled 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.

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.

BUTTERMILK—Organized string band.

CAMP HILL—Sixteen members competing in quartet contest; initiated 16 Green Hands; planned joint Christmas social FFA & FHA; four chapter officers purchased official jackets; initiated chapter farmers.

CASTLEBERRY—Making mail box post.

CENTRAL—Ordered 5 new FFA jackets.

CENTRAL—Had 6 boys in chapter that made 100 bushels of corn.

CHELSEA—One member won a registered gilt sponsored by the Bussam Chamber of Commerce.

CHEROKEE—Ordered 5 new FFA jackets; initiated new members.

COFFEE SPRINGS—Ordered six FFA jackets.

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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 $5,000 pine seedlings; held chapter sweetheart; purchased tape recorder.

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

HAYNEVILLE—Chapter sponsored a community rat control program.

HAYNEVILLE—Initiated new members; ordered jackets and rings.

HEADLAND—Ordered twenty FFA official manuals; initiated 15 new members.

HEFLIN—Have approximately 1,000 bushes 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 gilt; initiated fourteen Green Hands; 14 boys have applied for junior membership in OIC Swine Breeders' Association; FFA treated 5,000 post in chapter post-treating plant.

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

IDER—Built forest signs; organized chapter.

INVERNESS—Elected chapter sweetheart; plan to start selling Farm and Ranch Magazine for the purpose of winning a radio and wire recorder.

JEMISON—Ordered eight FFA jackets; organized quartet.

JACKSON—Elected chapter sweetheart; plans to start selling Farm and Ranch Magazine for the purpose of winning a radio and wire recorder.

JACKSONVILLE—Held FFA-FHA party; ordered 137 fruit trees.

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KINSTON—Ordered 19 Green Hands; put on Farm and Home play called "Fabric of Freedom;" LaFAYETTE—Elected chapter sweetheart.

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 5,000 pine seedlings.

McKINZIE—Ordered pine seedlings.

MAPLESVILLE—Hundred per cent membership.

MABURY—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 BROOKTON—Initiated Green Hands; ordered 1,500 pine seedlings.

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.

NEWVILLE—Officers attended county FFA meeting.

OKMOK—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.

PINE 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.

RANDURNE—Ordered nine official FFA jackets; planned 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 seedings; ordered 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 wiring for shop.

ROANOKE—Magazine subscriptions are being sold to make money; 19 new members initiated; 157 fruit trees ordered.

RUSSELLVILLE—Elected chapter sweetheart.
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.
SIDDY 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.

STRAUQHN—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 18 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.
WECOUFFKA—Made plans to enter Parliamentary Procedure, Beef Cattle and Dairy Cattle Contests.
WEST POINT—Ordered pine seedlings; initiated Green Hands.
WETUMKA—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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New Americans flocked in from the nations of the world. Fleeing religious, economic and political problems, escaping famine and despair, seeking freedom and opportunity, they came from the old countries to the new—from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales—from Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway—from France, Italy, Russia, Poland—they came in their millions from these and many other countries. And they came to work in their own land, and to pray in their own churches. The land opened to these pioneers. It received their sweat and rewarded their labors. On its rich soil they raised their generations and marked their names. Deeply in its heart, they planted their faith.

Over the American farmland, that faith blossomed sweetly. It grew from a sapling to a great tree, which now shelters millions from these and many other countries. And they came to work in their own land, and to pray in their own churches. The land opened to these pioneers. It received their sweat and rewarded their labors. On its rich soil they raised their generations and marked their names. Deeply in its heart, they planted their faith.

Over the American farmland, that faith blossomed sweetly. It grew from a sapling to a great tree, which now shelters millions from storms of the spirit. Today the churches of all denominations in America give outward and visible signs of the strength and purpose within our people. And in a new time of global doubt and fear, of clouded issues and terrible distress on the continents our forefathers left, America's churches are a source of the courage and perception we need.

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 re-dedication, 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."

In these anxious days, it seems fitting to repeat this message of faith in the precious things for which our nation stands. To all our friends on the farms and ranches of America we of Swift & Company wish a good Christmas and a happy New Year.

John H. Holloca
President