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Annual State Convention Successful

The 21st Annual FFA Convention was the best ever held in Alabama according to Mr. J. C. Cannon, State FFA Adviser. More than 1,200 members and local advisers from all over the State attended the Convention. The three day program included final elimination in various FFA Contests, awarding the winners for FFA achievements, and leadership training programs.

Winford Collier, Wetumpka FFA member took over as State President of the Alabama FFA Association during the last day's session.

Other new officers elected were John Sherrer, Orrville, Vice President; Reuben Finney, Five Points, Secretary; Paul Copeland, Arab, Treasurer, and Kenneth Landers, Leighton, Reporter. Eight business men and five local FFA advisers were named Honorary Future Farmers during the Friday night session.

Two hundred thirty-seven (237) FFA members from over the state were awarded the State Farmer Degree. This is the highest degree awarded by the State FFA Association and is the largest number ever to receive this award in any one year.

FFA contest and achievement awards for the year made at the convention are as follows:

Chapter Contest.—State Winner, Riverton FFA Chapter, \$40.00; 2nd, Auburn FFA Chapter, \$30.00; 3rd, Beauregard FFA Chapter, \$20.00; 4th, Pell City FFA Chapter, \$10.00; Honorable mention: Livingston Chapter, Sidney Lanier Chapter, Montevallo Chapter, White Plains Chapter, Grove Hill Chapter.

Public Speaking.—1st, James Rea, Notasulga, \$100.00; 2nd, Charlie Britnell, Russellville, \$50.00; 3rd, Robert Lambert, Camden, \$25.00; 4th, Wade Skidmore, Arab, \$25.00.

Quartet Contest.—1st, Cullman Chapter Quartet, \$50.00; 2nd, Riverton Chapter Quartet, \$20.00; 3rd, East Brewton Chapter Quartet, \$15.00; 4th, Auburn Chapter Quartet, \$10.00.

Parliamentary Procedure.—1st, Jemison Chapter Team, \$25.00; 2nd, Riverton Chapter Team, \$15.00; 3rd, Rogersville Chapter Team, \$15.00; 4th, Wetumpka Chapter Team, \$10.00.

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Dairy Shows

1. Fayette August 17-18
2. Decatur August 24-25
3. Gadsden September 14-15
4. Dadeville September 18-19
5. Mobile September 21-22
6. Montgomery September 25-26
7. Demopolis September 27-28
8. Birmingham October 3-8
(State Show)

Star Future Farmer Named At Convention

James Price, an outstanding member of the Camp Hill, Alabama FFA chapter has been named the Star Future Farmer of Alabama for 1950. He is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Price, Route 1, Dadeville, Alabama.

When James enrolled in vocational
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Here are the new State officers for 1950-51. Standing in front from left to right is Winford Collier, President, Wetumpka chapter; John Sherrer, Vice-President, Orrville chapter; Reuben Finney, Secretary, Five Points chapter; Second row left to right: Paul Copeland, Treasurer, Arab chapter; Kenneth Landers, Reporter, Leighton chapter.



Mr. Chesnutt is an FFA member. He was awarded the honorary State Farmer Degree in 1931. This is the highest honor awarded by the State Association. Alabama Future Farmers are proud to have him as a fellow member in the world's greatest farm boy organization.

PROF. S. L. CHESNUTT

The retirement of S. L. Chesnutt, head professor of agricultural education was recently announced by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Chesnutt completed 30 years of service with this institution on June 30, the effective date of his retirement.

As teacher trainer for API students preparing to teach vocational agriculture in high schools, Chesnutt has instructed a total of more than 1,200 graduating seniors. During the past three years his work has been confined largely to teachers in service who are earning master degrees.

Mr. Chesnutt has the longest service of any vocational agricultural teacher in the United States, an informal survey by the American Vocational Association showed recently. He began teaching in 1900, the same year he graduated from the University of Tennessee. Two years later, he began his teaching career in agriculture at the Summer School of the South, Knoxville, Tennessee.

In 1904, he became agricultural instructor for the first rural consolidated high school in the South, located in Farragut, Tennessee. Three years later he became the first agricultural teacher of Alabama College, Montevallo, where he established one of the state's first registered Holstein and Jersey cattle herds.

Appointed assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture for Alabama in 1919, a year later he came to Auburn as teacher trainer in vocational agriculture. A few years later he received his master's degree at George Peabody College.

Mr. Chesnutt is the author of one book, "The Rural South," and co-author of another, "Poultry Production in the South." A publishing company has given him a contract to prepare a book on soil conservation and to revise "The Rural South." He has written a number of pamphlets on the teaching of various agricultural subjects. These have been widely used by vocational schools in the state.

The "Old Prof.," as he has come to be known by his graduates, was recently asked what were the best things he had realized out of his 50 years of teaching.

"Two things — a fine wife and the goodwill and friendship of more than 3,000 students I have had," was his reply.

During the past several months groups of his former students and other friends have honored the retiring professor with many gifts of appreciation.

CONVENTION

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Team, \$10.00; 4th, Geneva Chapter Team, \$10.00.

String Band.—1st, Cullman FFA Chapter Band, \$50.00; 2nd, Straughn FFA Chapter Band, \$40.00; 3rd, Rogersville FFA Chapter Band, \$30.00; 4th, Winfield FFA Chapter Band, \$20.00; 5th, Greensboro FFA Chapter Band, \$10.00.

Radio Program.—1st, Auburn FFA Chapter, \$25.00; 2nd, Greensboro FFA Chapter, \$20.00; 3rd, East Brewton FFA Chapter, \$15.00; 4th, Cullman FFA Chapter, \$10.00.

Beef Cattle Judging.—1st, Holly Pond Chapter Team, \$100.00; 2nd, Winfield Chapter Team, \$20.00; 3rd, Bay Minette Chapter Team, \$15.00; 4th, Auburn Chapter Team, \$10.00.

Dairy Cattle Judging.—1st, Sidney Lanier Chapter Team, \$100.00; 2nd, Beatrice Chapter Team, \$20.00; 3rd, Northport Chapter Team, \$15.00; 4th, Camp Hill Chapter Team, \$10.00.

Star Farmer.—State Star Farmer, James Price, Camp Hill, \$100.00; District Star Farmers, Kent Davis, Straughn, \$25.00; Lewis Logan, Collinsville, \$25.00; Robert Cullledge, Foley, \$25.00; Colleen Shotts, Hamilton, \$25.00.

Farm Mechanics Awards.—1st, Raymond Hardy, Pell City, \$100.00; 2nd, Judson Pitts, Lincoln, \$25.00; 3rd, Edward Greer, Rogersville, \$20.00; 4th, Lloyd Powell, Kinston, \$15.00.

Star Dairy Farmer Awards.—1st, Davis Henry, Sidney Lanier, \$100.00; 2nd, James Price, Camp Hill, \$75.00; 3rd, Dick Salmon, Auburn, \$50.00; 4th, Winford Collier, Wetumpka, \$25.00.

Farm and Home Electrification.—State Winner, Ken Davis, Straughn, \$100.00; District Winners, Robert Norris, Fayette, \$25.00; Owen Lee, Pell City, \$25.00; Morris Allred, Lincoln, \$25.00; Maurice Rutledge, Thomasville, \$25.00; Charlie Kirkland, Headland, \$25.00.

Soil and Water Management Award.—State Winner, Dick Salmon, Auburn, \$100.

Forestry Contest.—1st, John Colden, Pell City, \$100.00 trip to National FFA Convention; 2nd, Gail House, Gordo, \$20.00; 3rd, Herbert Burdell, Beauregard, \$15.00; 4th, J. W. Hawkins, Riverton, \$10.00.

Home Improvement.—Each of these winners were awarded a \$75.00 trip to National FFA Convention. State Winner, Robert Ballew, and his local adviser, O. R. Dennis, Arab; District Winners, Charles Noland, Carrollton; Thomas McCreight, Goodwater, Gerald Lee, Silas; Lewie Chambers, Florida.

Star FFA Reporter.—1st, Tommy Morton, Pell City, FFA Jacket; 2nd, Donald Blalock, Sulligent, FFA Pen and Pencil Set; Bill Tidwell, Jr., Auburn, FFA Billfold; Ralph Johnson, Arab, FFA pocket knife; Lynwood Hamilton, Hamilton, FFA sport knife.

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CONCENTRATE ON ESSENTIALS. The ability to apply your mind wholly to one subject at a time is a mark of superior power. Be deeply interested in what you are doing. Concentration builds mental efficiency.

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Now that schools are opening every chapter should have one or more good FFA quartets. It affords good wholesome entertainment for those who sing as well as the ones who listen to them.

Why not include in every local FFA activity program a goal for one or more quartets.

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Forest Fires Are Your Business

Forest protection, like advertising, pays dividends. That is the considered opinion of an overwhelming majority of the nation's woodland owners. Their viewpoint is shared by state and federal forest agencies, the forestry profession and America's wood-using industries. All agree that fire prevention and forest protection are good business.

Fires, however, still take a terrific toll in green and growing forests. This year they probably will burn over an area as large as the State of Indiana and destroy the potential lumber for at least eighty-six thousand one-family houses. In an average year forest fires in the United States burn timberland at the rate of seventy thousand acres a day destroying enough potential newsprint to publish every newspaper in the United States for a twelve month period.

Wasteful? Of course it is! Even the richest nation on earth cannot afford to squander its resources at that rate. Nor can it afford the many other less tangible losses—soil erosion, damage to fish and game, and destruction of recreational areas—that result when forest fires break out.

A study of forest fire losses during the past decade shows a consistent downward trend in the number of man-caused fires. Three-fourths of the country's forestland is now under some form of organized protection. More and more Americans are becoming forest fire conscious. Progress is being made.

A potent force in bringing this awakening about has been the Keep America Green movement. We know it locally as Keep Alabama Green, which focuses attention on both causes and results of forest fires. By interpreting woods fires in terms of wages, profits, taxes, raw materials and recreational facilities, the Keep Green idea puts an effective pocketbook punch into fire prevention education.

Forest fire prevention, however, requires work as well as words. Keeping Alabama Green is everybody's business because it is good business for everybody.

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Keeping America Green

America is in the timber business to stay. It is the nation's oldest business and the only one that is based on a natural resource that replaces itself. The gap between forest drain and forest growth in the United States is narrowing each year. If man-caused forest fires, all of which are preventable, and losses from insects and disease could be halted, the difference between total wood growth and wood drain would be completely wiped out. It is the ambition and the goal of the wood-dependent industries of the United States to achieve that end. In this they seek and encourage the enthusiastic and full-time cooperation of good citizens everywhere.

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THINK CONSTRUCTIVELY. Your mind is under your personal jurisdiction. Cultivate character-building thoughts, such as faith, courage, initiative, confidence, ambition, and independence.

Why Not Plan Some Special Goals

1. Every vocational agriculture student an FFA member by November 1st.
2. Every chapter possess all needed equipment for conducting meetings by November 1st.
3. Every student in vocational agriculture participate in Speaking Contest.
4. Every chapter have a quartet or string band if at all possible.
5. Every chapter with a definite public relations program in operation.
6. Every chapter write plans and conduct leadership school for local officers.
7. One or more State Farmer applications from every chapter.
8. Five American Farmer applications from each district.
9. Ten applicants for State FFA officers from each district.
10. Every chapter participate in three or more State sponsored FFA contests.
11. Every member participate in one or more State sponsored FFA contests.
12. Every chapter have entries in livestock show.
13. Every chapter sponsor or support one or more community services.
14. All chapters 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. Every FFA Chapter with a finance committee that *works*.
18. Present "Green Hand," "Chapter Farmer," and "State Farmer" pins to all eligible.
19. Elect two honorary FFA members during the year.
20. All FFA monthly reports in on time.

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Seven Essentials Of A Good Chapter

1. Interested members.
2. Capable officers and leaders.
3. A challenging program of work.
4. Adequate financing.
5. Distributed responsibility shared by all members.
6. Proper equipment and records.
7. A knowledge of the FFA on the part of EVERY member.



Here is the Star Future Farmer of Alabama for 1950. He is James Price of the Camp Hill chapter.

STAR FARMER

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agriculture in September 1947, he started out with little or no capital and with the aid of the Auburn Production Credit Association has climbed to the top with an outstanding farming program. He now has all money paid back and owns 12 registered dairy animals and 6 grade.

His projects as a Green Hand were: 5 acres of corn, 3½ acres of alfalfa, 45 broilers, 5 acres of rye grass and Crimson clover, 4 milch cows, 3 registered dairy calves and 5 acres of hegari.

His second year projects included: 8 acres of hegari, 50 broilers, 4 acres of corn, 4 acres of alfalfa, 6 milch cows and 8 registered dairy calves.

This year's projects include: 8 milch cows, 10 dairy calves, 1 registered sow and litter, 1 registered bull, 5 acres hegari, 10 acres of corn, 7 acres of rye grass and crimson clover, 4½ acres alfalfa and 2 acres of soy beans.

James' hobby is showing his cattle at the dairy shows. Some of the awards and honors he has won are as follows: 1, won 1st place in showmanship at county dairy show, 1949; 2, placed five cows in the Blue Ribbon class at county show, 1949; 3, placed six cows in Blue Ribbon class at District show; 4, showed the state junior champion calf at the state fair, Dadeville, Montgomery and Demopolis. This won him a trip to National Dairy Show in Columbus, Ohio; 5, won 2nd place in State Star Dairy Farmer contest; 6, he won FFA Dairy judging team.

James' net worth as a farmer is \$4,062.50. He earned \$3,383.64 from his productive projects. He has an outstanding improvement program also. The projects are 100 per cent owned by him, according to his Vo-Ag teacher, T. M. Pruett.

James is the vice-president of the Camp Hill FFA Chapter, vice-president of Key Club, member of 100 Bushel Corn Club for two years, and has shown outstanding evidence of a community leader.

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Northeast District Star Farmer

Lewis Logan, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Logan, of Collinsville, Route 2, has been named the District Star Farmer of the Northeast District.

Lewis started his vocational agriculture work at Collinsville in September of 1946. He was elected vice president of the chapter for that year. His project program was 3 acres of corn, 1 beef cattle, 1 acre of cotton, and one fattening hog. He netted \$286.07 from these projects.

For his second year, he had 3 fat hogs,

Play Safe While Swimming

Swimming is a favorite pastime during the hot summer months! Recent figures show that drownings account for one-third of the public non-transportational accidents and about 5 per cent of all accidental deaths. Children under 15 are the victims in a third or more of these drownings. About seven-eighths of the drownings are boys or men.

Know your capacity for rescuing another swimmer. Whenever possible, allow only experienced swimmers to attempt personal rescues. If a person is in distress, try to reach him by boat or, if you are near enough, hold stick, pole or rope for him to grasp so that he may be pulled in.

Cold or tired muscles are susceptible to cramps. To overcome a leg cramp draw your knees up toward the chest, massage and move the cramped foot or leg while in a "face float" position.

A swimmer may find temporary relief from fatigue by floating or by varying his style of swimming.

The State Supervisor of Vocational

Agriculture and the National Safety Council recommends the following:

1. Do not swim when you are tired, overheated, or chilled.
2. Do not jump or dive into water that may be so cold that it will numb the body.
3. Never dive into water where there may be large rocks or submerged logs.
4. Avoid swimming in the dark.
5. Never jokingly call for help.

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Hitch Your Wagon To A Star

Plan a chapter activity program that will be challenging to all members. Set the goals high enough to encourage everyone to work hard. Plan for all members to enter and participate in some of the state sponsored contests and awards.

1 beef calf, 2 acres of cotton, 1 brood sow, and 1 acre of rye grain and clover. He netted \$726.35 for that year's work.

Lewis' projects for his third year were 2 hogs, 4 acres of clover and rye grass, 2½ acres of corn, 2 beef calves, 3 acres of cotton and 1 brood sow. He served as reporter of his chapter and treasurer of the district. His projects for this year consist of 2 beef calves, 17 fat hogs, 1 brood sow, 1 acre of clover and 2 acres of alfalfa.

Lewis has realized \$1,990.50 from his farming program these last three years.

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Southwest District Star Farmer

Robert Gullledge, 17-year-old member of the Foley chapter, has been selected the Star Farmer of the Southwest District.

Although Robert has only completed two years of vocational agriculture, he is showing outstanding farming ability. He has built his farming program to a total value of \$8,115.00.

He owns 17 head of Angus cattle valued at \$3,035.00, 3 head of calves at \$225.00, 1 brood sow at \$65.00, 65 acres of land at \$4,500.00, and has \$250.00 deposited in the bank.

Robert started his first year in agriculture with 1 sow and litter, 5 acres of corn, 5 acres of potatoes, 5 beef calves, 5 dairy cows, and 5 acres of soy beans. These projects netted him \$3,712.54. This year his projects are 5 acres of corn, 1 acre of cucumbers, 5 acres of soybeans, 3 dairy cows and 3 head of beef calves.

He was chapter winner of the Public Speaking Contest in 1949 and is now treasurer of his local chapter. He has just finished serving his class in school as treasurer. He is a member of the Baptist church, and since 1948 has been secretary of the B. T. U.

—FFA—

Northwest District Star Farmer

Colleen Shotts of the Hamilton Chapter, Future Farmers of America, has been chosen the outstanding Future Farmer of the Northwest District.

Colleen, who is the twenty-two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shotts, of Bexar, Alabama, entered Vocational Agriculture in 1947 as a Senior One, and received his Green Hand degree that year. His projects for the first year consisted of 1 acre of corn, and 1 acre of hay, from which he netted \$322.30. He received his Chapter Farmer degree in November, 1948, his projects being 2 acres of corn, 1 sow, 5 head of calves and 5 acres of cotton. That year he netted \$1,163.79. Colleen's projects have increased along with his interest in farm-



Here are the Star Future Farmers for 1950. They were awarded this honor at the recent FFA Convention held at Auburn. Left to right: Robert Gullledge, Foley, District Star Farmer; Kent Davis, Straughn, District Star Farmer; James Price, Camp Hill, State Star Farmer; Colleen Shotts, Hamilton, District Star Farmer; Lewis Logan, Collinsville, District Star Farmer. These five members were selected as having the best vocational agriculture and FFA program of the 237 members receiving the State Farmers Degree.

ing. His projects for 1949 were 7 acres of cotton, 8 acres of lespedeza sericea, 3 acres of corn, 1 sow, and 9 head of cattle, from which he netted \$2,360.10. His projects for this year are 10 acres of cotton, 10 acres of lespedeza sericea, 5 acres of corn, 3 head of brood sows, 12 head of cattle, 2 acres of oats, and 4 acres of small grains.

Colleen has been an active FFA member. He entered the speaking contest his first, second, and third years in Vocational Agriculture. He took part in the FFA Banquet, and served on the Entertainment Committee.

Colleen's projects for the past three years have netted him a grand total of \$2,330.00, and he owes only \$300.00. His net worth as a farmer is \$2,039.00.

—FFA—

Southeast District Star Farmer

Kent Davis, an eighteen-year-old Straughn FFA member has been named the Star Farmer of the Southeast Alabama District for 1949-50.

In addition to winning the State Farm Mechanics Contest last year, he was the State Electrification winner this year. He also entered the Farm Home Improvement Contest this year. He was treasurer of the Straughn chapter for 1949-50.

In addition to Kent's many FFA activities, he has served for several years as secretary of his local Sunday school, and has a record of being one of the smartest students ever to attend Straughn High School. He can demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary procedure.

Kent's farming operations at present are on a one-third basis with the other members of his family. His projects in 1946-47 were 5 acres of corn, 1½ acres of oats, 6 hogs, and ten trees in his home orchard. In 1947-48, he expanded his farming operations and had 42 acres of corn, 12 acres of peanuts, 15 acres of grain sorghum, 30 head of hogs and 55 head of chickens. In 1948-49, he further expanded with 40 acres of corn, 10 acres of peanuts, 10 acres of grain sorghum, 5 acres of oats, 40 head of hogs, 3 head of cows, and 50 head of chickens. His 1949-50 projects consisted of 45 acres of corn, 9 acres of peanuts, 2 acres of peas, 40 head of hogs, 2 head of cows, and 45 head of chickens. These projects yielded him, with the exception of the 1949-50 crops which have not yet been sold, a total of \$3,958.80. He owns at present, 2 cows, 20 hogs, 50 chickens, a house, a machine shed, crib, cow barn, tractor and equipment, truck, combine, feed mill, and some bonds. Of course, these are owned in partnership with the family on the basis mentioned above. He owes no debts, and his worth as a farmer is estimated at \$6,000.00.

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State FFA Activity Program

1950-51

SUPERVISED FARMING

Goal No. 1. All members progressing toward their individual goals through a definite farming program.

Ways and Means.

- a. Encourage all members to make definite plans toward their goals and purposes.
- b. Encourage boys to carry continuous, well-rounded programs.
- c. Keep accurate records of all projects.
- d. Conduct chapter-planned and sponsored project tours for the purpose of stimulating interest and projecting new ideas.
- e. Encourage members to participate in livestock shows when it is practical for them to do so.

Goal No. 2. All members making contribution to home and community life through their farming programs.

Ways and Means.

- a. Encourage members to plan and carry out home ground and home improvement projects.
- b. Encourage over-all farm planning with parents (such as drainage and terracing program, location of permanent crops, removing hedge-rows to make larger fields, and proper fencing).
- c. Provide sufficient food and feed crops for home needs (such as home orchard, garden truck patches, hay, grazing and grain crops, etc.).
- d. Encourage a complete shop program for community observance through farming programs.

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Goal No. 1. All chapters cooperate with other groups with similar purposes for community improvement.

Ways and Means.

- a. Determine the program or programs that the chapter can aid most.
- b. Determine the place of the FFA in the local program and assign committees for carrying it out (such as livestock shows, F. H. A. programs, school clean-up campaign, 100 bushel corn program, mail box program, etc.).

Goal No. 2. Every chapter participate in forestry program.

Ways and Means.

- a. Plant or maintain demonstration plot.
- b. Encourage individual members to plant pine seedlings where there is a need.
- c. Promote forest control and prevention (such as hold forest fire prevention

week, chapel program, paint signs, radio programs, news articles, have fire lanes around woods, etc.).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Goal No. 1. Each chapter provide one or more community services.

Ways and Means.

- a. Encourage such activities as safety campaigns, rat control, fly and mosquito control, ant control, post treating, seed treating, canning plant, etc.

Goal No. 2. All chapters and members conserve resources.

Ways and Means.

- a. Chapter programs in need of conservation in the community.
- b. Present conservation program to other groups.

Goal No. 3. All chapters with safety programs.

Ways and Means.

- a. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against accidents, fire, and other destructive forces.
- b. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures.
- c. Publicize safety programs.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Goal No. 1. Each chapter hold one or more leadership schools.

Ways and Means.

- a. Plan program early in the year and conduct training program for chapter officers and members.
- b. Follow Official Manual in setting up training program.

Goal No. 2. Each chapter develop activity program.

Ways and Means.

- a. Committee submit program to chapter for adoption during the first month of school.
- b. Committee to be responsible for each objective.
- c. Post copy of program on bulletin board.
- d. Provide each member with copy of the program for his notebook.
- e. Each boy on some committee.

Goal No. 3. Each chapter advance members as they qualify.

Ways and Means.

- a. Show Green Hands how to make State Farmers.
- b. Raise Green Hands to Chapter Farmers.
- c. Have one or more State Farmer applicants.
- d. Recommend boys eligible for American Farmer Degree.
- e. Elect one or more honorary members. (Present key and certificate.)

f. Use degree ceremonies in Official Manual.

g. Encourage boys to understand and work toward next highest degree.

Goal No. 4. Each chapter use state contests to provide leadership opportunities for all members.

Ways and Means.

- a. Encourage all boys to enter several state-sponsored contests.
- b. Each chapter to have entries in as many different state-sponsored contests as is practical.

Goal No. 5. 13,000 membership for the year.

Ways and Means.

- a. Encourage all agriculture boys to belong to FFA.
- b. Encourage all boys to continue their active membership just as long as they are eligible.
- c. Provide programs and activities for out-of-school member participation.

Goal No. 6. Each chapter be represented at the State Convention.

Ways and Means.

- a. Provide ways and means for sending delegates and advisers to State Convention.

Goal No. 7. All state officers, and American Farmer applicants attend National Convention.

Ways and Means.

- a. State Association to send state officers.
- b. Local chapters send American Farmer applicants.

Goal No. 8. Every chapter with a definite Public Relations Program in operation.

Ways and Means.

- a. Plan and carry out a well-rounded public relations program (such as reporting accomplishments to State office, news articles in local papers regularly, state papers and magazines, radio programs, chapel programs, news letters, fairs, demonstrations, taking pictures, elect chapter sweetheart, etc.).
- b. Elect an assistant reporter for each Vo-Ag class.
- c. Encourage all members to wear official FFA jackets, T-shirts, ties, caps, etc., to all special functions such as livestock shows, fairs, field days, etc.

d. Chapters own or have access to camera for making FFA pictures.

Goal No. 9. Each chapter endeavor to develop state officer material.

Ways and Means.

- a. Provide opportunities for all boys to develop leadership abilities.
- b. Select outstanding boys for specific training.

c. Recommend only those boys who have demonstrated ability.

EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Goal No. 1. Every chapter financially sound.

Ways and Means.

- a. All chapters to earn cooperatively sufficient funds to finance local FFA activity.
- b. Operate on chapter budget.
- c. Have FFA bank account.
- d. Treasurer to use Official Treasurer's book.
- e. Records to be kept accurately.
- f. Appoint chapter auditing committee.

Goal No. 2. All members practice a THRIFT plan.

Ways and Means.

- a. Chapter sponsor programs on thrift plans.
- b. Each member set up a thrift budget.
- c. Teach members simple banking.

CONDUCT OF MEETING

Goal No. 1. All chapters conduct meetings at a definite time using opening and closing ceremonies and according to proper parliamentary procedure.

Ways and Means.

- a. Provide training in parliamentary procedure for all members.
- b. Establish a regular time for two meetings each school month and have a definite and well planned program for each meeting.

Goal No. 2. Each chapter provide standard equipment.

Ways and Means.

- a. Chapter to furnish all needed supplies such as manuals, Secretary's and Treasurer's book, Owl, Flag, Plow, Official Banner, etc.

SCHOLARSHIP

Goal No. 1. All members strive to improve their general scholastic rating.

Ways and Means.

- a. Chapter set up plan for recognizing improvement by special awards.

RECREATION

Goal No. 1. Develop greater appreciation and enjoyment of music by all members.

Ways and Means.

- a. Promote participation in musical activities such as quartet, string band, group singing, glee club, etc.
- b. Promote enjoyment of music through listening to music, taking music, chapter programs devoted to understanding music, etc.

Goal No. 2. All chapters promote greater appreciation for good reading.

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THEY'RE HONORARY FUTURE FARMERS—Ten of Alabama's new honorary Future Farmers of America are shown above. They were named at Auburn during the State FFA Convention.

Left to right, front row: James D. Tyler, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Opp; R. H. (Dick) McIntosh, Manager for the Alabama State Fair Authority, Birmingham; P. C. Roquemore, Federal-State Market News Service, Montgomery; J. E. Deloney, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Auburn.

Back row: L. H. Harris, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Fairhope; M. F. Moore, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Hamilton; James H. Nunn, Agronomist, Central of Georgia Railroad, Auburn; Howard Yielding, Yielding Brothers, Birmingham; R. H. (Dick) Bowden, Farm Products Marketing Agent, T. C. I., Birmingham, and Jack House, State Editor, the Birmingham News.

Others not shown in picture are: T. J. Cottingham, President, State National Bank, Decatur; J. C. Grimes, Professor of Animal Husbandry, A. P. I., Auburn, and H. C. Gregory, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Albertville.

These men received the highest honor that can be conferred by the State FFA Association. This was in appreciation of the great contribution of these outstanding men to the FFA program in Alabama.

Ways and Means.

- a. Provide an FFA library.
- b. Encourage use of other library facilities.
- c. Magazines.
- d. Encourage exchange of books among members.

Goal No. 3. Encourage appreciation and participation in athletic activities.

Ways and Means.

- a. Encourage boys to participate in high school athletics and physical education programs.

Goal No. 4. Each chapter have well-rounded social program that will promote group enjoyment and develop social abilities.

Ways and Means.

- a. All chapters have Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet, party or parents night program.
- b. Have planned local and county socials with the FHA.
- c. Plan camping or fishing trips.



Pictured above is Fay Fuqua "Sweetheart of FFA" of the New Market chapter.



AUBURN FFA IN WASHINGTON—Pictured above are the Auburn FFA members as they stopped over in Washington, D. C. for a short visit to the Capitol. Standing in the center is Congressman George Andrews; extreme right is James D. Tyler, Auburn FFA Adviser and third from left is M. D. Guthrey, local teacher. Also in the picture are Auburn FFA members Brice Thompson, Laverne Baker, Richard Baker, Steve McKee, Gary Cooper, Bobby Barrett, Wallace Garrett, Brown Owen, Billy Tatum, Dickie Salmon, Robert Young, Johnny Pittman, Jimmie Thigpen, Paul Price, Billy Lingerfelt, William Clements, Terry Starr. (Photo by Muse, Washington, D. C.)

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SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

Abbeville—Byron Carroll.
 Brantley—Tipton Massey.
 Brundidge—Lloyd Long.
 Columbia—Jackie Hagler, Lawrence Armstrong.
 Elba—Joe Tom Dyess.
 Enterprise—Franklin Nolin, Sam Fleming, Max Dennis.
 Florala—Adon Norris.
 Geneva—Randall Vanlandingham.
 Georgiana—Rufus Watson.
 Goshen—Jimmy King, Gilmer Henderson.
 Greenville—John Arlin Pitts.

Headland—Carroll Hamm, Hugh Woods, James Earl Snellgrove, David Sanders, Herschel Tew, Beauford Sanders, Oneal Shelly.

Holtville—Donald Wilson.
 Kinston—Lloyd Powell.
 Lanier—John Hancock.
 McKenzie—James Robert Josey, Johnnie Columbus Davis, Robert Earl Hayes, James Berton Odom.
 Opp—Douglas Huggins.
 Ozark—Whigham Loftin, Herman Thompson, Shellie Hagler, Elmer McLean.
 Rehobeth—Merlin Martin.
 Straughn—Kent Davis.
 Wetumpka—Heffin Nolen, Thomas Parker, Sammie Cooper, Carmen Hall.

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

Atmore—Clyde Helton, Gordon Everette.

Baker—C. C. McClinton, Wilbur Laverder, Jack Roberts.

Castleberry—John William Bradley.

Citronelle—Henry Hearn, Bobby Merchant.

Coffeeville—Gerald Anderson, George Anderson, Charles R. Cotten, Jr., James L. Roberts.

Evergreen—James Clinton Padgett.

Foley—Charlie Smoote, Robert Gullledge.

Frisco City—Ray Ikner, Charles Blanton.

Grand Bay—Pat Marchand, John L. Fitch, Jerry Sims.

Grove Hill—John Edward Brewar, Wilmer Gates, L. E. Williamson, Kenith Bush.

Jackson—Clifford McLean, Coleman Chastain, Jack Mathews.

Leroy—Aubry Patrick.

Livingston—Harold Pettit, Joben Falls, Cecil McCoy.

Lyeffion—Willie Ed Smith, Billy Wayne Cook.

Orrville—John Sherrer, Edmund P. Lacy, III, Gayle Twilley, Tom Moore.

Pine Apple—Alvin Gordon Stone.

Semmes—Terrell Middleton.

Silas—Thomas O. Murphy.

Thomasville—Maurice Rutledge, Johnny Cargill.

Uriah—Elliott Ward, Junior House, Bobby Smith.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Akron—Wren Yeager.

Ashland—Billy Hallman, Frank Young.

Auburn—Charles Richard Salmon.

Autaugaville—William Edgar Hester, James A. Pearson.

Beauregard—Harry Lazenby, Milo Edwards, G. L. Story, Jr., Herbert Burdell, Earl Gullatte.

Billingsley—Wendell Green, Clyde Hale Mims, James Oneal Weldon.

Camp Hill—Adolphus James Price.

Centerville—Wyman Foster, David Lagrone.

Columbiana—John L. Moore.

Five Points—Reuben Finney, John Hayes.

Isabella—Birt Chandler.

Jemison—Byron Hayes, Cecil Williams, Frank Jones, Sidney Sample.

Lincoln—Clayton Davie, Morris Allred.

Maplesville—Harvey J. Smith, Hillard Smith.

Marbury—Joe Driver.

Mellow Valley—Don Kennedy.

Millerville—Clarence Robinson, Dennis Wallace.

Montevallo—Ben Peete, Teddy Ray Allen, Bobby Jarvis.

New Site—Hollis Mainard Simpson, Jr.

Notasulga—James Monroe Rea.

Prattville—Tom Chambliss, Carroll Allen.

Reeltown—Murray Webster, Fred Newman, Billy Eugene Humphries, Doyle Johnson.

Suttle—Kenneth Hughey.

Wadley—Bobby Bugg, Handley Fetner, Ralph Knight.

NORTH WEST DISTRICT

Carrollton—Felto Oglesby.

Cherokee—Milton Malone.

Corner—Willis Baldwin, Jommy Bogwell.

E. Limestone—Wesley D. Stroud.

Fayette—Robert Norris.

Gordo—Ralph Howell.

Haleyville—J. W. Bankston, Larry D. McNutt.



Pictured above are the winners of the State FFA Radio Program contest. They are from the Auburn chapter. They won first place during the state FFA Convention in June.

Hamilton—Oneal Ritchie, Colleen Shotts.
Hatton—Alton Bowlin.

Leighton—Jerry McGee, Kenneth Earl Landers, Isbell Ray, Robert Burden, Frank Campbell, Terry Ray Uptain, Paul James.

Lexington—McKinley Luffman, Eddie Ray Davis, Lowell Hammond, Talmadge Balch, Leldon Newton, Charles Adomyets, Orvil Collier, Dan Nix.

Liberty—S. B. Jones, Jr.

Northport—Gene Smelser, Seborn Channel, Joel F. French.

Oakman—Jimmy Dock Morris.

Rogers—Leander Gruber.

Rogersville—Billy Springer, C. L. Seathers, Wayne Siniard, Vernon Hurn, Hoyt Steward, Edward Greet.

Sulligent—Buddy Lucas.

Tanner—Walter Shaw, Carl Ran Lecroiv.

Town Creek—Gene Burchel.

Vernon—Maurice Delk, Hurshel Reeves, Travis Bardon, Arnold Spann.

Vina—Charles Scott.

W. Limestone — David Gaston, Glen Brackeen.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT

Arab—Paul Copeland, Billy Joe Rarnard, Dillard Light, Eldon Pierce, Dwaine Blake, Marlow Maze, Wade Skidmore.

Blountsville—Glen Morris.

Cedar Bluff—George Ingram, James Mallett.

Centre—James Ray Harris.

Cold Springs—Leverne Dye, Coleman Freeman.

Collinsville—Clayton Myer, Lewis Logan.

Crossville—Tillman Morrison.

Cullman—Irving Messersmith, Buford M. Gross, William Schmale, John Evers, Bill Dahlke, Elmas Howlett, Rayburn Hathcock, Earl Hancock, Gray Stephens.

Fairview—Samuel Keaton, Clifford Mitchell, James Edward Bryant, Kenneth M. Henry.

Fort Payne—Hugh Lane Killian.

Hartselle—Benard Chasteen, Henry J. Allen.

Hollypond—Grey Hunt, Milton Thomas, Tommy Watts.

Odenville—Porter W. Williams, Billy Harold Mashburn.

Paint Rock—Ted Finley.

Pell City—John Erskin Golden, Raymond Hardy, Alvin N. Barber, Jr., Willie Earl Carroll, Hershel Love, Jr., Albert Perry, Jr.

Riverton—Billy Johnson, Ray Cope.

Sardis—Gene Barksdale.

Stevenson—Mack Gambel, Pearl Allen, R. V. Garner.

Susan Moore—Gilbert Jackson.

West Point—Arnold Brisco.

White Plains—Duran D. Whiteside, Harris Love.



BARBECUED CHICKEN DELUX—The Sulligent FFA barbecue committee making final test before serving.

KEEP AN IDEAL IN VIEW. Ideals are heights of inspiration. Dwell upon the advantages, rewards, and satisfactions that come as a result of resolute endeavor and worthy enterprise.

ATTEMPT MORE AND MORE. Aim to do better today than you did yesterday. Say often, "I can and I will." Make this your creed. Whatever you do, do it well, since good work is its own reward.

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Here is the State FFA President, Winford Collier, wearing the official FFA jacket. Alabama FFA members should place their orders early for these jackets as it sometimes takes a month or two for delivery. Your local Adviser can order them for you for \$7.95 plus a small charge for lettering. They are made in standard sizes from 30 to 50. The official FFA T-shirts come in small, medium and large sizes. Alabama's members seem to prefer the gold colored T-shirt that sells for \$1.00. Both T-shirts and Jackets may be ordered from Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia.

Read in the "Chapter News" what Alabama's progressive chapters are doing.

FFA Membership

Alabama	11,897
Arizona	881
Arkansas	12,171
California	10,737
Colorado	1,809
Connecticut	440
Delaware	651
Florida	6,952
Georgia	13,857
Hawaii	1,387
Idaho	2,699
Illinois	16,527
Indiana	5,656
Iowa	6,743
Kansas	5,812
Kentucky	9,591
Louisiana	7,760
Maine	1,339
Maryland	1,862
Massachusetts	952
Michigan	8,901
Minnesota	6,900
Mississippi	9,375
Missouri	10,356
Montana	1,828
Nebraska	4,076
Nevada	319
New Hampshire	340
New Jersey	1,321
New Mexico	1,697
New York	7,241
North Carolina	18,667
North Dakota	1,649
Ohio	8,641
Oklahoma	13,335

Oregon	3,151
Pennsylvania	9,781
Puerto Rico	4,783
Rhode Island	59
South Carolina	7,170
South Dakota	2,013
Tennessee	14,563
Texas	28,643
Utah	3,113
Vermont	598
Virginia	7,589
Washington	5,335
West Virginia	4,637
Wisconsin	12,307
Wyoming	1,150
Total	319,261

BE A WISE OPTIMIST. Radiate goodwill. Say the pleasant word and do the kindly act. Cultivate magnanimity, and a spirit of gratitude. Confidence and belief in your own ability to achieve will speed your progress.

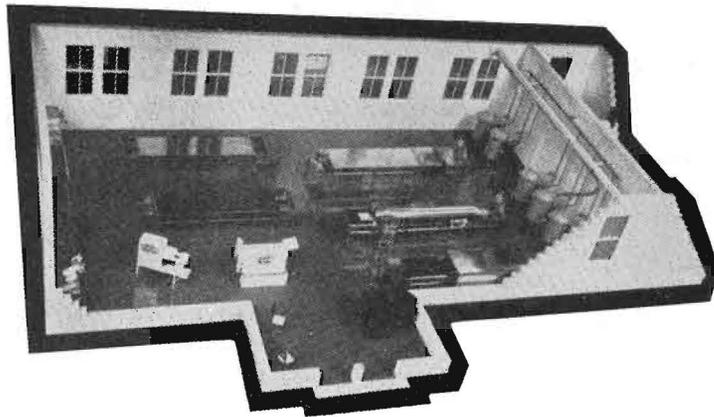
CULTIVATE POISE. The man of poise has many advantages. Work done deliberately and in poise is likely to be thorough, painstaking, and intelligent. Poise suggests self-control and power in reserve.

Developing Personality

1. Be courteous to EVERYBODY.
2. Greet All friends with equal cordiality.
3. Extend a HEARTY handshake, never a flabby one.
4. Introduce people distinctly—don't mumble.
5. Acknowledge ALL introductions warmly.
6. Be sure to remember NAMES as well as faces.
7. Talk with CALM assurance—don't raise your voice.
8. Look people in the eye when conversing.
9. INTEREST yourself in what others say and do.
10. But don't be a busybody of "brutally" frank.
11. Be slow to criticize, but generous in praise.
12. Walk erectly—don't slouch or grouch.
13. Show that you appreciate all favors, large or small.
14. Say "Thank You!" EXPRESSIVELY, not just politely.
15. A PLEASANT smile accomplishes wonders.
16. NEVER seek sympathy, but be sympathetic to others.
17. Be tolerant: "Despise no man—spurn nothing."
18. Make your word respected by keeping promises.
19. Be punctual!
20. Take pride in your personal appearance.
21. Radiate ENTHUSIASM, CHEERFULNESS, GOOD-WILL!

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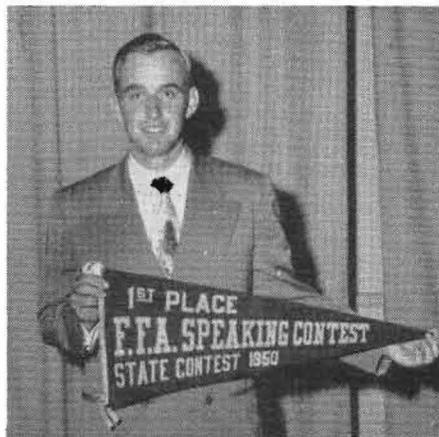
Here is Alabama's champion FFA Quartet for 1950. They are from the Cullman chapter and are from left to right: Charles Skinner, Oscar Pace, Elmos Howlett, George Hartwig and Clyde Price. They won first place in the State FFA Quartet contest at the Convention at Auburn in June. They also placed second in the Tri-State Contest held in Georgia August 3rd. The Quartet from Georgia placed first and Florida third.

KNOW THAT YOU CAN. Right mental attitude will make you cheerful, positive, and self-reliant. Flood your mind with a current of uplifting, will-strengthening thoughts. Know that you can do what ought to be done.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

- TO be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- TO talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- TO make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- TO look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- TO think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- TO be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- TO forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- TO wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- TO give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- TO be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

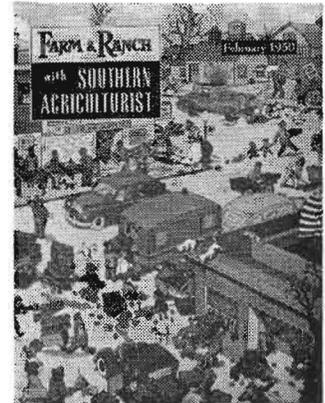


James Rea, above, was first place winner in the FFA Speaking Contest this year. James is the champion FFA speaker in Alabama for 1950. He also participated in the Tri-State elimination where he placed third.

MAKE THE MOST OF TODAY. Translate your good intentions into deeds. Prove your greatness of character where you now are. Steadily build your faith — the master key that unlocks the doors of larger opportunity.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. Rely upon your own resources. Make your dreams come true. Visualize the desire of your heart. Realize that insistent, persistent, honest longing, backed by downright hard, conscientious work brings sure reward.

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An Important Message to Future Farmers of Alabama



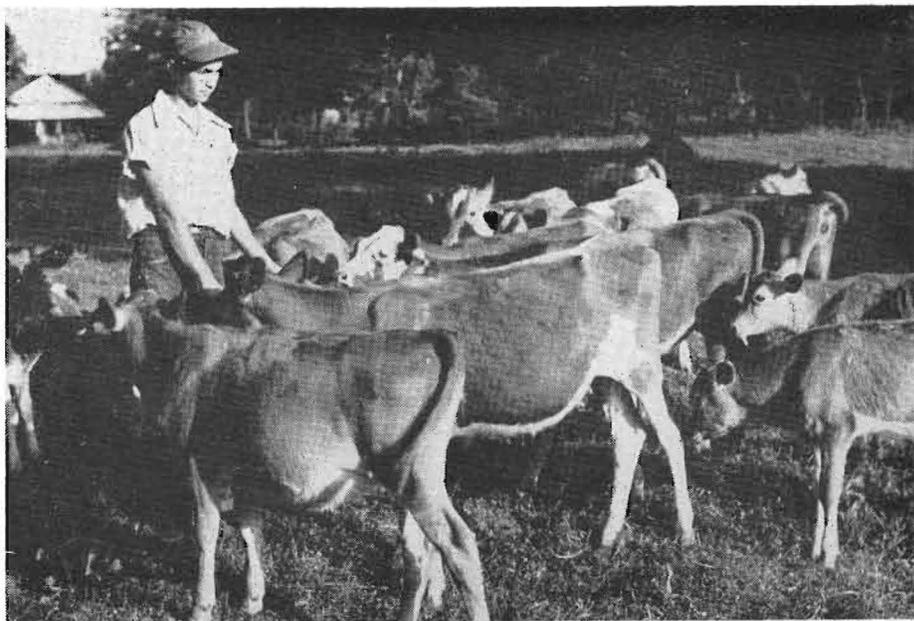
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Here is the Star FFA Dairy Farmer of Alabama for 1950. He is Davis Henry of the Sidney Lanier chapter, Montgomery. The picture above was made at feeding time for his young calves.

Star Dairy Farmer Named At Convention

Davis Henry is an example of a young dairyman who will help transform the dairy industry of the South into a sound and scientific business which will not be excelled by any other section of the United States.

Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Henry of Hope Hull, Alabama. This family are migrants to Alabama from Tennessee. They saw and recognized the possibilities of the Black Belt in Montgomery County as a dairy section and have cashed in on this true discovery. They have had a major part in the rapid development of dairying in Montgomery County during the past twenty years.

Davis, at the age of seventeen years, not only owns thirty-nine head of dairy cows and is a third owner of 201 additional cows on his farm.

Evidence of his ability to assume responsibility is seen in the fact that he is manager of the dairy farm and has the final say in many major discussions made on this farm.

His father is already practically a silent partner. His father's plans call for complete ownership of the dairy farm by Davis within a few years.

Most of the cows owned exclusively by Davis are Guernseys. His long time plan calls for complete elimination of all breeds except Guernseys within a few years. He owns three of the most outstanding Guernsey sires in the United States.

Davis plans to have four hundred acres of the best pasture land in the South. At the present rate he should reach that goal within five years. He is already

growing successfully together eight to ten pasture legumes and grasses on the same area. He has year-round grazing and is producing milk at a minimum cost.

This young farmer found his interest at an early age. That plus the encouragement given him by his wonderful parents means early success which is borne out by his record. He knows what he is doing; where he wishes to go; and is on his way with a sound and safe program in dairying.

The factors which underlie his success at such an early age are: 1, the inherited natural love for cows; 2, native ability with an opportunity for development; 3, thrifty management; 4, highly developed appreciation for good dairy breeding; 5, an appreciation of the value of good pasture and good grass; 6, an appreciation of the value of good quality milk produced and handled under the most sanitary conditions; 7, the knowledge and ability to produce good, strong and well developed heifers for replacements; 8, a keen interest in the welfare of dairying in his community, county and state; 9, a program whereby the cow harvests her own food; and 10, an appreciation of the fact that any successful business man must stay on the job and work.

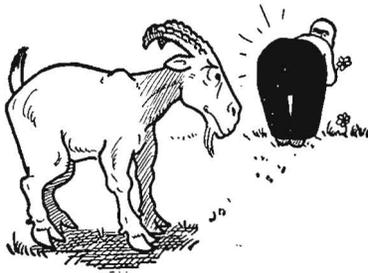
— FFA —

Farm Mechanics Winner

By RAYMOND HARDY
Pell City

I live on a small farm of thirty-one acres, seven miles south of Pell City, Alabama. I have attended Pell City High School for three years and have been a

NOW —
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1. To plan your local activity program.
2. Appoint a committee to be responsible for each activity.
3. Appoint every member on a committee.
4. Start working now on FFA contests.
5. Order Secretary and Treasurer books.
6. Order supply of FFA manuals.
7. Order needed paraphernalia.
8. Order supply of Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins.
9. Have FFA meeting.
10. Take orders from members and place order for FFA jackets, T-shirts, ties, caps, etc.
11. Help your boys get calves for projects and livestock shows.
12. Suggest all boys get gold T-shirts who will have entries, participate or visit livestock shows during the year.
13. Conduct leadership training school for new officers.

member of the Pell City FFA chapter each of the three years. I am now Secretary of the Chapter. I am a Senior three and graduated in May 1950. I live with my mother and father. My father works away from home most of the time. We own a tractor with which I do most of the farming.

Accomplishments so far have been building one barn 20 by 20 feet throughout, in addition I have added two 10 foot sheds and have boxed them up for the tractor and attachments, and other farm equipment. I have also built shelves to set the smaller tools on. I have constructed a 10 foot trailer for the tractor. I figured the bill of lumber, planned the trailer and secured the lumber. I have fenced in about 10 acres of land for pasture, using three wires on chestnut posts and creosoting the part in the ground. In addition to the pasture fence I have dug a stock pond about one-tenth acre. I have also planted four acres of winter pasture consisting of oats, crimson clover, and rye grass.

Another accomplishment is in Vocational Agriculture. I learned how to prune and care for pine trees. We have six acres of young pine trees. I have pruned them out and cut a fire lane around them. Through the agriculture

department I have secured 1,000 pine seedlings and 500 cedars which I planted on the farm for timber in future years.

I have also secured 10 peach trees, 10 apple trees, and 8 grape vines for the orchard and have the older trees.

I have a farm shop with the usual shop tools and equipment for minor repairs on the farm machinery. A post drill, plow trimmer, punches, anvil, chisels and forge and small tools, a grinder for sharpening tools, blacksmith tongs, hacksaw, shop hammers and tool chest.

In the line of general tools I have repaired, put a handle in 2 shovels, three hoes, two rakes, one grass blade and one madak and have sharpened them and put them in good condition.

A lot of help comes to me when I need it from my agriculture library which I prize highly in furnishing the things I want to know.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID—

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help strong men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
5. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred.
6. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
7. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
8. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.
9. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.
10. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.



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FARM MECHANICS

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In the FFA shop I have learned to operate the power saws, jointer, electric drill, grind stone, and I have learned to weld with the electric welder and the acetylene welder. I have learned many things in the FFA shop that I probably would never have learned if it hadn't been for my vocational agriculture training.

—FFA—



The Greenville FFA members purchase certified sweet potato seed for their projects. K. V. Reagan, local adviser, supervises their program. The potatoes are placed in the bed by the Greenville FFA members.

—FFA—



Here they are reaping the harvest of sweet potato plants. They are being taken by Greenville members to start their home projects.

—FFA—



Pictured above is Bobby Green, member of the Riverton chapter, and J. D. Wigley, local adviser. They are holding the large banner which indicates that their chapter won first place in the 1950 State Chapter Contest.



This is a year of opportunity for FFA members everywhere. Local chapter activity programs are being planned. Every member should take advantage of the opportunities offered in FFA.

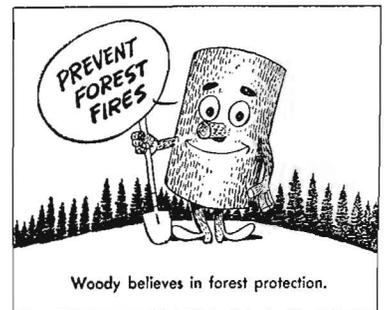
Remember that you must put something into it if you expect something in return.

—FFA—

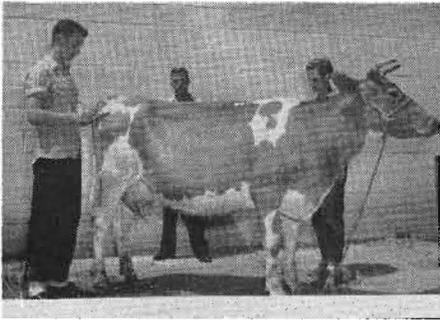
TAKE YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE. Know that you have the ability and energy to fill a foremost place in society. Renew your determination to achieve something worthwhile. Good work always has divine approbation.

—FFA—

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That way, we'll Keep America Green by preventing forest fires. Green and growing forests provide jobs!



Pictured above is the Dadeville Dairy Judging Team. They are from left to right: Don Carlisle, James Whatley and Coker Lester. They won first place in judging at the Dairy Field Day recently held in Dadeville. They made a perfect score which is quite unusual in judging cattle. We congratulate them as well as their local adviser, Mr. Durrell Davis.

Soil And Water Management Winner

In 1947 Dick Salmon started his work in vocational agriculture and FFA. He had already had some experience in farming from working with a small dairy of his father's and a small poultry flock of his own. His first supervised project in agriculture was an improvement and expansion of his poultry flock.

In his efforts to effect a better soil and water management program Dick decided to bring idle and eroded areas of the farm into practical and profitable production. His first step in reclamation of eroded hill lands was to reclaim a seven acre field that had been out of production for several years before the Salmons obtained it. Scrub pine and scattered hardwoods spotted the field and the field was a good example of bad gully erosion. Dick had hopes of bringing this field into full production for pastures. He talked to the PMA man to find out what kind of payments he could get on reclaiming land. Then he went to a local heavy equipment contractor to see what kind of work he would need and how much it would cost. The estimate sounded unreasonable and Dick was about to decide not to even worry about clearing the field. However, he told the contractor to go ahead and start, and if it looked as if it were going to cost too much he would have him stop. After seeing how fast the work was going Dick had the dozer operator to go ahead and finish the field. This field was seven and one-half acres more to be put in improved pasture program. The clearing cost one hundred and ten dollars, plus the seventy dollars payment from the PMA. Dick had to go in with an axe and finish up some of the stumps and roots later. Dick broke and terraced the land after the terrace lines had been run by the soil conservation man. Last fall this field was seeded to crimson clover from which he got

quite a bit of grazing for his dairy cows. This spring the two brothers harvested 1,000 pounds of clover seed from this field. They received forty cents a pound for these seed which brought a total of four hundred dollars for the field. In addition the Salmons had 22 acres more of crimson clover, of which 15 acres were combined and seed sold from these acres. The 15 acre field brought in \$1,159.20 gross income. They also had 15 acres of oats which averaged a bit over 60 bushels per acre. Last fall Dick sowed 8 acres more of Kentucky Fescue and Ladino

clover. He combined the fescue seed from the 9 acres sowed in 1948. He estimates that there should be 1,000 pounds of clean seed for which he will get at least 75 cents a pound because it is certified seed.

Dick says, "Land can pay for itself by reclaiming it if it is managed right." He has reclaimed six more acres of bottom land this summer which he will put into Ladino clover pasture this fall and he hopes to get fifteen acres more of bottom reclaimed and drained to go into a combination grass clover pasture this fall.



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CHAPTER NEWS

ABBEVILLE—Held two officers meetings; placed three gilts with chapter members; made plans and raised \$65.00 toward the purchase of an additional bred gilt for pig chain.

ARAB—Held regular summer meetings; had one social during summer; held officers training meeting; held special training program for publicity committee; three boys grooming calves for Jersey calf show.

AUBURN—Held monthly meetings; made educational tour to Washington, D. C., 17 members, advisor, and one honorary member participating; sent delegate to forestry camp; two members plan to enter 4 calves in district Dairy Show in September; two members completed records for winter grazing contest sponsored by local Lions Club; entered National Chapter contest; member entered National Soil & Water Management contest; Quartet presented musical program at open-air church services; five members assisted their mothers and neighbors in the community canning plant.

AUTAUGAVILLE—Made tour over the college farm in Auburn; two boys received State Farmer Degree.

BAKER—Held officer meeting; started planning program of work.

BAKERHILL—Held two FFA meetings and made plans for another; sent one member to the forestry camp at Selma; circulated advertising material to get more farm families to use canning plant, and succeeded in getting 31 new families to use plant.

BEULAH—Made tour to Florida; held two meetings; had one ice cream supper; paid \$42.19 on film strip projector.

BUTLER—Getting dairy animals ready for shows; string band practice every two weeks; ordered books for library; organizing FFA quartet; ordered FFA manuals for new members.

CAMDEN—Held regular chapter meeting; made plans to operate FFA store at opening of school; agreed to add 15 new books to FFA library this fall; plans made to hold officer training school.

CASTLEBERRY—Four boys received "pig chain" pigs; had an officers training school; chapter bought and displayed new FFA paraphernalia; plan to keep FFA scrapbook.

CHEROKEE—Had one state farmer; sponsored improvement of hospital grounds; sponsored cotton dusting program; working on plans for post peeler equipment and post treating vats; cooperating with canning program.

CITRONELLE—Held officers training school; bought pure bred Durocs for fattening; have complete meeting paraphernalia.

CLANTON—Worked with county FFA association in constructing exhibit for Peach Festival; toured projects and made colored pictures that will be used in class work; added three pigs to pig chain.

COTTONWOOD—Obtained Sears Roebuck gilt for chapter; one FFA member applied for Sears Roebuck Scholarship; held one FFA meeting; chapter made plans to enter Hog Show at Dothan; obtained poster of FFA Creed and Purposes for classroom.

CROSSVILLE—Raised money for chapter by growing out and selling 20 top hogs; entered and showed 56 top hogs in DeKalb County Fat Hog Show; won two registered Duroc gilts at DeKalb County Fat Hog Show; showed 7 fat calves at Gadsden and 2 at Birmingham Fat Stock Shows; added \$25.00 worth of new paraphernalia to classroom; elected 3 honorary members; won third place in corn growing contest as sponsored by State National Bank; approximately 20 members now have entered this year's Corn-Hog Growing Contest which is being sponsored by the State National Bank of DeKalb County; placed 4 registered gilts from sow donated by Sears Roebuck and Company; elected and installed new chapter officers; made one overnight fishing trip and held 2 socials with FHA girls.

DADEVILLE—Made plans for FFA fishing trip; FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Team won first place at the Guernsey Cattle Field Day in Dadeville; one member attended the FFA Forestry Camp.

DOUGLAS—Officers were given FFA manuals and individual instruction was given to each on becoming more efficient in their duties for the coming year; prepared land and secured seed and fertilizer for FFA demonstration pasture; buying some tools and supplies for new Vocational Agriculture Building; sent article to the local paper.

DOZIER—Assisted in livestock sale at Dozier; assisted in pasture meeting at Dozier.

ELECTIC—Held summer picnic; had one meeting during summer.

ENTERPRISE—Held chicken barbecue; 41 FFA members have mail box improvement projects.

FLOMATON—Planning leadership conference before school opens; cooperating with marketing co-op.

FORT DEPOSIT—FFA meeting held; elected

officers; planning to buy calves to enter in the Fat Stock Show.

GOSHEN—Held summer meetings; plan to operate school canteen; plan to place four more gilts on pig chain this fall; held officers training school August 24; paid expenses of two delegates to State Convention.

GRAND BAY—Officers meeting planned; one member attended Forestry Camp.

GREENVILLE—Held meeting each month; aim for year adopted at last meeting, "Recognizing home problems and finding ways to solve them."

GROVE HILL—Placed one registered gilt; placed two registered boars with members; placed Sears sow in hands of another member; made plans to landscape agriculture building.

HALEYVILLE—Made \$50.00 selling calendars; two boys received State Farmer Degree.

HOLTVILLE—Placed two gilts in pig chain; FFA sow farrowed 12 pigs; Dairy judging team made tour, entered Guernsey judging contest; member attending Forestry camp; Registered Duroc boar pigs for sale.

HOLLY POND—Completed 30 demonstrational mail box posts in community; members made educational tour in Florida; erecting marker signs in community; twelve members trying for 100 bushel corn club; grooming calves for district show in Decatur.

INVERNESS—Plans being made for community showing of the new Vocational Agriculture building and equipment upon completion.

JACKSON—Made FFA camping trip to Gulf; FFA mail box posts being put up; officers and advisor met and planned work for coming year; enlarged pig chains.

JASPER—Sold Cal-Ads; refinished a piano for the church; worked on welcome signs for highways leading into the county; bought a shorthorn and Hereford feeder calf; bought all official FFA paraphernalia; held officers training meetings and purchased FFA manuals for all the officers and ten other key members; designed mail box post for FFA members.

KINSTON—18 boys made trip to Panama City, Florida; held officers training meeting and worked on activity program for this year.

LEROY—Planned officers training school before opening of school term; placed Sears Foundation gilt in pig chain, along with five other gilts.

MAPLESVILLE—Held two meetings; placed one purebred Duroc gilt, one purebred OIC gilt, one purebred Jersey bull, and one purebred Hereford heifer; eleven members and advisor made a trip to Panama City, Florida.

MILLERVILLE—28 members made a five day trip to Florida.

MONTEVALLO—Chapter members attended GI Achievement Day; worked with town recreation board improving recreation facilities; chapter room in new department now; elected five honorary members; plans being made for landscaping new building.

MUNFORD—Held two regular meetings; held two officer meetings; planning program of work.

NEW MARKET—A hay-ride was held on July 28th. Swimming, games, and picnic supper was a regular part of the program.

PHIL CAMPBELL—Made plans for a trip to the International Dairy Show; held two FFA meetings; FFA chapter showed a profit over this past year of \$981.00.

PINE APPLE—Ordered guides to Parliamentary Practices; added books to FFA library; held officer meeting.

RAMER—Held officers training program; held meeting and worked on activity program; secured registered Guernsey bull.

RED LEVEL—Chapter members with advisor went fishing on the Gulf; five boys have entries in County Fat Hog Show; held officers training school.

ROANOKE—Purchased and received complete FFA paraphernalia; held one special meeting and made plans for FFA trip; held one regular meeting each month since school was out.

SAND ROCK—Appointed social, program, and program of work committees.

SLOCUMB—Ordered complete FFA paraphernalia; started pig chain with 6 registered Poland-China gilts and boar; held one chapter meeting.

SUSAN MOORE—Showed 9 calves in Birmingham Stock Show; completed FFA post treating plant; held annual FFA picnic; held three meetings during summer; showed 4 Jerseys in County Dairy Show; held officers training school; initiated 40 Green Hands.

VALLEY HEAD—Held two meetings; went on educational and recreational tour to Florida—caught over 200 pounds of fish.

VERNON—Added one OIC pig to pig chain; 16 FFA members planted corn test plots for 100 bushel club.

VINA—Planned for a fishing trip; discussed all the chapter activities for the year; set time to have all regular FFA meetings during year; FFA and FHA had a joint picnic.

WATERLOO—Worked on committee and program of work; eight members buying cows and calves.

WEST POINT—Held officer leadership training school; made tentative plans for next year's program of work.

WETUMPKA—Awarded FFA jacket to winner

in garden contest; ordered secretary's and treasurer's book; had watermelon cutting and softball game; held officers training meeting; two members received gilt from pig chain.

YORK—Seventeen boys and adviser went to Panama City, Florida; purchased new books for library; moved all books and equipment into new agriculture building; tattooed four calves for the Demopolis Dairy Show.

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Farm And Home Electrification Winner

Kent Davis, member of the Straughn FFA chapter first enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in 1945. He became a Green Hand the same year. His main interest was drawn to the mechanical part of agriculture after the first year. But a good supervised farming program was also carried on during this time.

Kent has made good use of his agricultural training. Through help from his family he has built a block home, using lumber that was in the old house. The blocks are home-made of sand dug from a creek with power equipment made in the farm shop. All work of this kind was done in spare time between crops. Kent has a central yard pole for extra convenience. He wired the house throughout to meet NEC specifications. It is equipped with many modern conveniences, such as washing machine, dishwasher, kitchen fan, radios and so on. He has a home-made electric arc welder which consists of an army surplus 200 amp. 28 volt generator that couples on to the tractor power take-off through a junk auto transmission.

Kent has just completed a job of outside wiring. He has extended lines to the farm shop and poultry house. The shop has an adjustable spotlight for night operations. He has just completed installing fluorescent fixtures in three bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, and hall, a total of seven. These fixtures, the yard pole, and all outside wiring was made possible by prize money that he won at the state convention. He has wired three neighbors' homes, all meeting approval of the REA inspector.

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