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Governor Persons Signs Proclamation For FFA Week

A Personal Message



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY 4, ALABAMA

February 1, 1951

Dear Future Farmers:

I am glad to have an opportunity to bring a message to each of you through the medium of "The Alabama Future Farmer". I note that this is to be a special edition celebrating the twentieth anniversary of this publication. I would like to congratulate you and the fine boys who have come before for maintaining the high standards of your magazine. I have received this publication for years and have been able to keep up with Future Farmers' happenings through its pages.

I note that the week of February 17-24 is designated as National FFA Week. It is appropriate that National FFA Week be celebrated during the week of George Washington's birthday. George Washington was a leader of his country and one of the outstanding farmers of his time.

You are facing the greatest challenge that farm boys have faced in the history of this great country of ours. The problems in our country and in Alabama are more complex than ever before. The problems in agriculture are more acute than ever before in the history of Alabama and the nation. I note that you as future farmers are facing these problems courageously and I have no fear of the future when I know the problems of the country are being faced by young men like you.

I have been connected with FFA in Alabama since it was organized in late twenties. I have seen much of the fine work that you are doing and have noticed the expansion of your activities. For instance, the recent addition of sixty prize Hereford bulls to be managed and handled by FFA chapters in the state will have far-reaching results in improving beef cattle in Alabama. I could give you many instances of good work by FFA in Agriculture but I would also like to commend you for your many fine activities in leadership training. Farm leaders of tomorrow will be trained leaders.

I would like for each of you to know that I am one hundred percent behind you and the FFA program in Alabama. I shall continue to cooperate with you in every way possible and will watch the continued progress of your organization with pride.

Sincerely yours,


W. J. Terry,
State Superintendent





CHARLES GILMER, Sulligent Chapter

Alabama's "Future Farmer of the Year"

Sulligent Member Named Most Outstanding For 1950

Charles Gilmer, 17 year old member of the Sulligent FFA chapter, has been named Alabama's "FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR." From the 12,000 active members in the state, he has been selected as having the most outstanding farming and FFA program for the past year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Gilmer of Route 3, Sulligent, Alabama.

Through several years of hard work and good management, Charles has built his farming program up to an asset value of \$34,112.50. His investments have been

primarily in land, farm equipment, livestock and pasture improvement.

In announcing its choice of Charles Gilmer, the state FFA Executive Committee issued the following statement:

"To select Alabama's 'FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR' is no easy task for the reason that many members of the Future Farmers of America have done and are doing outstanding jobs. Charles has, in the past four years, done an outstanding job in assuming a great responsibility in the operation and management of his home farm. He has accomplished much in his vocational agriculture and FFA work. The Committee truly believes that Charles exemplifies the important part FFA members today are playing in Alabama's agricultural world."

Charles has a very outstanding record in leadership and other FFA activities during the past four years.

His first FFA activities were as follows: 1947-48, assistant finance director of chapter, assistant FFA store operator, represented chapter in calf scramble in Birmingham, won county fat stock show, member of FFA string band, elected Secretary of chapter for following year.

Second year in FFA, 1948-49, elected Vice-President of county FFA, delegate to state convention at Auburn, awarded

State Farmer Degree, member Chapter judging team, won county fat stock show, won seventh place in class in Birmingham show, gave response for FFA at *Birmingham News* barbecue, sow placed second in county hog show, member of FFA quartet, operated FFA store - over \$300.00 profit, member chapter nursery committee - set 700 shrubs, 100 bushel club entry, elected Chapter treasurer for next year.

Third year in FFA, 1949-50: main speaker on banquet program, nursery committee chairman - set 850 shrubs, member of FFA quartet, 100 bushel club entry, supervised FFA store, chairman
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CHARLES landscapes their home with the assistance of his parents and sister.



CHARLES and one of his prize hogs he plans to market this year.



STATE OF ALABAMA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
MONTGOMERY
January 18, 1951

GORDON PERSONS
GOVERNOR

TO ALABAMA FUTURE FARMERS:

As governor of Alabama and as one who is keenly interested in the farm youth of our state, I want to personally congratulate you and your able and resourceful leaders, whose joint efforts have resulted in much progress and happiness to the rural people of our state.

I also extend heartiest congratulations to you on the twentieth anniversary of your "Alabama Future Farmers". I always look forward with pleasure to receiving it and reading what you boys are doing.

As members of the world's largest farm boy organization, you are due congratulations for so ably accepting the responsibility of helping keep agriculture prosperous in Alabama. The future of agriculture in this state depends largely on the training, leadership, and national recognition of which we in Alabama are justly proud. Through Vocational Agriculture and FFA our farm youth have a wonderful opportunity for development of their agricultural abilities. Through this training farm youth are encouraged to stay closer to the soil and will become our better farmers of tomorrow.

Alabama and America need your efforts now as never before. We need the maximum production you are capable of producing. You are a precious resource.

During my administration, we want to encourage each and every one of you to do your best at all times. I close with your slogan, "The Successful Farmer of Tomorrow is the Future Farmer of Today".

Wishing you all the best of luck.

Very truly yours,
Gordon Persons
Gordon Persons
Governor



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FUTURE FARMER



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March 20 and 21.

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Decatur — Thursday and Friday, April
5 and 6.

Dothan — Tuesday and Wednesday,
April 10 and 11.

Selma — Thursday and Friday, April
12 and 13.

Gadsden — Thursday and Friday,
April 19 and 20.

Birmingham — Thursday and Friday,
May 3 and 4.

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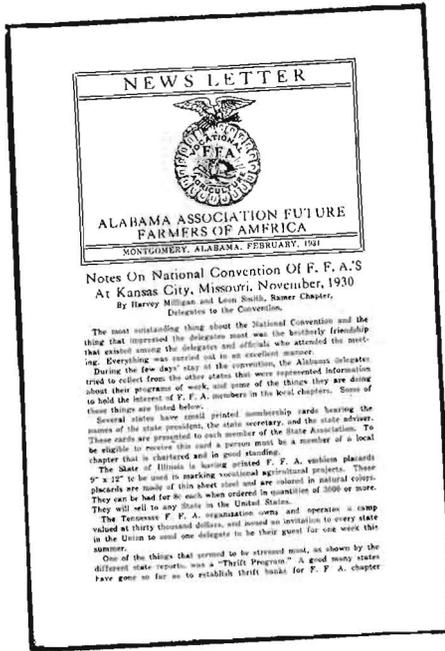
Twentieth Anniversary Edition

This "Special Edition" of *The Alabama Future Farmer* marks the 20th year of its publication. This is by far the largest issue ever published.

According to the records, the first printed issue was published in February, 1931. This first issue was called "The News Letter" of the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America. Other issues of the "News Letter" were published in November, 1931, and March, 1932.

In November, 1932, a new title was selected and since that time has been known as "The Alabama Future Farmer." It is the official organization of The Alabama Association, Future Farmers of America (FFA). The magazine is devoted to these young farmers who study vocational agriculture in the high schools of Alabama. It is published every other month and copies go to all Alabama FFA members, the most progressive young farmers in the state.

Below are several reprints of news items taken from some of the early issues of *The Alabama Future Farmer*:



PICTURED ABOVE are two of the first printed issues of *The Alabama Future Farmer*. At left shows the first printed issue, which was called the "News Letter." At right shows the first issue when the name was changed to "The Alabama Future Farmer."

**'Possum Supper At Flat Rock
1931**

A 'possum supper was given by the Green Hand Farmers and the Future Farmers at the vocational building of the Flat Rock High School last Saturday night. The affair was well attended by the vocational boys whose mouths began to water as soon as they entered the building and smelled the 'possum that was thoroughly side-dressed with potatoes. The persimmon eater was the center of attraction for several minutes until all of the boys had arrived.

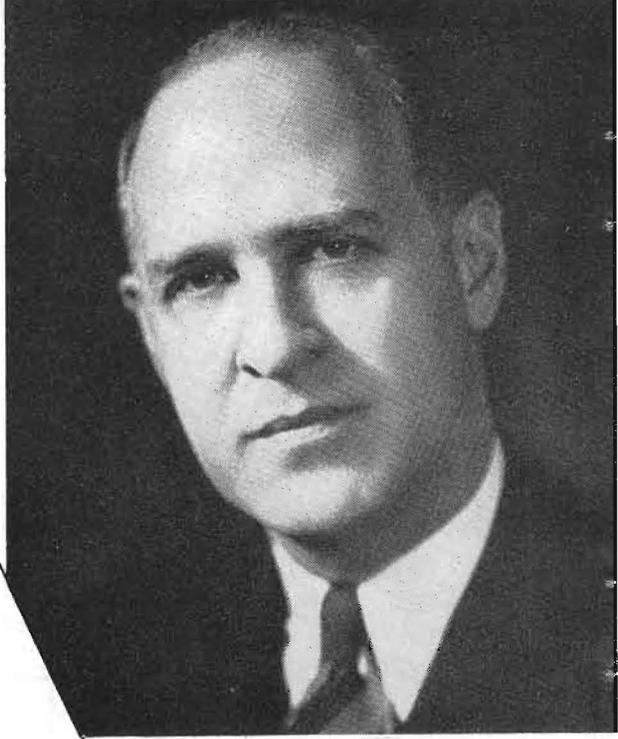
The food was spread on a long table in the class room and supper was announced by Principal J. N. Esslinger, who acted as toastmaster and gave a short Hambone Meditation on the 'pos-

sum. He complimented the boys on the fine spirit they were showing in their FFA and vocational agricultural work. No one said anything about the financial depression, because there was food enough for twice the number present.

The animal that suffered, bled and died for the occasion had a very interesting history which was related by James Frasier, who had been successful in catching him in a small tree near his home. The animal had been fed nutritious food more than four weeks. He liked persimmons and rabbits the best. However, no one saw him eat because he preferred eating after dark.

The vocational teacher, H. E. Phillips, made an interesting talk about the use of fertilizer under cotton this year. Every

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A Message to the Future Farmers of Alabama:
Greetings to the Alabama members of the Future Farmers of America and congratulations to the "Alabama Future Farmer" on its twenty years of service to our State association.

The Future Farmers of America is your own organization--youth initiated and youth directed--for those who study vocational agriculture in the public schools. Through your organization you learn leadership, cooperation, service and thrift. You learn the benefits of improved, diversified agriculture and wise land use. As co-author of the Vocational Education Act of 1946, I have seen your organization at work, teaching our farm youth the dignity, the worth and the rewards of farming as a way of life.

Out of farming in the earliest times grew man's attachment to the homeland and the ways of peace and cooperation among neighbors; the development of family life; and the beginnings of science, art and civilization. Today our nation and all the nations who love peace are threatened by a merciless enemy that seeks through aggression to substitute Communist tyranny and atheism for the individual freedoms and accomplishments of our Christian democracy.

In the last war, the farmers of America met the challenge of dictatorship with record crops of food and fiber and agricultural commodities of all kinds that gave our people and our allies the strength and health and resolution for final victory.

I have faith that you--the Future Farmers of Alabama--together with all our farm people and all Americans, will meet this new challenge of Communist dictatorship. I have faith that you, without thought of self, will give the work and toil, the service and sacrifice, to win the ultimate victory for peace.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

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FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR

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arrangement committee Father-Son banquet, won county fat stock show, placed third in Birmingham show with prime steer, member of beef judging team, gave response for FFA at *Birmingham News* barbecue, showed grand champion dairy cow in county show and won second place beef bull.

Fourth year in FFA, 1950-51: showed grand Champion dairy cow, first and second place beef steers, and second place beef bull at county Achievement Day Festival, member of beef judging team, member FFA quartet, entered home improvement contest, number one member to be called upon by his chapter.

His FFA Adviser, S. J. Gibbs, has this to say about his FFA work: "He is a splendid speaker — has poise, he can always be depended on to do a jam-up job as leader or chairman of any committee. He has a good personality. He is liked by everyone. He is neat in appearance and wears nice clothes. Farming, with chief interest in livestock, is first and foremost with him. Pleasure and social life places second. He is a most outstanding young man and has a very bright future before him."

Charles has been an exceptional student of vocational agriculture and FFA member in the Sulligent High School, Mr. Gibbs said. His interest in livestock farming developed early in his high school course and now he has in his herd two registered Jerseys, four registered Hereford cows, three grade cows, two steers for the spring fat stock show, two Hereford heifers, a registered bull that he plans to use as his beef herd bull, a registered OIC sow and a litter of pigs.

Living happily, and working in partnership with his parents, and sister, Claire Joan, Charles also does tractor farming for his neighbors in spare time. Being in the sawmill business, his father turned the farming over to Charles three years ago, and each year his farming program averages 150 acres in cotton, corn and hay. As a Junior III, he started his pasture program, sowing five acres to Dallas, Lespedeza Sericea and Fescue. Each year he has increased his pasture acreage, and this year, he seeded 33 additional acres. Rapidly, he has turned rolling, eroded hillsides, into valuable green acres to furnish grazing for his livestock. He has his own crusher with which he grinds and mixes his home grown feeds. His one and one-half acre fish pond is stocked and well fertilized.

For the fourth time, Charles has been winner of the Lamar County Fat Stock Show and probably his proudest moment came last spring when his best calf in the Birmingham show, graded prime.

Recently, at the county Achievement Day Festival in Vernon, his dairy cow was declared the grand champion, and his two fat stock show entries copped both first and second prizes.

As a result of his successes and capabilities, Charles was selected in 1949 and again in 1950, to give the response at the *Birmingham News* barbecue held in Birmingham, honoring county fat stock show winners. Forcefully, he told his hearers of his interest in livestock farming, and how the stock shows, and FFA had inspired him to work, with untiring interests, toward a challenging goal.

Being a very versatile high school senior, he is song leader for Sunday School and church services at his church, and teaches the Young Peoples' Sunday School Class. He is president of the Beta Club and plays a trombone in the high school band. He plans to attend school at Auburn next year and study Animal Husbandry.

This zestful young farmer, with vision and foresight for our modern age, has planned, with his FFA Adviser and his



CHARLES HAS established a young orchard and is advised on pruning the trees by his teacher of vocational agriculture, S. J. Gibbs.

parents, to have on his farm the beauty, conveniences, and the landscape equal in comparison to those you dream about. During his four years as an FFA member, his dream has come true, and his home with its surroundings are a monument to his successful farming.

He did an excellent remodeling job on his home early this year, with electric lights and running water in his house and barn, bathroom, laundry unit, a deep freeze, radio, electric fan. Their all electric kitchen, consisting of a hot water heater, stove, refrigerator, and kitchen sink with cabinets, is most attractive and labor has been cut to the minimum. By the construction of cement walks, the addition of shrubbery from his FFA nursery, interesting and pleasant surroundings are to be found at the home of Charles Gilmer in Lamar County.

—FFA—

What are some safety rules to follow in hay storage to prevent spontaneous combustion?

Honorary Members

Each year the Alabama Association confers the Honorary State Farmer Degree upon a few people who have made outstanding contributions to FFA. This is the highest degree the State Association can confer upon anyone.

Below is a list of all Honorary State Farmers in Alabama giving the year they received it.

1930

R. E. Cammack, Bradford Knapp.

1931

J. B. Hobdy, G. T. Sargent, R. J. Roberson, F. A. Pittman, J. E. Morris, S. L. Chesnutt.

1932

A. F. Harman, J. C. Cannon, Earle Thomas, J. R. Formby, J. M. McReynolds.

1933

H. F. Gibson, W. S. White, A. W. Jones, J. W. Fant, Felton Mullins, D. N. Bottoms, W. M. Reeder, J. A. Parrish, L. N. Duncan, M. J. Funchess.

1934

D. R. Harbor, L. F. Ingram, B. Q. Scruggs, J. P. Montgomery, L. J. Howell, A. L. Morrison, K. V. Reagan, G. H. Dyar, C. R. Wood, I. P. Thornton, Lamar Jeffers.

1935

H. R. Culver, J. W. Stone, P. H. Alsabrook, H. F. McCroskey, F. E. Martin, C. P. Granade, Joe Starnes.

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Future Farmers Of America

The largest and finest organization of farm boys on earth, the FFA sets a splendid example for the world, offers a tremendous challenge for the future. In the classroom and on the farm FFA members, with the help and guidance of their leaders, complete practical projects which encourage better farming and better living standards for all.

Through the FFA Foundation, Firestone, like many other organizations, helps sponsor these many and diversified activities. Each year thousands of members participate in local, state, and national contests to compete for honors and awards.

Members and leaders of FFA are to be commended for their extensive achievements in this and many other worthwhile endeavors. Let us continue to give them our assistance and encouragement at every opportunity.

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Mr. T. L. Faulkner, Editor
The Alabama Future Farmer
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Having once been a farm boy myself, I have watched with special interest and satisfaction the fine achievements of America's farm youth. As one who has wholeheartedly supported our vocational agriculture programs, I have also noted with pride the many opportunities these programs have opened to our young farm people. Likewise, I have been pleased with the excellent work done by these young people through their national organization, The Future Farmers of America.

Thus it is that I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Alabama Association of The Future Farmers of America. Particularly do I want to send you greetings on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of The Alabama Future Farmer magazine. Every two months I read this magazine and thus keep up with the good work being done by The Alabama Future Farmers. We shall all treasure this special edition.

More and more, farming is becoming a specialized business. To be a successful farmer requires education and training just as surely as does the profession of medicine or law. Certainly is this true in this age of farm mechanization and diversification. Farming is no longer a one-crop or an old-fashion plow endeavor. Future farmers and those who help to teach them recognize these facts, and are taking full advantage of the excellent agricultural programs available today. Furthermore, they are profiting by sharing experiences with one another through The Future Farmers of America organization. Moreover, the FFA offers invaluable training in the arts of public speaking, self-reliance, sound financial practices, public service, and all-round civic responsibility. These are attributes farm people as well as those who do other work should have.

Well-trained and successful farmers are more needed than ever for national security. Our country's survival is in balance. Our farmers are again faced with the problem of all-out production without engaging in soil depletion or other dangerous practices. These and other problems must be solved because we must have a well-fed people if we are to go successfully through the national emergency. We also shall probably have to help feed the peoples of friendly countries. We also I know that The Future Farmers of America will continue to play their full part in meeting all these requirements.

Sincerely,
John Sparkman
John Sparkman



A P R O C L A M A T I O N

By the

G O V E R N O R

WHEREAS, the future progress and prosperity of Alabama is dependent to a great degree upon the skills and efforts of those citizens who operate the many farms of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America organization is composed of boys who are studying Vocational Agriculture in public secondary schools as preparation for careers in farming; and

WHEREAS, the major purposes of the Future Farmers of America organization are to develop leadership, encourage cooperation, promote good citizenship, teach sound methods of farming and inspire patriotism among the members; and

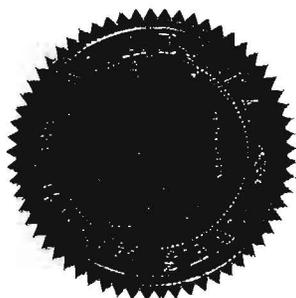
WHEREAS, Alabama now has 253 active chapters of the organization, with more than 12,000 presently active members and more than 100,000 associate members; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Future Farmers of America perform valuable community services and provide important leadership in developing our agricultural economy and in building a better state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gordon Persons, Governor of the State of Alabama do hereby proclaim the week, beginning February 17, as

"ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER WEEK"

and urge all citizens to take notice of the many contributions of the Future Farmers to our State and to encourage in every possible way the further growth of this splendid organization for our farm youth.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed at the State Capitol in Montgomery this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fifty one and of the State the one hundred thirty first.

Gordon Persons
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Mrs. Agnes Baggett
Secretary of State

ABOVE IS A REPRODUCTION of the proclamation by the Governor of Alabama proclaiming February 17 to 24 as FFA Week in the State.

FFA Week, February 17-24

Why National FFA Week

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has estimated that 130,000 NEW Farmers are needed each year to maintain the present high level of agricultural production in the United States. A large percentage of the persons who enter the farming business have not had the technical training in agriculture that they should have to become successful farmers. It is the successful, well-established farmer who contributes most to our agricultural production and who takes proper steps to conserve and improve the soil so that generations following

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THE COVER PICTURE shows Governor Persons as he signs the Proclamation for FFA Week. The state FFA officers are shown looking on while Governor Persons signs. The officers standing from left to right are Reuben Finney, Five Points, Secretary; Winford Collier, Wetumpka, President; Paul Copeland, Arab, Treasurer; Kenneth Landers, Leighton, Reporter; John Sherrer, Orrville, Vice-President.

—FFA—

Radio Programs

Radio programs will feature FFA work in Alabama during FFA week beginning Monday, February 19th at 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. each day. The program will be heard over the following stations:

WSGN, Birmingham; WKUL, Cullman; WHBS, Huntsville; WJBY, Gadsden; WFPA, Fort Payne; WHTB, Talladega; WKLF, Clanton.

Boyd Evans of Radio Station WSGN, Birmingham, is announcer for this program and is always glad to work with local FFA chapters in recording their programs or broadcasts over these stations during Alabama Farmers Time. Why not write him a letter when you need him.

—FFA—

In what kind of situations are electric fuses replaced with coins or other metal? What are the dangers attending this practice? What should be done about it?

FFA On The Air

A NBC network radio broadcast will feature the Future Farmers of America on Saturday, February 17, heralding the opening of National FFA Week. The program is the National Farm and Home Hour, heard during the noon hour in most localities. National FFA President Walter Cummins of Freedom, Okla., will be heard from Chicago to open the program. A switch will then be made to Hollywood, Calif., where Future Farmers from the California Junior Republic at Chico will be interviewed. National FFA Week is scheduled for February 17 to 24, inclusive.



PICTURED ABOVE are the Orrville members erecting a welcome sign for the chapter. J. H. Stagers, at left, is their adviser. They plan to erect such signs on each highway leading into town.



1. To the Northport chapter for having the largest membership for the third successive year. They have 136 members.

2. To State FFA President, Winford Collier for representing Alabama's Future Farmers at President Truman's Youth Conference in Washington, D. C.

3. To Bill Robinson of the Mt. Hope chapter for showing the grand champion FFA bull during the State Fair in Birmingham.

4. To the eight Alabama FFA members who received the American Farmer Degree, the highest award offered during the national FFA convention last October. They were Joe Minter, Camp Hill; Thomas Turner, New Market; Johnny Pittman, Auburn; Neal Miller, Orrville; Eulon Mill, Florala; Thomas Green, Billingsley; Jack Goolsby, Florala and James Knight, Beauregard.

5. To the Sidney Lanier FFA Dairy Judging team for winning State and National honors at the National Dairy Show in Waterloo, Iowa. Members of the team were: Davis Henry, Ernest Hawk, Frank Stewart, Jr., and E. S. Collier, Adviser.

6. To Reuben Finney for being selected as an outstanding FFA member from Alabama to be guest of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company on an all expense paid trip to the Florida State Fair, Tampa, Florida, February 1-4.

7. To the Holly Pond FFA Beef Judging Team for winning State and National honors at the American Royal

FFA WEEK

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him will have a foundation for continuing the production that is an essential factor in maintaining the present American standard of living and raising the standard to even higher levels.

Vocational agricultural education in the nation's rural high schools and the Future Farmers of America organization are contributing substantially to the education of farm boys in the skills that will enable them to become successfully established in farming, and provides participating experiences to help develop to the fullest extent the boys' abilities in rural leadership and American citizenship.

It is fitting and essential that recognition should be given to these young farmers as they prepare for a future in their chosen occupation of farming. Encouragement in their work at this point in their training will do much to stimulate them to harder study and greater achievement.

National FFA Week is scheduled to focus attention on the work of this group of Future Farmers of today who will be successful farmers of tomorrow.

Theme For 1951 National FFA Week

"I BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE OF FARMING," the first seven words of the FFA Creed, is the theme of National FFA Week for 1951.

The Future Farmer Organization

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys who are studying vocational agriculture in the rural public high schools and preparing for a career of farming. The organization has approximately 320,000 members in the 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. There are about 8,000 active local chapters of FFA in rural high schools of the nation. The approximate age level of members is 14 to 21 years.

The national Future Farmers of America organization was founded in 1928 at Kansas City, Missouri, and until recently had operated under a corporate charter issued by the State of Virginia. The Congress of the United States passed Public Law 740 last summer to grant the FFA a Federal Charter of Incorporation.

Nationally, FFA is sponsored by the Agricultural Service of the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency. In the states it is sponsored by the various State Boards for Vocational Education, and in local communities by the departments of vocational Agriculture in the local high schools. Each local chapter, state association, and the national organization elect boy officers annually. The FFA holds a national convention annually in Kansas City. More than 6,000 boys attended the 1950 national convention.

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The Successful Farmer Of Tomorrow Is The Future Farmer Of Today

He faces the future with confidence. He believes in himself and respects his fellowmen.

He studies vocational agriculture and becomes a practical scientific farmer.

He thinks clearly and works efficiently.

He recognizes challenging problems and opportunities.

He is cooperative, friendly, courteous and honest.

He receives training in leadership and citizenship and serves effectively for his home, community and nation.

He is bringing a new era of agriculture and rural living.

Exposition in Kansas City. Members of this team were Roy Burgess, Hulet Dis-
mukes, and David Hassell and D. F.
Holcombe, Adviser.

8. To the FFA for being the world's
largest Farm Organization.

9. To the many FFA chapters in
Alabama who repaired toys and present-
ed gifts to the underprivileged children
and needy families during Christmas.

10. To Charles Gilmer for being se-
lected "Alabama's Future Farmer of the
Year."

11. For the many FFA chapters who
are sponsoring successfully purebred pig
chains.

12. To the Northport FFA Dairy
Judging team that won State and Na-
tional honors at the International Dairy
Exposition in Indianapolis, Indiana.
Members of the team were Jack French,
Calvin Crawford, Milton Crawford, Ar-
chie Crawford, and L. W. White, Ad-
viser.

13. To the many individual members
and chapters as a whole in the State who
are setting pine seedlings and carrying
on forestry improvement programs.

14. To the many FFA boys in Ala-
bama who won membership in the 100
bushel corn club by growing 100 bushels
or more per acre on their project.

15. To T. J. Cottingham, President,
State National Bank, Decatur, Alabama
for being selected by the *Progressive
Farmer* as Alabama's 1950 "Man of the
Year," in service to agriculture.

16. To the 56 chapters in the state
who have purebred beef bulls and are
successfully improving their community.

17. To the Thomaston FFA Dairy
Judging team who won State and Na-
tional honors at the All American Jersey
Exposition in Dallas, Texas. Members of
the team were James Aiken, Roy Here-
ford, William Rankin and J. L. Pritchett.

18. To Wayne Hawthorne of Susan
Moore chapter for winning the showman-
ship contest and \$100.00 at the State
Fair.

19. To the 22 FFA members who are
applicants, this year, for the American
Farmer Degree.

20. To all FFA members who are
showing animals in the beef, dairy and
hog shows in Alabama this year.

21. To all chapters who are celebrat-
ing FFA Week.

22. To all members who are partici-
pating in the FFA Public Speaking and
other contest and award programs.

23. To the Riverton chapter for win-
ning the Gold Emblem award in the
National chapter contest the past year.

24. To the Auburn chapter for win-
ning the Silver Emblem award in the
National chapter contest the past year.

25. To the Successful Farmer of To-
morrow who is The Future Farmer of
Today.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit, non-political, farm youth organ-
ization of voluntary membership, designed to take its place along with other agencies
striving for the development of leadership, the building of more permanent agricul-
ture, and the improvement of country life. It constitutes one of the most efficient
agricultural teaching devices that has been developed up to the present time. The
FFA is 100 per cent American in its ideals and outlook and has no outside affiliations.
There is no secrecy in connection with any of its activities.

The Future Farmers of America exists today because of a cooperative spirit and a
desire on the part of farm boys, 14 to 21 years of age, preparing for farming through
vocational agriculture, to have a national organization of their own in which they
could secure practical business experience, act as their own instructors, and enjoy the
fellowship of one another. It is organized vocational education in agriculture on a
youth level. Improved agriculture, better local communities, a more satisfying farm
home life, and more efficient farmer-citizens are developing as a result of the boys'
experiences.

FFA Aims And Purposes

The Aims and Purposes of the Future Farmers of America, as stated in its
constitution, are:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and
their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs
and establishment in farming.
6. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To participate in cooperative effort.
10. To encourage and practice thrift.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational
activities.

The FFA Creed

*I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds —
achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise
of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have
come up to us from the struggles of former years.*

*I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging;
for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for
those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.*

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THE NORTHPORT MEMBERS grow their own peanuts to sell at football games. Picture
above shows the members as they harvest this year's crop.

HONORARY MEMBERS

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1936

R. G. Ellis, R. E. Martin, C. A. Brogden, N. G. Anderson, L. L. Sellers, R. L. Tait, J. D. Matthews, J. D. Thorn, T. L. Crowder, J. H. Kitchens, Kirtley Brown.

1937

W. C. Friday, W. D. Hunt, J. W. Locke, G. S. Williams, D. T. Rogers, E. L. Fincher, R. W. Montgomery, S. J. Gibbs, J. F. Turner, E. L. Stewart.

1938

Earl Gissendanner, F. K. Agee, T. N. Pruitt, D. N. Turney, C. C. Scarborough, J. W. Walton, J. W. Gullate, H. W. Green, O. N. Andrews, H. L. Terrell.

1939

H. H. Moses, R. E. Mitchell, N. L. Curvin, E. M. Fleming, H. E. Logue, B. N. Stone, B. M. Walkley, T. L. Faulkner, M. Thornton, R. L. Reeder, I. C. Kuykendall, F. S. Ward, D. J. Bartlett.

1940

E. D. Hess, Alexander Nunn, A. C. Dunaway, J. J. Lewis, J. A. Benford, J. H. Jackson, E. P. Geiger, L. G. McDonald, W. R. Martin, H. R. Morgan, D. O. Langston, C. E. Sherard, E. S. Collier.

1941

J. D. Wigley, V. C. Kitchens, B. P. Dilworth, J. D. Duke, E. E. Christian, J. N. Ferguson, A. L. Smity, T. B. Hagler, J. C. Johnson, S. G. Black, Howard Gray, M. H. Pearson, H. G. Greer.

1942

D. S. Loyd, R. L. Yielding, J. C. Middleton, C. P. Williams, E. E. Nelson, George Martin, J. H. Camp, Palmer Godsey, L. W. White, O. D. Gissendanner, E. B. Norton, Gould Beech, George Hulme.

1943

H. L. Jacobs, J. L. Bull, R. J. Chandler, J. E. Christian, W. R. Jordan, M. H. Bryant, F. W. Waldrop, John M. Ward, W. E. Snuggs, P. A. McDaniel, W. C. Edge, G. S. Smith, Roy Gibson.

1944

R. M. Avery, J. O. Cleland, J. L. Dailey, H. H. Denson, F. H. Morgan, J. L. Pate, J. W. Reeder, W. W. Rogers, M. E. Wilson, J. G. Yeager, John Sparkman, A. B. Hope, Marvin P. Mantel, G. D. Broom, A. A. Miller.

1945

J. H. McRae, J. C. Chisholm, E. R. Gardner, H. T. Pruett, O. G. Aldridge, D. P. Whitten, L. E. Porter, W. F. Knight, D. F. Holcombe, R. L. Griffin, R. E. Moore, E. V. Chapman, C. R. Welden, Victor H. Wood, Ben A. Greene.

1946

L. B. Cagle, P. A. Cox, B. A. Johnson, H. L. Manscill, F. W. Wood, Miss

Hulda Coleman, A. R. Meadows, Luther Fuller, W. H. Gregory, H. O. Coffey.

1947

L. C. Shields, G. W. Ward, J. L. Parrish, J. H. Moseley, S. C. Doughty, Neil O. Davis, D. D. Whitcomb, Erskine Ramsay, Ernest Stone, Glenn T. Stebbins.

1948

R. C. Frederick, A. G. Driggers, G. C. Adderhold, C. D. Richardson, E. G. Whatley, J. A. Ogburn, J. A. Beaty, C. M. Dannelly, R. F. Burnside, Maynard Layman, Ralph B. Draughon, J. E. Moreno, M. E. Coleman, Robert N. Hoskins.

1949

W. C. Greenway, Paul B. Fuller, Boyd H. Leyburn, Charles P. McMeans, W. T. Bennett, Hurst Mauldin, F. H. Echols, W. H. Walker, J. L. Lawson, E. L. McGraw, T. W. Gandy, J. H. Stagers, R. J. Pirkle, W. M. Lewis, W. J. Thompson.

1950

P. C. Roquemore, R. H. McIntosh, C. H. Bowden, Jack House, H. H. Nunn, T. J. Cottingham, J. C. Grimes, Howard Yielding, J. E. Deloney, J. D. Tyler, M. F. Moore, L. H. Harris, H. C. Gregory.

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To The Editor

I like to be an FFA member and read *The Alabama Future Farmer*. My entire family, friends, and relatives read it. Its articles of inspiration transfer ideas to more people than we realize. Happenings in other chapters are the highlight of the paper. FFA members and chapters should know of what others are successfully accomplishing.

FFA work fills my spare time pleasantly. To be a member of a network organization like it, with its many contests and projects, is a challenge to my deeper thinking and quickened skills. Socially, it provides wholesome, well planned recreation that we can all afford. — Billy Flynn, Sulligent Chapter.

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The Alabama Future Farmer is an excellent paper for farm boys. Each boy in the Curry Chapter looks forward to its arrival. It seems to create an inspiration for the boys to improve themselves after reading what other boys in the



THE DADEVILLE FFA members set shrubs around the new school building. Members in the picture are: Donald Black, Cerelle Spraggins, John Willoughby, W. O. Lance, Adviser and Jimmy Kilpatrick.

State of Alabama are accomplishing with their supervised farming programs. — Charles Shubert, Curry FFA Chapter.

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The Future Farmers in LaFayette Chapter thoroughly enjoyed the *Alabama Future Farmer*. We have enjoyed the news of the activities in which other chapters are engaged. We have particularly enjoyed the news of our own chapter and hope to see our name in print many times in the future.

We feel that by reading of the activities of other boys we are spurred on toward greater action ourselves.

Keep 'em coming! — Winfred Weldon, LaFayette FFA Chapter.

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The Alabama Future Farmer has been used in our chapter very extensively. We have been enjoying it so much until we look forward to receiving it long before it arrives. We think very highly of the material we receive from each copy. We feel like it has brought each chapter a little closer to each other, to make our state organization stronger and has increased our interest in each chapter.

We feel like there has been a wonderful job done in the past, and know there will even be a better job in the future to make the *Alabama Future Farmer* the greatest publication that can be possible to have. Hats off to you and the work that you have done to make our organization an organization that we are proud to be a member. — Fred Stewart, Millry FFA Chapter.



BRUCE ANDERSON of the Sidney Lanier chapter and his dairy herd.

1950 Star Farmer Of America

Nineteen-year old Kenneth England started with Jerseys and today holds one of America's highest farm awards — Star Farmer of America. The Chandler, Arizona, Future Farmer won the award and the \$1,000 cash prize that goes with it at the 1949 annual convention of the Future Farmers of America. There is no higher honor that can be awarded an FFA member. Jerseys helped him get where he is today.

Kenneth began with one Jersey heifer while he was in grade school. Now his 50 cow herd of registered Jerseys is valued at more than \$7,000. His carefully kept financial records show that during his four years of vocational agriculture work he made a labor income of \$19,021 from his farming projects. Most of that money came from his Jerseys. His first year out of high school his gross labor income was \$13,870.

A junior member of The American Jersey Cattle Club, he belongs to his local Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the Farm Bureau. He was secretary and vice-president of the Chandler FFA Chapter and held offices in his area and state FFA associations.

You Can Be A Junior Member

After you buy your first registered Jersey calf, you will want to become a junior member of The American Jersey Cattle Club. It's easy to become a junior member, and there are many advantages in this special plan.

You are eligible if you have a Jersey dairy project and are between the ages of 10 and 21. You must be active in FFA work to join.

A junior membership gives you the privilege of becoming associated with the oldest dairy breed organization in the United States. The American Jersey Cattle Club was organized in 1868 and since then has been made up of America's outstanding and most progressive Jersey breeders.

After your application for membership is approved, you get the special membership card awarded to junior Jersey owners. It is bill-fold size and entitles you to register your animals at membership rates until you are 21 years of age. This amounts to quite a saving through the years. For example, nonmembers pay \$3.50 to register a female under six months of age. The fee for members — including junior members is only \$2.50.

To become a junior member, have your vocational agriculture instructor fill in a special form furnished by the Club. This form lists your name, address and birth date. He can get a copy of the application by writing the State FFA Executive Secretary.



MARY ANNE ROGERS, Red Bay

She's Our "20th Anniversary Queen"

MARY ANNE is a Senior II in school, member of the FHA, Treasurer of the Beta Club, accompanist to the Glee Club, Secretary of MYF and also an accomplished accordion player. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rogers of Red Bay. Runners-up are below.



PAT EVERAGE, Evergreen



ELLEN PIERCE, Excel



FRANCES WHITE, Jackson



JEWELL HALL, Bridgeport

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so — for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The FFA Motto

Learning to Do
 Doing to Learn
 Earning to Live
 Living to Serve.

(LEARNING TO DO — As vocational agriculture students in high school Future Farmers study the practical, scientific principles of agriculture that will enable them to become good farmers.)

(DOING TO LEARN — Each member is required to conduct a farming program at home, under the supervision of his vocational agriculture instructor, where he puts into actual practice the methods he learns in the classroom.)

(EARNING TO LIVE — The supervised farming program at home is designed to operate at a profit so that the Future Farmer may expand his farming enterprises as he learns, to the end that he will be successfully established in farming and become a self-supporting, substantial citizen.)

(LIVING TO SERVE — Development of rural leadership and citizenship is a primary aim of the FFA organization. Active rural leaders contribute much to their community, state and nation.)

Degrees Of Membership

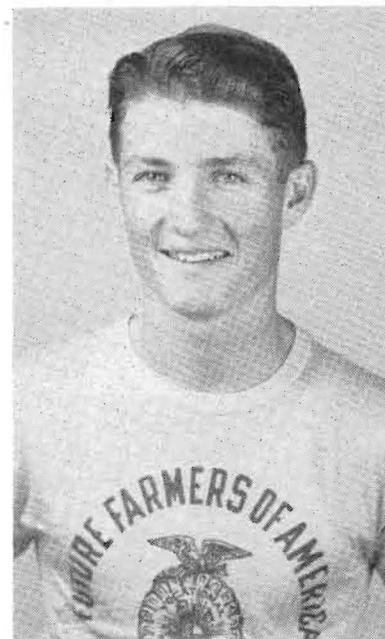
When first year vocational agriculture students join the FFA they are admitted as GREENHANDS. As they progress in their work the local chapter may advance members to the CHAPTER FARMER degree. After the third year of membership the State FFA Association may advance those members who show outstanding accomplishment to the STATE FARMER degree. The State Farmer degree usually is awarded in State Association convention and is limited each year to two per cent of the state's FFA membership. The highest degree of membership in FFA is awarded by the National Organization in national convention and is known as the AMERICAN FARMER degree. Only one member in one thousand may attain the American Farmer degree in any one year.

Why Was February 17-24 Selected For National FFA Week?

The Future Farmers of America admire George Washington for the traits of leadership that he exhibited during his lifetime and for the principles that he lived and fought to establish and preserve. George Washington also was one of America's first scientific farmers and introduced some of the soil conservation practices that American farmers are just beginning to put into general practice. The Future Farmers of America national camp is located in land that was once farmed by Washington and the George Washington Grist Mill, oldest relic of his occupancy of Mount Vernon, is leased by the FFA and kept open to the public. The FFA members chose the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week out of honor and respect for the "Father of Our Country."

What Local Chapters Will Do During FFA Week

1. Prepare news features for local paper, telling of chapter's activities. Have cuts made and run lots of pictures. Arrange with editor of local newspaper to print a special FFA edition. Many merchants are glad to purchase ads in paper and devote to a salute to FFA. Some plan full-page ads.
2. Many newspapers plan FFA Week special editions.
3. Contact local radio stations to obtain FFA programs. Radio advertisers may also wish to plug FFA during the week. Make arrangements to appear on a television show if there is a station in your community. Arrange for local stations to carry spot announcements on FFA Week.
4. Obtain "FFA Week" proclamation from mayor or governing official of town.
5. Make "National FFA Week" posters and exhibits and contact local business men for window or floor space for displays.



FUTURE FARMERS, order your official FFA "T" shirts as shown above from the Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia. They are \$1.00 in gold color.

6. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs, and Service Organizations and make arrangements for Future Farmers to appear on their programs.
7. Sponsor joint meetings of local civic and rural clubs.
8. Arrange special school assembly program to be put on by FFA.
9. Hold open house for parents and friends. Tell about the past year's FFA activities and accomplishments.
10. Invite eighth grade farm boys and their parents to a special FFA meeting or open house.
11. Sponsor torchlight ceremony program at local churches or school.
12. Prepare FFA Chapter News Letter to distribute to parents and others in the community.
13. Have all members who own them to wear FFA jackets and "T" shirts during the week.
14. Plan some special activities for every day during the week.
15. Promote membership drive. Keep all former members active as long as they are eligible.
16. Parade through town. All members wear FFA caps and jackets all during the week.
17. Hold annual Parent-Son or other banquet.
18. Conduct a project tour, so friends in the community can see FFA member accomplishments.
19. Urge members to listen to the National Farm and Home Hour, NBC, on Saturday, February 17, when they will hear the national FFA president.

Northport Judging Team Goes To Indianapolis

By L. W. WHITE, Adviser
Northport Chapter

The Northport FFA Dairy Judging Team won first place at the State Fair last Fall. Their award was a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, and to represent Alabama FFA in the International livestock judging contest.

Milton Crawford, Calvin Crawford, and Jack French were the boys on the team that made the trip to Indianapolis. Of course, I accompanied them. Archie Crawford was the alternate. The Crawford boys are first cousins from the Echola Community.

The Northport team placed fourth in the nation. California was first, Illinois second, and Indiana third. Calvin placed second individual in judging all breeds. The Curtis Publishing Company presented him with a 33 mm camera with all attachments and case. Milton Crawford placed third individual in judging Holsteins. They judged eight classes. Five classes of cows, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey. Three classes of heifers, Jersey, Holstein and Brown Swiss.

The \$200.00 paid by the fair association was supplemented by \$100.00 from the Chamber of Commerce of Tuscaloosa. Mr. Buford Boone was the chairman of the agriculture committee and looked after getting this for the trip.

We left Birmingham Friday morning October 6th on the South Wind. This was an experience for the team. Some had never been on a train and some had only gone short distances. We enjoyed the trip. We spent some time in the observation car during the day and heard the ball game over the radio in the observation car in the afternoon. We had lunch in the dining car.

We arrived in Indianapolis Friday afternoon at 5:01 after leaving Birmingham at 7:20 a.m. We went to the fair grounds on the street car. We were welcomed there by Mrs. White, who worked in the entry division. She took us up to the dormitory where we stayed during the time. The dormitory is on the fair grounds and has accommodations for 300 boys. An adjoining dormitory accommodates 300 girls. The price was \$3.50 per day which included sleeping quarters and three good square meals, served home style, all food on the table and the boys had all they wanted to eat. The cooking was done by home economics teachers and the agricultural teachers and extension workers looked after the dormitory. We had group singing and string band music at all meals.



WALTER DUKE of Fyffe chapter can see a future in his forestry program. He is shown examining damage done to one of his young pines by fire before it could be stopped.

FFA members in Alabama are promoting improved forestry practices as one of their projects. They plan to set nearly 2,000,000 pine seedlings this year as part of their forestry program.

They made arrangements for all to attend church Sunday. Everything was done that was possible to do to make our stay a pleasure.

We saw some of the best cows in the country and some from the Island of Jersey and Guernsey. We judged Monday morning after having a meeting of the Coaches Sunday night. It was with some hot arguments about rules, etc.

Each boy gave written reasons on one class and oral reasons on other classes. I might say now, that we should include this in our judging. That was where my boys failed and I am including it from now on in my practice sessions. The most serious mistake we made was made by one of the boys on the Holstein. Out of a possible 50 points he only made 5. I wish that we could have more practice on all breeds.

Monday night we had a banquet at the dormitory and awards were made. Out of the six individuals recognized, two were from Alabama, in addition to placing fourth.

I think the boys did well considering the fact that they judged their first Holsteins and Brown Swiss on that day.

We left there at 7 Tuesday a.m. and spent about 3 hours in Louisville. The trip was enjoyed by all. We had Sunday dinner in one of the finest eating places I have ever been in and it cost some money to eat there but it was educational to the boys and their teacher too.

I believe that the trip is worth a year's school to any boy who makes it and I, for one, will be in there trying to win on dairying and beef this year.

London Boy Writes Classic On Cow

Evacuated from the East End slums of London, a 10-year-old boy saw his first cow in the English countryside which meant comparative safety from Nazi bombs.

And this is what he wrote with all the gravity of childhood:

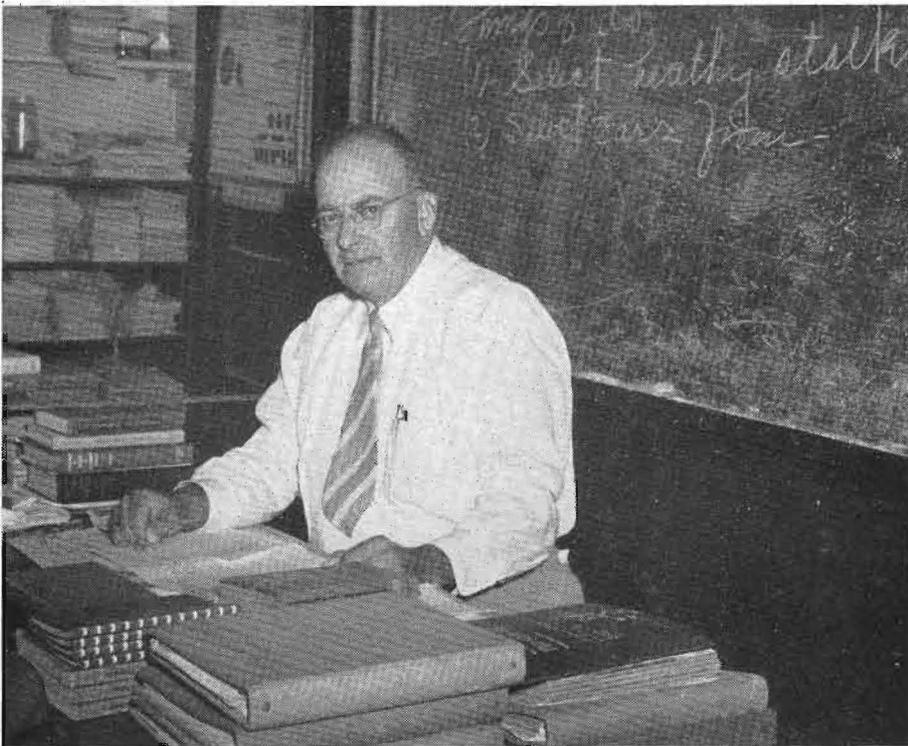
"The cow is a mammal. It has six sides, right and left and upper and below. At the back it has a tail on which it hangs a brush. With this he sends flies away so they don't fall into the milk.

"The head is for the purpose of growing horns and so his mouth can be somewhere. The horns are to butt with and the mouth to moo with.

"Under the cow hangs milk. It is arranged for milking. When people milk, milk comes and there never is any end to the supply. How the cow does it, I have not yet realized, but it makes more and more. The cow has a fine sense of smell, and one can smell it far away. This is the reason for the fresh air in the country.

"A man cow is called an ox.

"The cow does not eat much, but what it eats, it eats twice so that it gets enough. When it is hungry, it moos, and when it says nothing at all, it is because its insides are full up of grass."



L. J. HOWELL, teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA Adviser at Reform, Alabama continuously for the past 33 years.

The FFA Motto

By L. J. HOWELL, Adviser
Reform, Alabama

*"Learning to do
Doing to learn
Earning to live
Living to serve."*

As one grows older he thinks more of the real meaning of words and develops a kind of a philosophy of life. We study the causes and effects of human affairs as related to human behavior. Ideas are expressed in words. Ideas when put into action by leaders are either beneficial or destructive. There are many benefits resulting from the ideas expressed in the FFA motto, if interpreted in a democratic sense, which develops within us the American way of life. Patriotism and good citizenship should be instilled in the life of every American. The privilege of living the above motto is a great heritage bought and paid for by the blood of our forefathers in the revolutionary war. We should appreciate these privileges and opportunities and prepare ourselves to make the most of them for our own good and the good of others.

Our motto contains four very active verbs: learning, doing, earning and living. It takes a very *live* boy to fully exercise all of them. These verbs, if used properly, can develop a boy into a great character for good; but if used as our great enemy, the communist, is now using them, futility and final destruction will be the answer. We will lose all of our much cherished liberties.

Now, let us ask a few questions and think a little just how our motto can be interpreted in terms of action. (1) *Learning* to do what? (2) *doing* to learn what? (3) *earning* what and for whom? (4) *living* to serve what and whom?

The full intention of our motto is to develop us into good citizens who believe and practice the American way of life, based on the four freedoms: (1) freedom of religion and peaceful assembly, (2) freedom of speech, the press and the radio, (3) freedom of franchise – voting as one pleases, (4) freedom from want and fear.

In times like these, we find ourselves facing the communist leaders with eight hundred million sympathizers who have a blue print charted, if carried out, will finally take away all of these freedoms and change the activities of the good purposes of our motto into (1) *learning* to do as another directs (2) *doing* as ordered (3) *earning* for the state in order to exist (4) existing to serve the state as directed by a ruthless dictator. Under a dictator rule, the common people (the large majority) cease to really live. They become state property just like horses, hogs, dogs and cows – they merely exist.

When you become a mature American citizen with the full meaning of our motto properly developed in your mind and soul, you will not believe in *ap-peasement*; you will not *practice coercion*; you will not be *coerced*. This characteristic of a boy or man, based upon the meaning and practice of the golden rule, and the law of self preser-

vation, stands for (1) *learning* how to make a living for yourself and enough for your future security, (2) *doing* not as ordered, but as your mind and conscience directs you without molestation or fear, (3) *earning* to live and *have* what you *earn*, (4) *living* to *serve* your *own needs*; to serve the Creator; to serve the needy; to serve your country in time of peace or in time of war. Boys, what a motto! Let's live it! Let's prepare for and live a life of service!

EDITOR'S NOTE: We extend hearty congratulations to a very outstanding citizen – L. J. Howell. Mr. Howell has been teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA adviser at Reform continuously for thirty-three years. This is a record, not only in Alabama, but for the entire nation.

When Mr. Howell started his work at Reform, even the best farmers of that day were using Half-and-Half cotton and 100 to 200 pounds 10-2-2 per acre. Average yield of corn was 13 bushels per acre and cotton, 99 pounds lint per acre in 1918. In 1948 Mr. Howell's boys averaged 43 bushels corn and 573 pounds lint cotton per acre. Average state production in 1948 was 367 pounds lint.

Prof. Howell, as he is known to the boys and girls of Pickens County, has a great philosophy all its own. He loves the boys and people he works with and the feeling is mutual with them. Prof. said he was inspired to write the above article because "I feel and understand the meaning that a boy can get from the FFA motto, patriotism, good citizenship, and Americanism."

He has been a great inspiration to the hundreds of FFA boys who have had the privilege of working with him. The teaching of American patriotism is important now as never before, says Mr. Howell. He is still very active, has an outstanding program in operation, and we wish him continued health and happiness for many years to come.

Let Us Pray

Every morning remember that the thing we should pray for first is: God, give us understanding of what we have been spared and make us truly grateful, but in addition give us strength to see that the sacrifices of those we loved have not been made in vain and to remember day in and day out that there is a price for peace, that we work for it just as we work in war, and that only through our work together can the world have hope in the future. – Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Sidney Lanier Team Wins At Waterloo

Alabama's Dairy Judging Team won many honors at the National Dairy Show in Waterloo, Iowa. The team, from the Sidney Lanier chapter in Montgomery, was composed of three members, Davis Henry, Ernest Hawk, Frank Stewart, Jr., and their FFA Adviser, Ernest Collier.

They won one first place award, four third place honors and two fourth place awards. In the individual awards Frank Stewart, Jr., won a first place Gold Emblem award in judging dairy cows.

This team won in the State FFA Dairy Judging Contest at Auburn in June, 1950. The state award was the privilege of representing Alabama at Waterloo with expenses paid.

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Flomaton Chapter Publishes News Letter

The "Korny Kob," published by the Flomaton chapter of the Future Farmers of America, is distributed semi-monthly to students, business men of Flomaton and county and state school officials.

This publication can be recognized by the blue or gold colored paper and the FFA emblem on the front. Each issue has news articles, a page of jokes and comedy and an article on some chapter officer or staff member.

The first issue of the "Korny Kob" was published February 4, 1949. The Ag. III class originated the idea and provided the first staff members.

The cost of publishing is approximately six dollars each issue. This expense is partly defrayed by the addition of an ad sheet to each copy. The additional amount is paid from the club treasury.



K. V. REAGAN, adviser from Greenville chapter at right presents an honor cup to Joe Sanders for being selected the best all round FFA member in the chapter.



HOLLY POND JUDGING TEAM members at Kansas City. Reading from left to right, front row: Roy Burgess, Hulet Dismukes and David Hassell. These three members accompanied by D. F. Holcombe, their adviser, made the trip.

Back row, left to right: D. F. Holcombe, R. L. Shoemaker and Asa Blalock.

R. L. Shoemaker, member of the judging team entered A. P. I. and could not attend the national convention. Asa Blalock won the trip to Kansas City at the State Fat Stock Show in Birmingham.

LEND A HAND!



CRIPPLED CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP

So many handicapped children need proper medical care and special training! Every penny you give will help! All these youngsters want is a chance to grow up straight and strong . . . to become useful happy citizens. Give now, won't you?



**18th ANNUAL
EASTER SEAL APPEAL
FEB. 25 • MAR. 25**

HAVE You HEARD.. This one?

Plenty of people have a good aim in life, but a lot of them don't know when to pull the trigger.

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Be pretty if you can, witty if you must, but agreeable if it kills you.

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The little daughter of a colonel living on an army post was taken to church for the first time. The minister was one of the old fashioned type who believed in illustrating his sermons with vigor. She stared in awe at the old minister, shut up in a box pulpit, thumping the Bible, and waving his arms wildly. Finally, unable to stand it any longer, she whispered to her father in a frightened voice: "What'll we do if he gets out?"

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A six-year-old child from New York's East Side was visiting in the country. The farmer's wife took her for a tour around the place. She showed her the garden, the chickens, the stables, and finally they arrived at the pig pen where an enormous sow reclined in the sun.

"Big, isn't she?" asked the farmer's wife. "No wonder," the girl replied. "I saw her yesterday and she had 10 little pigs blowin' her up!"

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Lady Customer: "Of course, you understand I want my shoes comfortable, but at the same time good looking and stylish."

Clerk: "Yes, Ma'am. I think I understand perfectly. You want them large inside and small outside."

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A farmer who had spent his life in the country, retired and moved to the city. On the first morning in their new home, his wife said: "Well, Pa, it's about time you started the fire."

"Not me!" he exclaimed, nestling down deeper in bed. "We might as well start right now getting used to all the city conveniences. Call the fire department!"

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Girl: "Why do you call your wife angel?"
Boy: "Because she's always ready to fly, she's continually harping and she never has an earthly thing to wear."

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A frog was caught in a deep rut in a road, and in spite of the help of his friends, he could not get out. They finally left him there in despair. The next day, one of his friends saw him, chipper as you please, and no longer in the rut.

"What are you doing here?" the friend asked. "I thought you couldn't get out."

"I couldn't," the frog replied. "But a truck came along the road and I had to."

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Whether it's on the road or in an argument, when you see red—STOP.

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"Doctor, I'm scared to death. This will be my first operation."

"Sure, I know just how you feel. You're my first patient."

Jones: "I hear you bought a car cheap the other day. How are you getting on with it?"

Smith: "I'm just realizing how hard it is to drive a bargain."

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A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest.

"Eve was made from Adam's rib," said the surgeon, "and that was a surgical operation."

"Yes," agreed the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," spoke up the politician proudly, "somebody must have created the chaos."

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Husband: "It was fearfully hot at the game this afternoon."

Wife: "Why didn't you get one of those baseball fans they always have at the games?"

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"Ever had a serious illness?" asked the examiner.

"No," was the reply.

"Ever had an accident?"

"No."

"Never had a single accident in your life?"

"Well, no, I ain't. But last spring when I was out in the meadow, a bull tossed me over a fence."

"Well, don't you call that an accident?"

"No, I don't. That darn bull did it on purpose."

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A certain rich man, married to a nagging wife, asked that she carve on his tombstone the words: "He rests in peace."

This she did upon his passing, but when his will was read and the widow discovered that someone else had inherited most of his property, she added these words to the in-

scription on his tombstone: "Until we meet again!"

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A boy and girl were riding horseback out in the country. As they stopped for a rest the two horses rubbed necks and noses affectionately.

"Oh, me," said the guy. "That's what I'd like to do."

"Go ahead," said the gal, "it's your horse."

★ ★ ★

An old cowboy went to the city and registered at a hotel for the first time in his life. The clerk asked him if he wanted a room with running water.

"Heck no!" the cowboy yelled. "What do you think I am, a trout?"

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"Mother, that dentist wasn't painless like it says on his sign."

"Why, did he hurt you?"

"No, but he hollered just like any other dentist, when I bit him."

★ ★ ★

Grandpa: "I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."

Grandma: "You missed it before—that's why it's gone."

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Sunday School Teacher: "Now, Johnny, what do you think a land flowing with milk and honey would be like?"

Johnny: "Sticky!"

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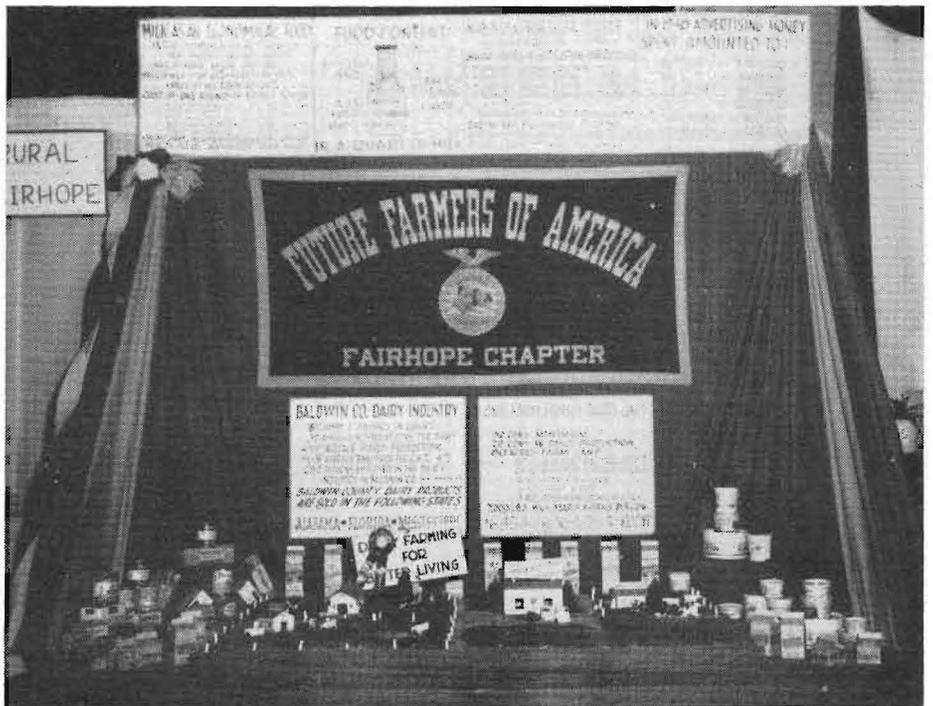
He: "Every time I kiss you it makes me a better man."

She: "Well, you don't have to try to get to heaven in one night."

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Last night, when all the stars were lit, Pa went out to stroll a bit.

When Pa came home, Ma had a fit; The stars were out but Pa was lit.



PICTURED ABOVE is the winning exhibit of the Fairhope FFA chapter at the Baldwin County Fair. This exhibit emphasized the different phases of dairying, its production, marketing and consumption. L. H. Harris is adviser at Fairhope.



“I Believe . . .”

This is “FFA Week” — when 11,848 Alabama members of the Future Farmers of America will observe the organization’s 22nd anniversary. They will re-affirm their faith in a creed which states:

“I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds . . . in the promise of better days through better ways . . .

“I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging . . .

“I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others . . .

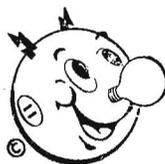
“I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so — for others as well as myself . . .

“I believe that rural America can and will

hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.”

The membership of Future Farmers of America consists of boys and young men 14 to 21 years old who, under able educational leadership, are studying vocational agriculture in approved high schools throughout the Nation. The foundation upon which Future Farmers of America is built includes leadership and character development, sportsmanship, cooperation, service, thrift, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenship and patriotism.

We are happy to publish this advertisement in recognition of the fine efforts of the membership of the Future Farmers of America and their leaders and teachers. They, too, are “Helping Develop Alabama.”



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TURNER E. SMITH

\$100 Award Announced

In memory of the late Turner E. Smith, a native of Madison County, Alabama, Mrs. Smith is offering an award of \$100 to the outstanding FFA boy of that county for 1950, on this 20th Anniversary of the *Alabama Future Farmer*.

Mr. Smith served his educational apprenticeship and received administrative experience in the schools of Oklahoma City. From this experience, more than ever a believer in good textbooks as necessities to better teaching and zestful learning, Turner Smith entered upon his life work in school book publishing, first as a representative and, in 1924, as the founder of the firm that bears his name.

Mr. Smith saw school books as bringing the soundest Southern thinking and practice to guide teachers and pupils in making education a regenerative force in the everyday life of the home, the community, the school, the farm, the factory and the market place. Springing

from this realization was his firm's pioneering of vocational textbooks, especially for the South.

Since his sudden death in 1947, his devoted wife has carried on in a most successful way, the publishing business known to FFA boys as the "Turner E. Smith and Company."

Mrs. Smith was selected "Atlanta's Woman of the Year in Business, 1949," which is further proof of her service to the South. Alabama Future Farmer members are grateful to her for the many ways she is encouraging them to be better and happier citizens.

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Mr. W. H. Wilson, Representative of the Company, invites all FFA members and advisers who attend the Montgomery Fat Stock Show, March 20 and 21, to also visit their plant there.

Ramer Member Makes Good

One of the outstanding Future Farmer success stories of Montgomery County is Lowell Thomas Hataway's beef cattle project. After starting at scratch three years ago, he has accumulated a herd valued at \$4,440.

Hataway started his beef cattle project as a supervised farm practice when he began the study of vocational agriculture at Montgomery County High School three years ago. He was graduated in May, 1949.

In the beginning he rented a pasture and bought five grade brood cows. Since then he has bought pasture land and added horses and bees to his farming venture.

During 1950 he harvested enough hay to feed during the winter, raised one-half acre of cane for making syrup, and grew four acres of corn from which he gathered 150 bushels.

Hataway lives in Mt. Carmel community in the gray-black soil belt and is a member of the Ramer FFA Chapter.



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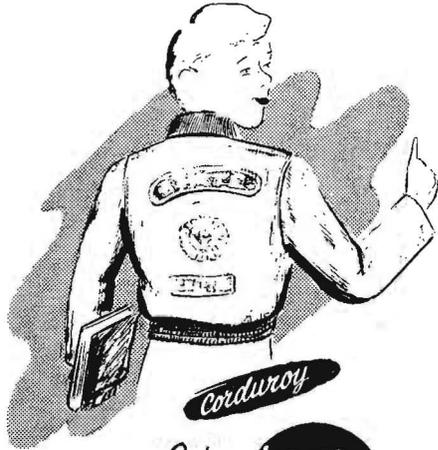
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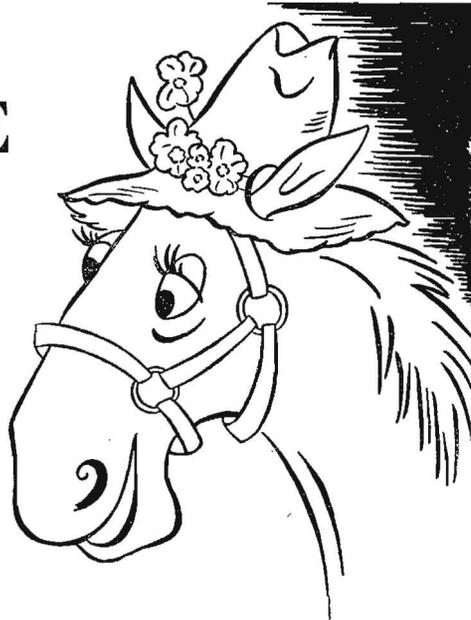


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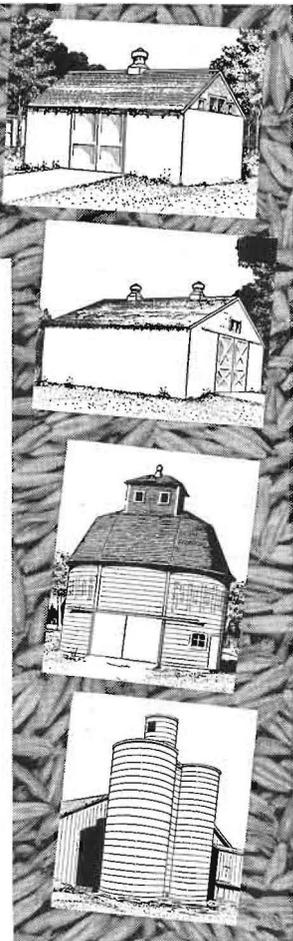
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Many Alabama Chapters Repair Christmas Toys

Over 100 toys were gathered and repaired or made by the FFA in Grove Hill so that the underprivileged children in that area could enjoy Santa Claus during the Christmas holidays.

The Lineville FFA boys also played Santa Claus to needy children. They repaired and painted over 300 toys. Seven clubs in Lineville cooperated with the FFA boys in collecting and distributing these toys.

For the first time a similar project was undertaken by the Wedowee chapter. The Boy Scouts collected the toys, the FFA boys repaired and painted them and the Kiwanis Club delivered them. Since it proved to be an outstanding community project, the boys plan to make it an annual affair.

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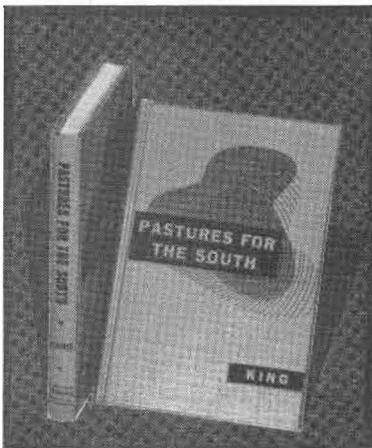
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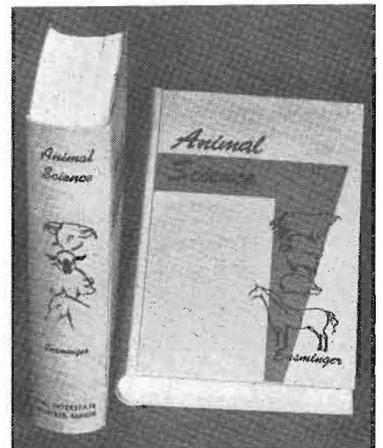
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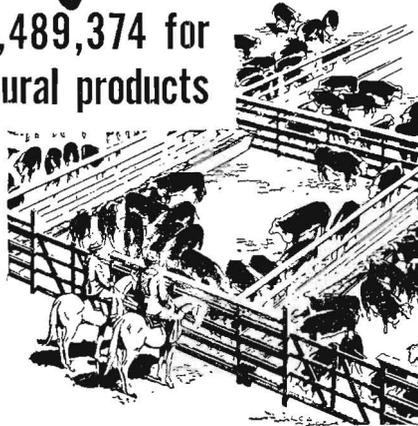


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Last year, out of each dollar of sales, Swift spent an average of 4 5/10 cents, or a total of \$100,476,643 on supplies of all kinds—mountains of salt and sugar; trainloads of boxes, barrels, other containers; miles of twine; tons of paper; fuel, electricity, etc.



2 3/10¢ for Transportation

Swift's service helps bridge the 1,000-mile gap between producers of livestock and consumers of meat. To accomplish this necessary service Swift's freight and trucking bill in 1950 was \$51,598,238. This is an average of 2 3/10¢ of each sales dollar for moving your products to consuming markets.



11 1/10¢ to Employees

It takes skilled people to process your livestock and other raw agricultural products into Swift's quality foods. In 1950 Swift's 76,000 employees earned \$245,238,539 in wages and salaries, or an average of 11 1/10 cents out of each dollar of Swift sales.



1¢ for Taxes

In addition to federal taxes, Swift & Company paid taxes during 1950 in all states and in many municipalities. Our total tax bill was \$21,101,712. This averaged 1 cent out of each dollar Swift received for the products it sold.



3 4/10¢ for Other Expenses

Among other necessary business costs are depreciation, interest, employe benefits, sales promotion, rent, research, insurance, development of new products, advertising, stationery, postage, telephone, telegraph, travel expenses, etc. These necessary expenses took an average of 3 4/10 cents of each sales dollar.



Quick Facts on Swift's Business in 1950

Total SALES of all Swift's products and by-products in 1950 added up to \$2,214,819,268
 Swift paid for livestock and other agricultural products 1,704,489,374
 Swift's total NET EARNINGS amounted to 16,142,586*

That is an average net earning per dollar of sales of 7/10¢
 Here's where the other 99 3/10 cents of that "sales dollar" went:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| For livestock and other agricultural products | 77¢ |
| For employes' wages and salaries | 11 1/10¢ |
| For supplies | 4 5/10¢ |
| For transportation (freight, trucking, etc.) | 2 3/10¢ |
| For taxes | 1¢ |
| For other necessary business expenses | 3 4/10¢ |
| Total | 100 cents |

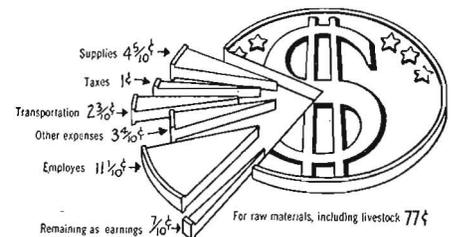
*This amounts to 2/10 of a cent per pound on all products handled.

2/10¢ as Earnings

After all those necessary expenditures, our 1950 net earnings were \$16,142,586. Our shareholders received \$13,917,161 of this in dividends. This is their return on the investments made by them and on the earnings from these investments which have been retained in the company to provide the plants and facilities—the tools needed to handle your products.



Here's a picture of Our 1950 Sales Dollar



Swift & Company's net earnings are small for the many essential services in the processing and marketing of the agricultural products you produce. Our earnings averaged a fraction of a cent a pound on the volume handled.



It is the pooled savings of many shareholders, and earnings plowed back into the business, that have built Swift & Company, and made it possible to serve efficiently you producers of agricultural products. Among Swift shareholders you will find farmers, ranchers, lawyers, doctors, mechanics, business people—folks from every walk of life—including 38,575 women.

We hope your farm and ranch operations resulted in favorable returns during 1950, and that the new year will even be better. A fair return to producers means better living and should result in a

sound production program on farms and ranches. A fair return to people who are in business in cities and towns helps maintain purchasing power and markets for the products you and Swift have to sell.

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Veterans Vo-Ag Program In Alabama

Pike County

Improved livestock farming practices is one of the ultimate aims of 376 veterans in training in Pike County under the Veterans Vocational Agriculture program.

Some phase of livestock raising is the theme of the projects of nearly every one of the 20 classes in which these veterans are enrolled. A number of the classes are operating either calf or hog projects.

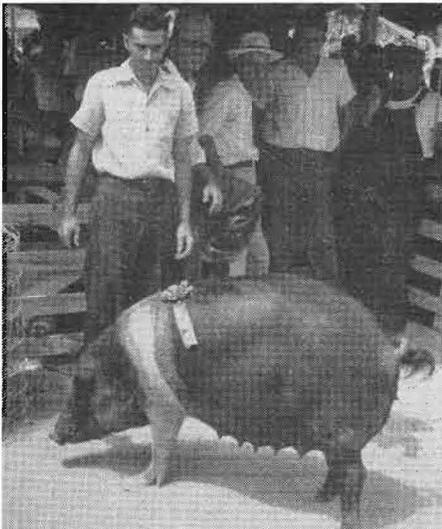
At least four classes are now planning to launch post treating projects. Assistant Head Teacher W. C. Hearn said the veterans will fence many acres of pasture land and other farm property with the posts which they will treat in a short period. The posts will be treated with copper naphthenate.

Classes at Josie, Troy, Tarentum and Shellhorn are planning post treating projects. It is expected that the classes will treat approximately 200 posts in 36 hours.

A Spring Hill class is sponsoring both a Purebred Duroc hog project and a Guernsey project. Another Duroc Breeding project is sponsored by the class at Tarentum. Other classes which sponsor Duroc projects are Shiloh, Brundidge, Troy and Goshen. Shellhorn and Henderson classes sponsor Guernsey projects, and a Negro class at China Grove is operating another Purebred Duroc breeding project.

Escambia County

Ossie L. Allen, Escambia County, found that peanut yields can be in-



KELLY INGRAM, Blount County veteran with his Grand Champion Hampshire gilt shown at the fair sponsored by the veterans of Blount County.



MR. AND MRS. HOMER M. COLLINS, Route 1, Sylacauga, received the first housing loan through FHA. E. A. Childers, FHA Supervisor presented the check. This was the first FHA loan for rural housing made in Talladega County. Mr. Collins is a veteran and took farm training in vocational agriculture.

creased by dusting with copper sulphur.

In 1949, Mr. Allen planted 4.8 acres and made 5,873 pounds without dusting. In 1950 his allotment was cut to 3 acres. Last year he dusted twice with copper sulphur and made 5,936 pounds. These peanuts were planted on same soil type and fertilized the same.

The copper sulphur controls the leaf spot disease which causes the leaves to shed off. When the leaves shed the peanuts shrivel and lose weight. The copper sulphur dust controls the disease and the leaves remain on the plant and the peanuts develop and increase in weight.

Pickens County

One farmer in Pickens County will be quick to tell what the farm training program has meant to him. He is William Hoyt Kilpatrick, who has worked small wonders with his 105 acre farm after starting with only a pair of mules and work equipment, two cows, and two hogs.

Since enrolling in the Veterans Training program he has added eighteen cows, including one pure bred Guernsey bull; built a grade "A" dairy barn, and installed equipment for it; installed an electric pump; wired his home and barn; and enclosed 45 acres in electric fence.

He also has running water in his home and barn, and has built a sanitary toilet.

He dug a stock well in his pasture and installed a pump for convenience there. He wired in a 4 acre hog pasture. Here he planted reseeding crimson clover and rye grass.

For his dairy cattle he has 30 acres in grazing crops of oats and vetch combined, and he is shipping between 200 and 300 pounds of milk daily. Mr. Kilpatrick plans to clear an additional 30 acres of land and prepare it for sowing pasture crops next spring.

Last year he sold ten top hogs and has two brood sows, subject to registration, which will farrow soon. He plans to increase the number of brood sows to three.

Mr. Kilpatrick practices selective cutting of timber on his farm, but considers his principle cash enterprises to be dairying, truck crops, and hogs.

His plans are many, too. He won't grow cotton - instead he hopes to buy more cows. He wants to grow all feed necessary for his livestock except supplement feed.

Covington County

Advance Wheeler, veteran of Covington County, has attained the title of "Peanut King" of South Alabama as he harvested 3,072 pounds of peanuts per acre last year to celebrate the completion of his veteran training.

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VETERANS VO-AG

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He began his training as a one-horse farmer with one cow, one grade sow and enough plow tools to cultivate crops. At the end of the first year he began to make plans to secure better equipment and livestock. His grade sow was exchanged for purebred Durocs. By the end of the second year he had a sufficient number of purebred sows to increase his farm from thirty acres to fifty acres of cultivated land.

In his third year of training Wheeler purchased a tractor and equipment to cultivate and harvest his crop.

Veteran Wheeler, at the end of his training period, lists his accomplishments as follows: Three purebred sows, and three gilts for breeding purposes, thirty-five shoats running on corn and peanuts. Last fall he sold thirty head of top hogs. He now has planted six acres of clover, 4 acres of sericea, ten acres of oats for grazing and 7 acres of lupine for soil conservation.

His crop last year consisted of four acres of cotton, 32 acres of corn and 3.9 acres of peanuts.

The fertilizer practices followed on this farm last year were as follows: Corn, 300 pounds 4-10-7, 150 pounds soda per acre. Cotton, 500 pounds 4-10-7, 150 pounds soda per acre.

Veteran Wheeler feels that his greatest accomplishment is the raising of 3,072 pounds peanuts per acre planted behind a heavy litter of corn stalks around March 31st, 2½ inches in the drill and dusted four times with copper sulphur and 2½ per cent DDT. In addition to these accomplishments he has installed a gas heating system for his home.

Escambia County

Veteran farm trainees in Escambia County are learning to treat their own fence posts.

Demonstrations have been held by the classes at Huxford on Dewit Cruitt's farm. The class from McCullough attended this demonstration. Louis Bell's class at Atmore held a demonstration on Harvey Gilmore's farm near Atmore. Two other classes attended this demonstration. Roy Cook, teacher at Henley Roberts held a demonstration on his farm for his class. The class from Damascus and the colored class from Boykin attended a demonstration at B. M. Stone's farm.

At these demonstrations approximately 1,000 posts were treated with Pentachlorophenol mixed with fuel oil or used motor oil at the rate of 1 gallon penta to 10 gallons oil. The posts are left in the mixture from 6 to 24 hours, according to size of post.

Walker County

A high yield of cotton can be produced by planting early, fertilizing highly and dusting for insects, says Maurice L. Hunt, veteran of Walker County.

Hunt planted one acre of cotton last year for experimental purposes that produced two bales. This plot followed a winter legume turned under in the spring to which he applied four tons of barn yard manure and one ton of lime.

He fertilized at planting time (April 1, 1950) with 800 pounds of 6-8-8; side dressed after the first plowing with 150 pounds of potash and 150 pounds of nitrate of soda; then the last plowing he side dressed with 150 pounds of 4-8-6.

This cotton was dusted seven times with Toxaphene beginning July 2, and
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This is the winning Veterans Vocational Agriculture exhibit at the State Fair. As can be seen it was well planned and displayed. It was from Lamar County.

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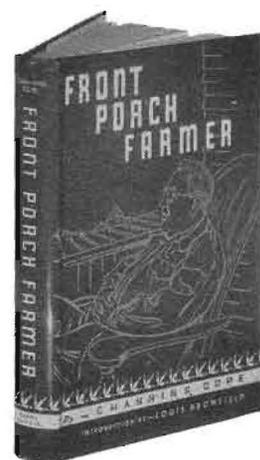
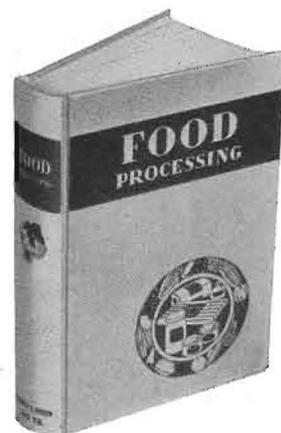
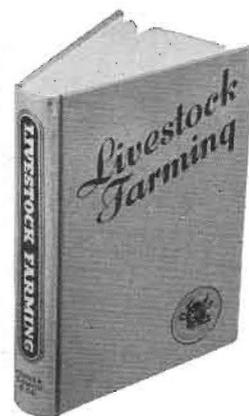
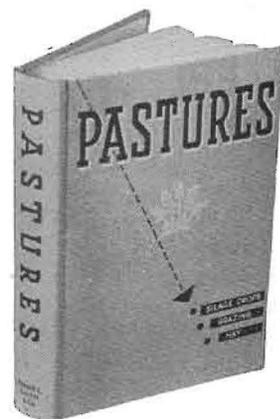
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VETERANS VO-AG

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followed through when the weather would permit.

Hunt planted nine acres of Coker-100 and picked ten bales. He dusted all of his cotton the same. The eight acres that were not used in experimental plot was fertilized with 800 pounds of 6-8-8 and side dressed with 150 pounds of nitrate of soda.

All of his land was planted in vetch last fall.

Jackson County

Seventy-three veteran on-the-farm trainees were among the 124 Jackson County farmers recently nominated for membership in the Alabama 100-Bushel Club. Leading all veterans in corn production on an acre was Elbert Lands of the Skyline class with a yield of 150.06 bushels per acre. Elbert planted the Dixie 17 variety and fertilized his corn with 600 pounds of 6-8-4 before planting and side dressed with a total of 400 pounds of ammonium nitrate. He also

broadcast six tons of manure before beginning land preparation.

Three veterans entered the select circle of producers who averaged 100 bushels or more per acre on their total farm acreage. Leon Kuykendall, a member of the Pisgah class, led all veteran producers with an average yield of 136.64 bushels per acre on 12.5 acres of corn. Franklin Brahsier, a member of the Skyline class, produced an average of 101.88 bushels of corn on his total acreage, while James F. Gross, also a member of the Skyline class, averaged 100.88 bushels per acre on the eight acres of corn he produced.

Baldwin County

Baldwin County was first again. This time by having the first corn derby in the state.

One day was set aside as Veterans' Day at the Baldwin County Fair recently. Veterans who had produced high corn yields were awarded prizes. Twelve of these veterans produced more than 100 bushels per acre. Jack F. Powers has high for the county, producing 117.74 bushels per acre. Others were M. A. Ondracka, 117.16 bushels, Eddie Werner, 106 bushels, Raymond J. Heidelberg, 102.8 bushels, T. B. Rhodes, Jr., 110.76, George A. Klasnick, 101.75 bushels, Karl Woerner, 101.6 bushels, Paul Woerner, 110 bushels, Malcolm D. Andrews, 101.2 bushels, Roy Teel, 113 bushels, Arthur Weeks, 101.5 bushels and James Agee (colored) 103 bushels.

On 1,805 acres veterans in the county averaged 47 bushels.

At a special program honoring these veterans, H. W. Green, District Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, Auburn, delivered the main address. He outlined progress that had been made in agriculture through the veterans farm training program in Baldwin County and throughout Alabama. More than 300 veterans, their families, and their visitors attended the program.

St. Clair County

Letaw Smith, veteran of St. Clair County, produced 112 bushels of corn on his one acre demonstration patch.

He planted Graham Mosby's corn on May 10th. The corn followed a good crop of crimson clover and had an application of 500 pounds of 6-8-4 at planting time. It was side dressed with 200 pounds of ammonium nitrate on June 10. The corn was cultivated only twice.

On his entire farm he had 19 acres in corn and made 1,000 bushels, an average of 52 bushels per acre.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Odenville class of Veterans Vocational Agriculture.

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CHARLES BARNES, Colbert County standing in the field of corn which he planted in an attempt to reach 100 bushels per acre. The yield was more than 100 bushels per acre.

Chilton County

Veteran farmers in Chilton County have shown much progress in establishing a good hog program during the past year.

Since last spring hog projects have been established in nine of the Veteran Classes in the county. Five of the projects have registered O.I.C. sows and four are using Durocs. Since the projects were started 92-pigs have been farrowed and all the gilts are being kept for breeding stock. Some of the gilts have already been bred and will farrow soon.

Valuable training is received in grazing, fencing, proper feeding, value of minerals, and improved breeding through these projects.

In addition to the registered gilts in the hog projects, 47 others have been placed on individual farms of the veterans.

Chilton County's hog program will be much improved by bringing in the pure-bred gilts and boars on the Veterans' Training Program.

Henry County

John F. Guerin, veteran of Henry County, has whipped his personal housing problem.

He has constructed a nice five-room home for a total cost of only \$1,900. This was possible through cutting, drying and using lumber from his own farm and doing much of the labor himself.

He now has the foundations poured for a combination general use and dairy barn. He plans to soon finish getting out the lumber for the barn, and hopes to finish the barn by spring.

Talladega County

Dan Hagan, Jr., Talladega County veteran made an outstanding potato yield this year.

He had two acres devoted to cultivation of sweet potatoes. With the use of 500 pounds of fertilizer per acre, and the Improved Copper Skin Louisiana Unit, he has realized 24,000 pounds of sweet potatoes.

Winston County

James Peak, Winston County, after 9 months of farm training has established 4 acres of Ky-31 fescue and white Dutch clover, 2½ acres of Ky-31 and Ladino clover and 3½ acres of straight Ky-31, all as permanent grazing crops.

He also has 20 acres sericea lespedeza to be used as hay and supplementary grazing. For winter grazing he has 8 acres of vetch and 4 acres Willamette Vetch.

He has topped 8 hogs, has 2 for breeders and 8 head of Hereford cattle. The entire farm is fenced and cross-fenced for rotation grazing.

This year Mr. Peak plans to obtain his cash from hogs, seeds, hay and beef cattle.

DeKalb County

The veterans class at Collinsville, DeKalb County, consisting of 18 men, has planted last fall 73 acres of vetch, 145 acres of crimson clover and 61 acres of Ky-31 fescue and ladino clover. Twelve of these men are land owners and six are renters. They also have 33 brood sows.

Five of these veterans planted cotton. As a whole, the trainees who did not plant cotton appear to be making out better than those who did.

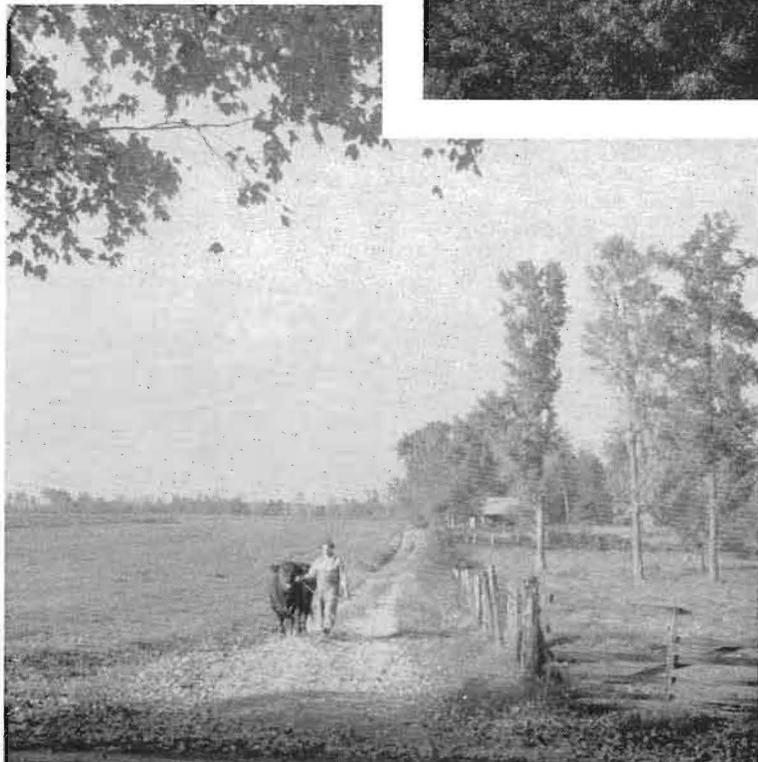
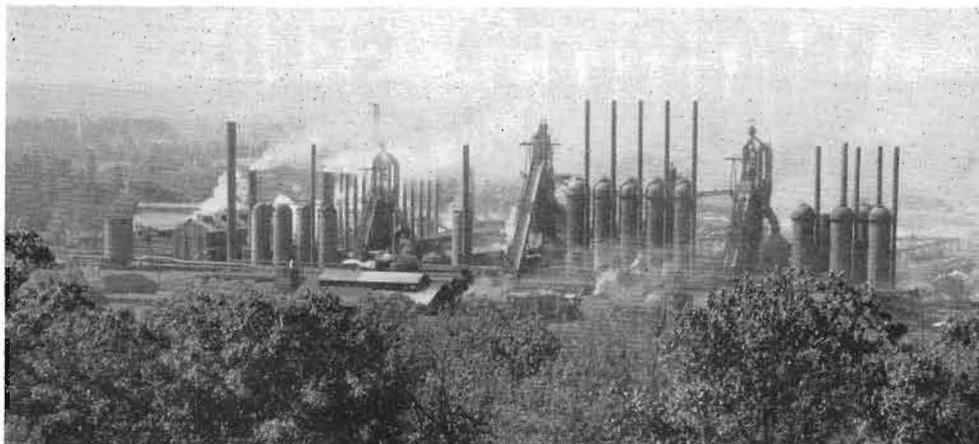
Coosa County

The Richville Veterans Class of Coosa County has made the following record for 1950.

Seventeen trainees planted 220 acres of corn producing 7,480 bushels. Six trainees planted 30.3 acres to cotton producing 8,955 pounds of lint. Sixteen men seeded 67 acres of cover crops and 101 acres of winter grazing. Forty-two acres of sericea seeded this spring furnished additional summer grazing. Seven men own tractors.

Considerable pasture cleaning has been done and approximately 85 rolls of wire have been put up for increased acreage in pastures. Fifteen trainees own their farms and three new homes have been built this year and many new farm buildings including barns, garages, milking sheds, chicken houses, and sanitary toilets have been built.

Graham Arnold is teacher of the Richville Veterans Class.



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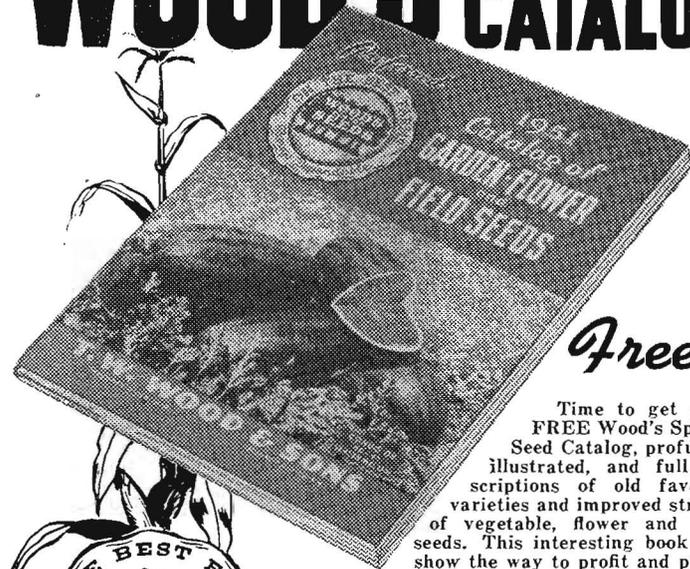
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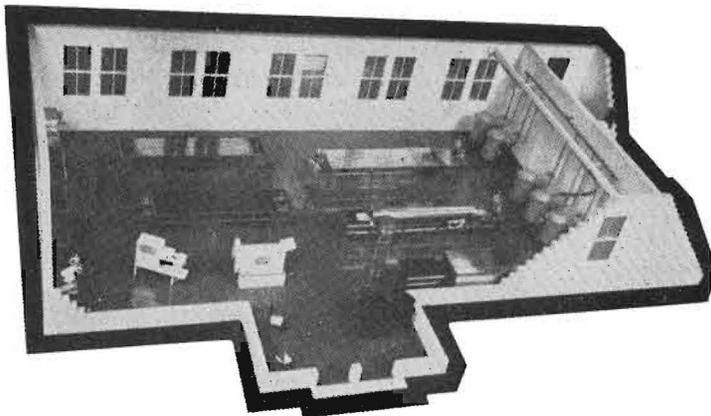


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FLAT ROCK

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member of the organization made talks concerning the project that he had selected for this year. Many interesting points were brought out by the boys about chickens, calves and pigs.

All of the boys are interested in vocational activities and work in the Flat Rock High School. Two boys walked three miles over muddy roads in coming to the supper.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a rabbit hunt soon. No guns will be allowed; hickory sticks will be the only weapons. The rabbits will be sold to pay club dues.

The club of happy boys left for their homes at 9:00 p.m.

Slocomb Chapter 1932

The main objectives of the Slocomb Chapter for the year are to rid the community of rats, keep our school campus and building clean, urge a clean town, have father and son banquet. We are also planning a fishing trip.

In cooperation with the city council we have staged a very successful rat campaign, and plan to have another in the near future.

With the cooperation of the student body and faculty we are keeping our building and campus clean.

We are now making plans to have a father and son banquet, and to go on a fishing trip. — Pat Smith, Reporter.

Meeting Of Glencoe Chapter 1933

The Glencoe Chapter of Future Farmers of America met at its regular meeting time Wednesday night, October 4. A thorough discussion of the program of work was the main item of business transacted.

Each item in the program of work was headed by some boy in the chapter. The boy being the chairman of a committee, he will be held responsible for the success or failure of that particular item. This will give each boy a specific responsibility to perform. By doing so the weak places in the chapter may be straightened by the aid of the adviser.

— J. P. Phillips, Reporter.

Pine Apple FFA News 1934

We had a beauty contest that ended on the night of January 27, 1934, and the winner was crowned Queen of Beauty at a box supper on this night. We made \$16.00 on the two events.

In addition to the \$16.00 we had \$6.00 that we made on shop repair jobs and small shop jobs.

With \$21.00 of our money, we have

purchased a purebred Poland China boar from the McMahan Brothers' farm, Sevierville, Tennessee. Our boar is in our FFA club breeding pasture and pen that we built. — Bob Burdethe, Reporter.

**Headland
1935**

The Headland Chapter has elected 20 Green Hands for the coming year. One hundred per cent of the students in Vocational Agriculture are now members of the chapter.

Max Sullivan, chapter reporter, has been elected president of the new Wiregrass District. Robert West, a new member, has been elected secretary; and Julian Brannon, treasurer.

The Chapter has organized a boxing team which will compete with those of other chapters. Several members have started their Fall gardens.

— Max Sullivan, Reporter.

**Four Chapters Launch Big Landscape
Project
1936**

A county wide landscape project for Cullman County has been launched by the following Chapters with their advisers: Holly Pond, F. K. Agee; Fairview, F. Mullins; West Point, T. M. Pruett; and Hanceville, J. F. Cooper.

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Gurley Member Makes High Corn Yield

John Lott, a junior at Gurley High School, had the highest yield of corn per acre in Madison County last year. He made 147.8 bushels of corn per acre.

Using 350 lbs. of superphosphate, 175 lbs. soda under the Dixie 17 seed when planting, and sidedressing with 500 lbs.

6-8-4 fertilizer when the corn was knee high is the secret of John's high yield.

Besides raising the most corn per acre in the county, John was the first president of the FFA chapter at Gurley. It was organized last year after Vocational Agriculture was approved for the school.

John is feeding his corn to hogs and one calf which he plans to enter in the FFA calf show this year.

Greenville Has Outstanding Member

The Greenville FFA chapter is proud to have a member like Gwin Brannum. This is Gwin's second year and he has almost completely modernized his home.

He has installed a complete water system with bathroom fixtures, kitchen sink, pump, septic tank and disposal field. In remodeling his home he put a white side wall on the outside and completely reworked the inside as well as building two rooms in the attic. Moving an old garage from the front of his house will be the next job.

Gwin has worked on this every afternoon after school with the help of his father.

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CHAPTER NEWS

ABBEVILLE—Held preliminaries in Public Speaking. Bought breed Duroc gilt, making total of three gilts now owned by chapter pig chain. Placed 14 gilts in chapter members' homes.

ADDISON—Built a model dairy barn, a float that was used in the county centennial celebration. Made forty-three toys for needy children at Christmas time.

ARAB—Bought 6 pigs to feed out; made a radio recording. Advisor and 2 members attended the national convention. Raised approximately \$250 to finance the chapter.

ASHVILLE—Distributed FFA calendars; had FHA and FFA Christmas party. Made plans for 100 per cent participation in public speaking contest.

ATHENS—Collected and repaired Christmas toys. Fixed Christmas boxes for needy families. Had FFA-FHA Christmas party. Organized chapter quartet. Added new books to library.

AUBURN—Quartet presented program for annual Ladies Night banquet, Opelika Kiwanis Club. Ordered 4,000 pine seedlings. Four members completed records for Junior Dairyman contest. All members enrolled in agricultural classes entering one or more contests. Planned womanless fashion show with the FHA. Quartet sang at church.

BAKERHILL—Sold FFA hogs that were fed out to raise money for Chapter and cleared \$40.59. Purchased FFA Officer drapes. Built drinking fountain for school. Attended County FFA meeting. Cleared \$11.64 selling Christmas cards.

BEAR CREEK—Sold ads for FFA calendar. Staged 3 chapel programs. Bought tape recorder. Assisted in treating fence posts. Gave green hand buttons to all green hands. All green hands secured FFA manuals. Put on special program on farm safety. Worked on plans for members to erect mail box posts. Chapter owns 13 pig chains.

BEAUREGARD—Held Christmas party with FHA. 17 boys entered speaking contest. Ordered pine seedlings. Planning chapel program.

BILLINGSLEY—Fed out three fat hogs on FFA school plot. Had officers training school. Organized FFA basketball team. Had joint Christmas tree with FHA. Ordered 6,000 pine seedlings. One member of the chapter made American Farmer. Organized dairy cattle Judging Team. Sponsored chapel programs.

BLOUNTSVILLE—Served as host at first district meeting. Organized basketball team. Bought Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins for all eligible members. Had a weiner roast for all Junior III boys and girls in Agriculture and Home Economics. Operated concession stand at all football games. Purchased books for library.

BOAZ—Gathered FFA corn crop. Visited Roaden Dairy Farm to judge cows. Entered county judging contest. Was host to county FFA chapter. Doubled membership.

BRANTLEY—Secured an O. I. C. male to keep at school for a community project. Secured official FFA jackets. Made plans for painting and improving the class room. Set a permanent Christmas tree on campus. Received

and put up FFA calendars in all class rooms in school.

BREMEN—Painted Agriculture room. Purchased FFA welcome signs. Bought FFA jackets.

BRIDGEPORT—Started FFA pig chain. Held officers training school. Erected fence for hog pasture. Sponsored magazine drive. Operated football concession stand.

BROOKWOOD—Chapter made \$175.00 from concession stand. Establishing a small nursery. 5,000 pine seedlings have been ordered. 1,000 to be used on chapter plot. Constructed new propagation beds for shrubbery.

BRUNDIDGE—Sponsored FFA Sweetheart. Planning FFA tour. Planning chicken fry. Bought new FFA manuals for members. Sold Christmas cards. Made cooperative fruit tree orders.

BUTLER—Purchased new books for library, wire recording machine and some new farm shop equipment. Each FFA member supplied with FFA manual and Parliamentary Procedure book. Operate supply store on school campus.

CARROLLTON—Ordered FFA jackets for officers. Purchased filmstrip machine. Charles Noland represented chapter at National convention as district winner of the Home Improvement contest. Elected FFA Sweetheart. Obtained 3,000 pounds of certified legume and pasture seeds and planted in community. Placed seven purebred bulls and eight registered gilts in the chapter. Held rat killing campaign. Plan to enter eight FFA sponsored contests.

CEDAR BLUFF—Have pasture for hog project. Getting eleven official FFA jackets. Gave FFA sweetheart official FFA jacket. Repaired toys for underprivileged children. Organized quartet.

CENTRAL—Bought 19 cows and calves. Had booth in the North Alabama State Fair. Had Grand Champion sow and pigs in State Fair. Have 6 Yorkshire, 4 Berkshire, 2 O. I. C. gilts in chapter. Had a fiddlers convention.

CHATOM—Held joint social. Sponsored square dance. Ordered pine seedlings. Creosoted posts for farmers.

CLAYTON—Hosts to county FFA meeting. Held three square dances preceding Christmas and cleared \$84.00. Ordered 5,000 pine seedlings.

COFFEEVILLE—Held Christmas social with FHA. Ordered FFA jackets, Chapter Farmer, and Green Hand pins. Ordered 7,000 pine seedlings.

COLLINSVILLE—FFA members have nineteen fat calves on feed for spring show. Built

six forest fire prevention signs. Have fifty pigs on feed for county hog show in March. Awarded seven pigs from pig chain. One boy made 113.88 bu. corn per acre and five made over 80 bushels. Plan to paint classroom.

CORNER—Planning a skating party. Making landscape plan of school ground. Working on public speaking contest. Several members own beef calves.

COTACO—Bought new shop equipment from proceeds of Halloween Carnival. Presented one radio program. Held FFA officers training school.

COTTONWOOD—Ordered FFA jackets for boys. Held FFA Christmas party. Registered 5 pigs for members.

CRAGFORD—Every member built an attractive mail box post. All members have pledged to practice safety rules. All members in Public Speaking contest. Organized quartet.

CROSSVILLE—Attended county FFA meeting. Gathered two acres of chapter's corn. Built self feeder for chapter's hogs. Planned joint party with FHA.

CURRY—Painted Vocational Agricultural Department throughout. Purchased calf to be entered in fat stock show. Entered Walker County fair and won 4th place. Nominated member for Future Farmer of the Year award. Organized FFA quartet. Held joint Christmas party with FHA.

DADEVILLE—Started Duroc pig chain. FFA dairy cattle judging team won first place at the district Guernsey cattle field day. Bought film strip projector. Bought FFA paraphernalia. FFA livestock judging team won \$15.00 at the Columbus Exposition. Elected chapter sweetheart. Ordered 10,000 pine seedlings.

DOUGLAS—Planted FFA pasture. Put on radio program. Started pig chain. Put on rat control program in cooperation with the Veteran program and Health Department. Cooperated with the State Health Department on Bang's disease testing. Sponsored King and Queen contest and cake walk. Organized quartet—boys entering speaking contest. Joint party with the FHA.

EAST LIMESTONE—Purchased equipment to groom and fit cattle for show. Showed pigs and cattle at county fair. Had educational exhibit at county fair. 100 per cent FFA membership goal achieved. Installed blackout shades in classroom for a better visual aids program. Ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer buttons. Added 4 pigs to our pig chain. Purchased fruit trees and grape vines cooperatively.

ELECTIC—Held officer training school.

Earned almost \$200.00. One member made 105.08 bushels corn per acre.

ELBA—Elected honorary member. Held joint Christmas party with FHA. Sold seven chapter hogs.

EUFULA—Held FFA-FHA square dance. Had Christmas party. Made plans for Father-

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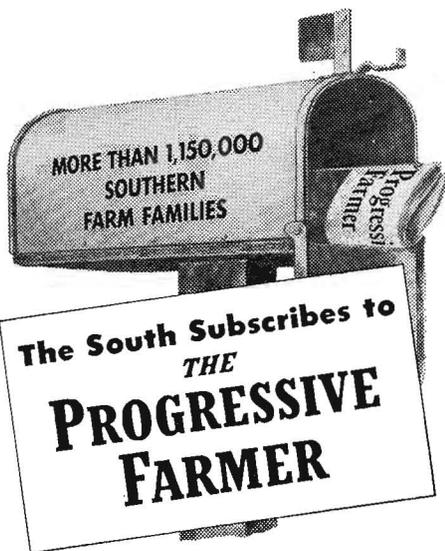
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FFA NEWS

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Son banquet in the early spring. Ordered official FFA jackets.

EVA—FFA opened a joint supply store with the FHA. Elected a FFA District vice-president.

EVERGREEN—Added 6 pigs to pig chain. Ordered and received 5 official FFA jackets. Elected FFA chapter sweetheart.

EXCEL—Elected chapter sweetheart. Ordered official jackets for members.

FIVE POINTS—Held Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet. Elected honorary members. Put exhibit in REA Fair. Planned to start pig chain. Started timely suggestion calendar.

FLOMATON—Elected chapter sweetheart. Won first place in shop exhibit in Alabama Flora Fair. Had membership banquet. Published Korny Kob (semi-monthly). Presented program to local Lions club. Elected staff on compiling materials for year book—The Aggie. Ordered 12,500 pine seedlings. Operating school concession. Elected and presented pins to three honorary members. Co-sponsored Halloween Carnival.

FYFFE—Purchased 75 books for the FFA chapter library. Bought new camera for making pictures of chapter activities and member's supervised farming programs. Bought 30 film strip for classroom instruction. Secured wire recorder for class and chapter use. Added 3 gilts to Duroc pig chain. Four members placed orders for pine seedlings to set 9 acres. Built 6 fire prevention roadside signs in cooperation with county forestry supervisor.

GENEVA—Made educational tour to Washington, D. C. and Canada. Sent chapter delegate to National Convention. Presented civic club and chapel programs. Placed four beef calves for calf show. Sponsored shows and programs on forest fire prevention. Ordered 9,000 pine seedlings. Assisting in planning county FFA and FHA Achievement day. Held annual Christmas banquet.

GERALDINE—Participated in fire prevention program. Feeding out pigs as means of raising money for chapter activities.

GORDO—Held social with FHA. Secured secretary and treasurer's books. Ordered 14,000 pine seedlings.

GORGAS—Harvested partridge peas to expand wildlife border. FFA sticker on car of each FFA member. Sponsored social with FHA. Made cooperative fruit tree order. 100 per cent entered speaking contest. Purchased some new chapter room equipment.

GREENVILLE—Saved enough certified sweet potatoes to fill our bed next spring. Averaged 56 bushels corn in Kiwanis sponsored contest. Given several tractor demonstrations with new equipment. Increasing growth of pig chain. Harvested 270 pounds bi-color lespedeza seed. Replaced old magazine rack with modern one. Handled all concessions at football games.

GREENSBORO—Painted inside of building. Bought slide projector. Sold concessions at ball games.

GREENHILL—Chapter host to Lauderdale County FFA. Received 15,000 pine seedlings.

GROVE HILL—Made and repaired toys for underprivileged children in the Grove Hill area. Made new type FFA mail box posts containing metal signs of FUTURE FARMER LIVES HERE, bearing boy's name and position held as FFA officer. Bought FFA jackets.

GURLEY—Started library. Raised money to begin pig chain. Ten members ordered FFA jackets. Bought two calves to enter FFA calf show. Bought typewriter for chapter.

HALEYVILLE—Sold calendars. Bought recorder. Elected FFA sweetheart. Installing post treating plant. Officers buying FFA jackets. Joint party with FHA.

HAMILTON—Two boys make 100 bushel corn club. Ordered fruit trees. FFA and FHA worked jointly in concession. Planned radio program twice a week. Elected Chapter Future Farmer of Year.

HATTON—Sponsored community rat control program. Tested over 100 cows for mastitis. Prepared Christmas gift box jointly with FHA for needy family in community. Raised \$150 in chapter funds. Added 2 more registered pigs to pig chain. Cooperated with both elementary and high school in putting on fall carnival.

HAZEL GREEN—Had FFA and FHA party. Elected FFA sweetheart. Plan to start pig chain. School improvement including putting up flagpole, cleaning campus and trimmed shrubbery.

HEADLAND—Held annual Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet; 210 parents, guests were present. Mr. A. D. Walden of Walden Motor Company presented each member with a FFA calendar at a regular meeting.

HIGHLAND HOME—FFA and 36 adults (farmers) completed community post treating plant. Treated 10,000 posts. Allotted eight registered OIC gilts from pig chain to members, making total of 45. Organized string band and quartet.

HOLTVILLE—Placed order for fruit trees. Received FFA calendars. Plan Father-Son banquet.

HOLLY POND—22 head registered dairy

animals owned by members. Doubled corn yields on 60 per cent of the farms in our community. Erected mail box posts. Made educational trip to Florida. Erected marker signs in community. Elected chapter sweetheart. Won state Beef Judging Contest and attended National Convention. Eight members made over 100 bushels of corn per acre.

HUBBERTVILLE—Treated 6,322 fence posts. Promoted rat killing campaign in school district. Bought over \$200 worth of shop equipment. Placed 3 pigs on pig chain. Spent \$200 on chapter room. Made Christmas presents in shop.

INVERNESS—Held open house showing the new Vo-Ag building. Sponsored stage show and dance. Sponsored barbecue. Elected FFA sweetheart. Ordered all chapter room equipment. Received 9,000 pine seedlings. Obtained ice cream concession.

JACKSON—Held Father's Night for Junior III boys and fathers. Worked up chapter calendar. Added more FFA mail box posts. Elected chapter sweetheart and held sweetheart ball in her honor. Repainted agriculture building. Sponsored FFA page in school annual.

JEMISON—All members participating in FFA speaking contest. Organized quartet. Placed 5 purebred gilts on pig chain. Purchased Argus C-3 camera, 9 official jackets. Contributed 60 toys (45 new and 15 rebuilt) to county Christmas chest. Made plans to sponsor safety campaign in school and community. Held Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet. 175 attended.

KENNEDY—Will buy two purebred Duroc Jersey gilts to start pig chain. Added a porch to the FFA store. Attended the Lamar County achievement day program. Purchased a MC Delineascope for showing film strips and slides. 100 per cent of members entering the public speaking contest.

KINSTON—Produced farm play. Fed out 8 hogs. Sold peanuts and drinks at basketball games. Cooperated in putting on monthly Farm and Home radio program.

LAFAYETTE—Started rat control program in county. Repaired Christmas toys for needy children. FFA raised money and bought new acetylene welding equipment. Started farm safety program. Getting signs with safety slogans to be put along highway. Planned county Ag Fair. Raised money to purchase purebred beef bull for herd improving program in community.

LEIGHTON—Held social with FHA. Repainted classroom. Purchased beef animal for showing.

LEROY—Put 100 chickens in cold storage for FFA-FHA banquet. Held joint Christmas party with FHA. Attended county FFA meeting and put on program. Sold one registered FFA pig from Sears gift. Chapter bought 2 hogs to feed out on lunchroom scraps.

LINDEN—Some members of the chapter are ordering FFA jackets. Had a coon hunt near Linden and about 25 of the members attended.

LINEVILLE—Entered safety contest. Feeding out 5 pigs from lunchroom scraps. Put on 2 chapel programs, a talent show in cooperation with the FHA. Purchased a popcorn machine and sold popcorn at all ball games. Collected, repaired, and distributed over 300 toys for needy children at Christmas.

LIVINGSTON—Purchased 4 FFA jackets, 10 rings and 1 belt buckle. Purchased and presented 20 Green Hand degree pins and 15 Chapter Farmer pins. Added 10 new books to library and made \$323.42 for chapter operating FFA store.

LOCUST FORK—Some of the members have ordered FFA jackets. The chapter plans to continue the training program in Parliamentary Procedure.

MCADORY—Sold calendar ads. Repaired used toys for needy children. Distributed Christmas baskets to worthy families. 8 members bought FFA jackets. Sold farm magazines subscriptions. 2 members purchased purebred beef bulls.

MCKENZIE—3 boys bought FFA jackets. 31 boys completed hybrid corn projects. All Green Hands bought manuals. Started a scrapbook for all FFA boys.

MARBURY—Cleared \$200 on concessions at football games. Set out 115 peach trees in lab area. Purchased film strip projector. Took part in county FFA Association. Organized FFA basketball team.

MARION—Cooperated with school in purchasing new bus for athletic, educational trips, field trips, etc. All enrolled Vo-Ag students FFA members.

MIDLAND CITY—Received popcorn machine and it is bringing good profits. Walden Motor Company of Headland, Alabama came over and gave a talk and also gave to the chapter one small FFA calendar to each member and six large ones to be used as directed for publicity. Planning a 10 or 15 minute radio program featuring the quartet. Have almost secured funds for banquet.

MILLRY—Painted shop and classroom. Bought official shirts for officers to wear to meetings. Operated concession stand at ball games. Landscaped school campus. Social with FHA. Helped to organize county organization.

MINTER—Erected 60 foot flagpole on high school campus. Installed electric scoreboard for basketball team.

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MONTEVALLO—Sent two delegates to National Convention. Completed 2 orchard demonstrations. Made a trip to Alabama Flour Mills. Participated in Shelby County FFA. Elected honorary members. Started a library and filing system.

NEW BROCKTON—Ordered 1,500 pine seedlings. Making plans for rural mail box improvement.

NEW HOPE—One OIC added to pig chain. Planning program for banquet. Added books to FFA library. Making plans to elect FFA sweetheart. Bought new FFA officer pins. Put up supply room to raise money for FFA.

NEW MARKET—Entered and won second place in agricultural booth at county fair. Collected clothing, food and money for family whose home burned. Held weekly picture shows to raise money for FFA. Thomas Turner awarded American Farmer Degree. Gathered toys and clothing to be repaired and then given to needy children on Christmas. Ordered 2,000 pine seedlings. Sold subscriptions to magazines to get wire recorder and radio. Sold Christmas cards. Sold drinks and candy at ball games. Organized FFA basketball team.

NEWVILLE—Installed a drinking fountain on the campus. Had social with FHA girls. Attended fat stock show. Held Halloween carnival with FHA girls. Attended peanut meeting at Headland Experiment Station. Met with other county FFA and FHA chapters to plan field day.

OPP—Started pig chain. Ordered 11,000 pine seedlings. Ordered 8 FFA jackets. Elected FFA sweetheart. Purchased 8 beef calves for fat stock show. Organized string band. Held square dance with FHA.

ORVILLE—Had float in homecoming parade. Contributed \$25 to worthy members home building fund. Cresoted posts for the community. Put in tennis court for school. Bought welcome signs for highway. Presented all officers with Chapter Farmer pins.

OXFORD—Entered public speaking contest. Purchased and fattening out 2 hogs. Sent in application for Star State Farmer. Purchased 4,000 pine seedlings. Ordered fruit trees cooperatively.

PAINT ROCK VALEY—Ordered 20,000 pine seedlings. Held Christmas party with FHA girls. Helped P. T. A. to put on a fund raising program for the school.

PELL CITY—Organized 2 quartets. Entries in 10 contests. Ordered 8,000 pine seedlings. Made toys for smaller children. Had square dance in high school auditorium.

PRATTVILLE—All new members improved their mail boxes. Started FFA pig chain. Held joint social and square dance with FHA. Made FFA float for local homecoming parade. Constructed wooden rocky horses in shop to be given to needy families by fire department. Gave Christmas basket to a needy family. Working on county achievement day program to be held in the spring.

PINE APPLE—Erected a Christmas tree in town. Started Parliamentary team and quartet.

RAMER—Sponsored Homecoming barbecue. Assisted with community telephone project. Provided registered Guernsey bull for improving community dairy cattle. Sponsored concession stand during football season, making \$176.59.

RANBURNE—Added 6 pigs to feeding project making a total of 11 pigs to be topped out and sold as a chapter project. Ordered 4,000 pine seedlings. Three members bought three purebred Hereford gilts. Bought and distributed to leaders in the community standard FFA pencils. Organized FFA basketball team.

RED BAY—Enlarging pig chain. Members planting 300 acres of winter crops. Sponsored chapter corn production contest and gave winner Duroc gilt. Sponsoring forestry contest with Civitan Club. Making money selling popcorn, candy. String band contest, sweetheart contest and turkey raffle. Purchased camera for chapter.

RED LEVEL—35 books added to chapter library. 4 hogs in county show. Ordered 23,000 pine seedlings. FFA-FHA Harvest Festival sponsored jointly. Ordered fruit trees cooperatively. FFA-FHA Christmas party sponsored jointly. Sold three hogs fattened on school scraps. 5 members bought official jackets.

REMLAP—Completed a project on pimiento peppers for FFA funds. Organized FFA quartet and basketball team. 3 FFA members entered the corn-hog contest sponsored by the State National Bank.

REELTOWN—Organized county FFA association. Sponsored barber shop project at school for FFA boys. Plan rat eradication campaign. Entered State FFA contests. Reworked popcorn machine and will sell popcorn.

RIVERTON—Purchased combination radio and record player. Started pig chain. Put asphalt tile on classroom and office floors. 10 members made 100 or more bushels of corn per acre. Conducting grazing demonstration with 5 calves and 9 hogs. Twenty members entered public speaking contest. Bank to finance 14 beef calves for show. Received Gold Emblem in national

chapter contest. Had joint parties with FHA. Gave 2 chapel and 1 civic club program. Participated in 5 church programs. Entered chapter contest.

ROANOKE—Chapter fair exhibit won second prize at the county fair. FFA quartet organized. Pig chain started by Roanoke Lions Club.

ROCKFORD—Secured all equipment for chapter room. Have over 100 per cent membership of boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. Organized basketball team. Planted demonstration garden.

SAMSON—Operated concession stands at football games. Organized FFA quartet and Parliamentary Procedure team. Held Christmas party at community center with FHA. Gave Christmas box to needy family.

SEMMES—Dairy judging teams won first place in Mobile district dairy show. Over 6,000 cuttings made and azalea liners were planted in the Semmes chapter nursery. The chapter swine project consists of 10 shoats. The turpentine from the forestry plot (only 8 acres) for the summer netted about \$126. The chapter school improvement project has been very active. Shrubbery has been planted around the new recreation field as well as around the school buildings. Shrubbery from the FFA nursery was used.

SMITH STATION—Conducted project tours. Entered livestock judging contest at Columbus, Georgia Exposition. Installed sanitary toilet in vocational agriculture building.

SOUTHSIDE—Placed 8 pigs in Duroc pig chain. Fed out 4 hogs at school from lunchroom scraps. Bought a Hereford steer to be fed out for fat stock show in Gadsden in April 1961. Operated concession stand at football games. Purchased camera. Held FFA and FHA Christmas party. Made plans to enter 9 state contests.

SULLIGENT—Established two milk routes. Built addition to FFA store at a cost of \$100. Paid \$125 on school tape recorder. Bought 10 steers for fat stock show next spring. Junior dairymen purchased four dairy cows. Entering 14 contests. Local paper using FFA mat to head news articles. Won 2nd, 3rd and 5th places in corn contest at county Achievement Day festival. Also showed grand champion dairy and beef animals.

THOMASTON—FFA judging team and adviser attended All-American Dairy Show in Dallas. Attended regional dairy show. Moved into new building. Purchased 3 FFA pigs and plan to buy 2 more. Purchased FFA banner. Built walk from schoolhouse to FFA building.

THOMASVILLE—Distributed 8 pigs in pig chain. Sold Christmas cards for chapter. Presented best FFA member a jacket. Presented chapter president with FFA jacket.

TROY—Distributed FFA calendars.

VALLEY HEAD—Purchased fat calves for show, registered gilts for members. Bought slide and film strip projector, hogs for fat hog show. Cleared \$210 on harvest festival. Built roadside forest signs.

VERBENA—Cleared \$125 from concession program. Organized string band and quartet. FFA mail box post program. Ordered 17 official FFA jackets. Obtained 200 AMP welder for shop. Repaired and painted broken toys for Christmas chest.

VERNON—Painted vocational agriculture classroom. Johnny Mac Johnson produced highest yield of corn (119.18) in Lamar County and received \$100 award. Purchased 3 beef calves for fat stock show. Held two socials, one jointly with FHA girls. Added 4 OIC pigs to pig chain. Helped organize county FFA.

WALNUT GROVE—Started pig chain. Working up vocational agriculture calendar. Feeding out four hogs. Bought official "T" shirts for officers. Co-sponsored box supper with FHA. Elected FFA chapter sweetheart. Doing custom work with FFA tractor.

WATERLOO—Purchased with the aid of the State National Bank 10 cows and calves. Entered exhibit on safety in North Alabama State Fair. Aided in the rat control campaign. Entered state sponsored FFA contests.

WEDOWEE—Won third place in county fair exhibit. Harold Rice won first place in county junior dairyman contest. Repaired 80 toys and distributed them at Christmas. Bought film strip projector. Quartet has appeared in 8 programs at churches, clubs, etc. Made \$65 on turkey raffle November 11th at ball game. Have 11 official jackets in chapter.

WEST POINT—Painted classroom. Organized FFA quartet. Entertained FHA with a party. Purchased 2 welcome signs to be placed on roads leading to the school. Attended weiner roast sponsored by Cullman County chain stores.

WETUMPKA—Bought film strip projector and screen. Judging team placed first in Montgomery district show. Winford Collier and Heflin Nolen won trip to Dallas, Texas in showmanship contest. Byron Collier won showmanship award in county dairy show. Ordered and erected 6 highway signs. Entered 13 state sponsored contests. Placed 4 pigs in pig chain. Cleared \$150 in drinks at ball games. Five boys entered 12 cows in county show.

WOODLAND—Had squirrel stew and initiation program. Organized FFA basketball team.



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