Alabama FFA Honored

Million Pine Seedlings Available for FFA

Alabama Future Farmers again have the opportunity to start a forestry project at a minimum expense. As in the past the State Division of Forestry and the State Chamber of Commerce are making a million pine seedlings available to FFA boys: 450,000 slash pine, 450,000 loblolly pine and 100,000 longleaf.

As a rule, the loblolly pine is best suited to north Alabama, slash pine for central and south Alabama, while the longleaf is best suited for the extreme southern part of the state.

Seedlings through this program won't be available to the following counties in the Tennessee Valley: Lawrence, Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Limestone, Morgan, Madison, Marshall, Jackson, DeKalb, and Etowah. Teachers in those counties may obtain pine seedlings by contacting their local forest ranger.

Orders should be sent by local vo-ag

Ranburne Member Wins National Award

From the time the special Frisco train puffed out of Birmingham's Terminal Station with 57 enthusiastic Alabama FFA delegates on board, October 12, until the curtains rang down on the closing ceremony, October 16, the 25th annual Future Farmers of America Convention was a rousing success.

The Alabama boys joined with some 6,000 other delegates from all over the country—as well as foreign representatives from Germany, Great Britain and Canada—to pack more fun, food, fellowship, and education into the four-day convention than they had ever before experienced.

After an all-night train ride, the Alabama delegation arrived in Kansas City, Mo.—the site of this gigantic convention—in time for breakfast. All the boys and their advisers checked into their hotel rooms, got registration over with as soon as possible and then set out on tours of

WILSON W. CARNES

News Editor Employed

Wilson W. Carnes has been employed by the Alabama FFA Association as News Editor. He will start work Jan. 1.

Mr. Carnes is a native of Marshall County and graduated from the Albertville high school. He received his FFA State Farmer Degree during his senior year of high school.

He was in the Army during World War II with 18 months in Europe where he was presented the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy.

After discharge from service he attended Snead Junior College and later transferred to Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn where he graduated in Agricultural Education.

While at Auburn Mr. Carnes was a member of the Collegiate FFA, Agriculture Club, as Vice-President, "Alabama Farmer" staff member, Alpha Zeta honorary fraternity and served as scribe, also Gamma Sigma Delta member.

After graduation, he worked in Marshall County where he taught and was in charge of press and radio for the Veterans Vocational Agriculture program.

At present, and for more than two

Shown above are most of the FFA members and advisers who attended the National Convention in Kansas City. The photograph was made in front of the Municipal Auditorium by E. L. McGraw.
HERE IS the State winning FFA Judging Team from Thomaston which won first place at the State Fair in Birmingham. Members of the team are Ray Hereford, William Rankin, and Thomas Dryden. Their local adviser is J. L. Pritchett.

The three team members won for the award an all-expense-paid trip to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at Toronto, Canada. The trip was made November 15-21.

CONVENTION  Continued

the convention city to soak up some of the local color: parks, museums, stockyards, various manufacturing plants, and hundreds of other points of interest.

By the time nightfall rolled around, most of the boys were already a little limp from excitement. But none of them were too tired to hear Future Farmer Bruce Ayres of Stuart, Virginia capture the national FFA public speaking trophy with his dramatic speech, "The Green Revolution."

Before the public speaking contest got underway, the vast assembly was entertained with stirring marches played by the 110-piece national FFA band, composed of band members from 37 of the 48 states. And before the closing ceremony, the throng of delegates heard the 110 voices of the national FFA chorus blend in song. This chorus was composed of outstanding FFA singers from 32 states. Alabama was well represented in both musical bodies, with boys in the band and two in the chorus.

Tuesday afternoon saw 316 boys - the largest number in history - receive the coveted American Farmer Degree, the highest award that an FFA boy can attain in the association. Thirteen of those highly-prized degrees were given to Alabama boys. Each of the Future Farmers who received the American Farmer Degree during the colorful ceremonies that afternoon was awarded a $50 check from the FFA Foundation plus an engraved certificate and gold key from the FFA organization.

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Keep Alabama Green

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

Protect Our Forests

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

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

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

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

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

THE WAY TO SUCCESS

1. Be courteous to EVERYBODY.
2. Greet All friends with equal cordiality.
3. Extend a HEARTY handshake, never a flabby one.
4. Introduce people distinctly—don't mumble.
5. Acknowledge ALL introductions warmly.
6. Be sure to remember NAMES as well as faces.
7. Talk with CALM assurance—don't mumble.
8. Look people in the eye when conversing.
9. INTEREST yourself in what others say and do.
10. But don't be a busybody of "brutally" frank.
11. Be slow to criticize, but generous in praise.
12. Walk erectly—not just politely.
15. NEVER seek sympathy, but be sympathetic to others.
16. Be tolerant: "Despise no man—spurn nothing."
17. Make your word respected by keeping promises.
18. Be punctual!
19. Take pride in your personal appearance.
20. Radiate ENTHUSIASM, CHEERFULNESS, GOOD-WILL!
THIRTEEN ALABAMA FFA MEMBERS RECEIVE American Farmer Degree

(They are listed below)

WINFORD COLLIER, Wetumpka

Winford Collier

Winford Collier enrolled in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1947. Four years later when he finished high school, he was voted the outstanding member of the Wetumpka FFA chapter. And this year in Kansas City, Mo., he received the American Farmer Degree in recognition of his outstanding activities.

Despite the fact that he lives on a small 25-acre farm, Winford has been able to develop a well rounded farm program. During his initial year, he was able to net $627.65 from his various projects. He kept expanding his program the next three years and earned $904.09, $1,582.30 and $2,646.94 respectively, or a total of $5,760.98 for the four years.

Beginning with one purebred dairy cow, Winford has increased his dairy herd, by artificial breeding, to nine purebred dairy cows. One of these was won as a prize for showing the Junior Champion in the county show. Winford has been a member of the chapter dairy judging team for the past four years and won a trip to Dallas, Texas last year in showmanship at the District Show in Montgomery.

Winford has served his local chapter as reporter and as president and was president of the State FFA Association in 1950-51. He was an official delegate to the White House Conference on Youth in December, 1950.

Winford is currently enrolled in the School of Agriculture at Auburn and is using the Kroger Scholarship that he won to attend school; he works part time to help meet school expenses that the scholarship doesn't cover.

JOSEPH SCOTT, Wetumpka

Joseph Scott

During his first three years of vocational agriculture, Wetumpka Future Farmer Joseph Scott made a profit of over $6,000. Little wonder then, that he was one of the 13 Alabama boys to receive the American Farmer Degree this year at the national convention.

Joseph first enrolled in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1948. And that first year the farm lad netted himself $1,616.60--mainly from the sale of hay that was cut from his 30 acres of sericea.

The second year, the Wetumpka Future Farmer had increased the scope of his supervised farming program to include 20 acres of hay, 5 acres of corn, 45 beef cattle, 1 purebred bull, 10 acres of crimson clover, 10 acres of kudzu, and 10 purebred hogs. From these projects, the boy pocketed $2,305.80.

In addition to his other projects, Joseph has carried out an extensive soil conservation program: proof of this was his winning second place in the State Soil and Water Contest in 1951. He was also selected as District Star Farmer that same year. Almost all of his 400-acre farm is covered with plants that prevent soil erosion.

He is presently enrolled in the School of Agriculture at Auburn and is keeping a herd of 50 beef cattle in partnership with his father. Joseph manages to go home each week end and during the holidays to help in getting his grazing crops established; he also plans to drop out one quarter each year to raise his feed crops.

He is now responsible for the entire operation of his farm due to the poor health of his dad.

BILLY HALLMAN, Ashland

Billy Hallman

Billy Ralph Hallman, Ashland Future Farmer, had to shoulder a lot of responsibilities when his father died in 1949. But the fact that he carried out those responsibilities like a thoroughbred is one of the reasons that he was awarded the American Farmer Degree this year in Kansas City, Mo., at the National FFA Convention.

Billy began his first work in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1947 by helping to look after the operations of his family's 90-acre farm while his Dad was away from home with the Alabama Power Company.

One of the first projects that Billy de-
decided on was the improvement of his dairy cattle; so early that year, he bought a purebred Jersey and one cow. Since that time, the boy has been in the dairy business. His present plans include increasing the number of dairy cattle and the addition of a tractor to the farm equipment.

When Bill finished high school in May, 1951, he had served as vice-president of the student body, president of his FFA chapter, treasurer of the County FFA Association, and played four years in the school band. He has been in the past and still is active in church and community activities.

After finishing school, Bill gave up college plans to help support his mother, brothers and sisters. At present, he is working in a local grocery store besides managing the farm. Later on he plans to add more equipment and livestock to his farm and then go into the business of farming full time.

Owen Ray, Hackleburg

Owen Ray

Owen Ray, Hackleburg Future Farmer who was awarded the American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention along with 12 fellow Alabamians, started his farming program on a small scale.

His first farming activities were confined to a 20-acre block of land, five head of beef cattle and six head of dairy cows.

Since that time, he has gone into partnership with his father in 310 acres of land, along with 35 head of beef and 9 head of dairy cattle. In addition to that, the boy has fenced in 150 acres of temporary and permanent pasture providing good grazing for his livestock.

He has also improved his home by building three additional rooms and doing some of the wiring, painting and inside papering work.

During his high school days, he took part in many school activities, as well as a number of outside activities such as FFA. He was also prominent in the field of athletics. And since graduating from high school, he has still kept in close touch with the work of his local FFA chapter.

Jimmy Bagwell

Jimmy Bagwell of the Corner FFA chapter has always had a yen to look into the future. He liked to look out over the rolling green pastures of his father's farm and dream about future herds of purebred cattle grazing on those fields; he is a boy who not only believed in the future of farming but believed in doing something about it.

The National FFA Association thought that he was indeed doing something about it when they awarded him the highly coveted American Farmer Degree at the national convention in Kansas City recently.

But Jimmy, never satisfied with the present, still gets up before daybreak, dons his work clothes and starts making the rounds of the 900-acre farm that his family lives on. Sometimes he plows a plot of land with a tractor or behind one of the 14 mules that are still kept on the farm; sometimes he can be seen repairing farm equipment in the farm shop, or repairing fences, or just keeping the grounds around the house in tip-top condition.

Jimmy's success started with his first projects, which included three hogs, four acres of corn, four acres of cotton, two acres of turnip greens, and two acres of watermelons. Those projects have increased to 32 acres of onions, 65 acres of turnips, 50 acres of spinach, 14 acres of mustard greens, and 7 acres of radishes.

In his spare time, he helps his father keep records of all the farm activities and takes care of his prized fox hounds: he likes to hunt coons and deer.

Despite his extensive farming program, Bill is active in all phases of community and church life and is one of the directors of the Walker County Cattlemen's Association.

A comparison of Pat Marchand's first year vocational agriculture record with his present day achievements gives a partial indication of why this Grand Bay Future Farmer was one of the 13 Alabama boys to receive the American Farmer Degree this year at the National FFA Convention.

Pat first enrolled in vocational agriculture at Mobile County High School in the fall of 1947. During that initial year, Pat's supervised farming program netted him only $374.25. His second year's profits were even less—$806—but he was beginning to get the feel of things.

By his third year, Pat pretty well had the lay of the land and really had his program rolling. He had expanded it to include 5½ acres of watermelons, 12 acres of corn, 3 acres of field peas, 1 acre of okra, ¾ acre of cantaloupes, and 1 acre of hogear. His farm income had zoomed up to $1,347.80 — more than twice the amount of money he had made during his first two years.

Because of his great improvement, Pat was awarded the State Farmer Degree in 1950. He was also elected president of his junior class and of his local FFA chapter.

By his senior year, Pat had already completed all the vocational ag courses that his school had to offer. But he still managed to make $948.25 from his farming program, which now included several fine dairy heifers.

Since finishing high school in the spring of '51, Pat has enlarged the scope of his farming operations and has entered into a one-third partnership with his father and older brother. And as if his large farming program wasn't enough, Pat also does a 40-hour stint in one of the local mills every week.

Pat Marchand, Grand Bay
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son clover seed, 6 acres of Kentucky 31

CHARLES GILMER, Sulligent

Charles Gilmer

Since joining the FFA in Sulligent, Charles Gilmer has probably had just
about every honor that the association
can bestow upon a member. Selected as
Alabama’s Future Farmer of the Year in 1951, the Auburn sophomore was fur-
ther honored by receiving the American Farmer Degree this year at the national

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a giant beef cattle ranch.

Dick Salmon

During his last year in high school,
Auburn Future Farmer Dick Salmon
earned $2,326.87 off his productive pro-
jets, which included 100 hens, 7 dairy
cows, 7 beef calves, 5 acres of sudan
hay, 10 acres of crimson clover seed, 6
acres of Kentucky 31 Fescue seed, and
5 colonies of honey bees.

His well rounded farm program plus
his active participation in school and out-
side activities earned Dick the American Farmer Degree this year at the national

While still in high school, Dick was

a member of the varsity football team,
band, "A" Club, Alabama Farm Bureau,
National Honor Society, Alabama Crop
Improvement Association, Methodist Youth Organization, Glee Club, and the
Lee County Seed Growers Association.

Dick is also proud of the fact that
after four years of hard work, the FFA
quartet he was a member of finally won
the Tri-State Quartet Contest. This quar-
etet was then invited to sing at the Na-
tional FFA Convention in Kansas City
in 1951.

Although college work now occupies
most of his time, Dick still keeps up a
number of productive projects: 12 beef
calves, 9 dairy cows, 15 acres of sudan
hay, 7½ acres of oats, 10 acres of crim-
son clover seed, 6 acres of Kentucky 31
Fescue seed, 4 acres of white clover
seed, 2 acres of Harding grass seed, and
7 colonies of bees.

Earl Gullate

When Earl Gullate of the Beauregard
FFA chapter first started out his studies
in vocational agriculture, he had no idea
what occupation he would choose after
he finished high school.

The American Farmer Degree that
he received at the National FFA Con-
vention this year probably went a long
way toward helping the Beauregard Fu-
ture Farmer make up his mind. "But
now I know that farming is for me," he
says, "and I think I'm about the luck-
iest fellow in the world!"

Earl's first project was selling milk from three cows that his dad let him
have for milking seven of the family
cows. But after about six months, the
boy and his father decided to go into
partnership on the 10 cows and sell
Grade B milk.

Along with this dairy project, Earl
started raising pigs from the gilt that
his FFA chapter had given him. At first
he had no green grazing for his pigs. But
he now has an acre of crimson clover, a
half acre of oats, and he also hogs off
his corn. He says that he has found hog
farming less expensive and less trouble
than dairy farming.

Earl is currently making plans to
double his dairy herd and enlarge his
barn to get it up to Grade A specifications.

Last winter Earl married a local girl,
and the two of them are building them-
selves a five-room house near his family's
house. All of the lumber for this house
will come from timber off his farm, and
he and his father are doing most of the
labor.

Earl Gullate, Beauregard

George Gullate

George C. Gullate of the Beauregard
FFA chapter, unlike his cousin Earl,
knew from the time he was in junior
high school that he wanted to be a
farmer; he longed for the day when he
could enter high school and join the
FFA.

His interest and determination finally
paid off in an American Farmer Degree
this fall at the National FFA Conven-
tion in Kansas City, Mo.

George has always been interested in
farm shop work, and he remembers how
he used to pick up a little extra money
by making or rebuilding articles and
selling them. He once rebuilt an old
broken down wagon and sold it for $35;
he has also built and sold a cedar chest,
chicken brooder, several book cases, and
a number of whatnot stands.

His first cash products were corn and
cowpeas; he later added cotton. His
father always helped finance the projects,
and then George would pay him back
after the crops were sold.

Just before he finished high school in
May, 1951, George and his father de-
cided to go into partnership. They rented
30 additional acres of land from an uncle,
bought themselves a tractor, and began
their expanding program. They paid
off the entire note on their new equip-
GEORGE GULLATE, Beauregard

ment from the sale of crops their first fall.
In the future they plan to increase their cotton and beef production. And also in the future, George hopes to own a farm of his own.

Richard Baker

Richard "Butch" Baker has always been a firm believer in scientific farming and attempted to apply scientific practices to his own farming program. That the Auburn Future Farmer succeeded is demonstrated by the fact that he was one of the 13 Alabama boys to receive an American Farmer Degree this fall at the national convention.

Butch started taking vocational agriculture in the ninth grade, but he was greatly handicapped in his farming program because of the lack of facilities — only three acres of land inside the city limits of Auburn. Nevertheless, he earned a net income of $91.20 during his first year of vocational agriculture.

The next year his family moved to a farm in the country, and Butch was able to expand his program. He did so to the tune of $275.68.

But by his final year in high school, he had really hit his stride, earning $1,257.82. His projects for that year included 16 acres of cotton, 20 acres of corn, 8 acres of crimson clover, 5 acres of oats, 5 acres of wheat, 2 acres of truck crops, 15 head of hogs, and 5 head of cattle.

Butch was president of his FFA chapter during his senior year of high school. And during his term of office, the chapter placed second in the state chapter contest.

Butch is currently helping his father and brother operate their 306 acre farm on a partnership basis. They are gradually growing into more extensive beef cattle production.

CLYDE HELTON, Atmore

Clyde Helton

Since entering vocational agriculture in 1948, Clyde Helton of the Atmore FFA chapter has continuously expanded his farming program — expanded it to such a high level that he was awarded the American Farmer Degree this fall at the national convention.

Clyde first started his farming operations with just three productive projects — cotton, corn and soy beans — but is today recognized as one of the most progressive young farmers in his region. Calves and hogs were later added to his program to round things out.

His present list of productive projects includes cotton, corn, soy beans, hogs, dairy cattle, and beef cattle. Some day, he hopes to have land of his own, and he is continually working toward that goal.

When he first began, Clyde’s father gave him 35 acres of land to farm if he would help his father with the other farming operations. Clyde not only did that but found time to help some of his neighbors during the potato season rush.

Clyde has always been active in his FFA chapter, participating in public speaking contests and serving on the dairy cattle judging teams; he was also a chapter officer.

LAWRENCE WILLIAMSON, JR. Grove Hill

Lawrence Williamson, Jr.

Last year Lawrence E. Williamson Jr., Grove Hill FFA chapter, received the vocational agriculture department’s Agricultural Award Medal. And this fall at the national convention, Lawrence climax ed his FFA work by receiving the American Farmer Degree.

Lawrence always showed outstanding leadership abilities while in high school; he was captain of his football team, member of the “G” Club, Beta Club member, and president of his local FFA chapter. He presided at his chapter’s annual banquet where 250 guests were present. Lawrence, or “L. E.” as his friends like to call him, also served on several important committees while in school.

His leadership abilities were further shown when he was sometimes called upon to help instruct in some of the vocational agriculture classes.

The money that he makes from his farming activities is used to expand his program; his main interests are row crops and livestock.

What time he isn’t farming, Lawrence likes to hunt, fish and ride horses.
SHOWN ABOVE are some of the toys made and repaired by the Alexander City FFA and FHA members last year.

CONVENTION

Band Members
Richard Brooks, Geneva; Billy Weidenbach, Auburn; Bill Davis, Eufaula, and Thomas Hall, Albertville.

Chorus Members
Charles R. Salmon, Auburn, and Harry Wilson, Samson.

Home Improvement Winners
Johnny Mac Johnson, Vernon; Jerry Hall, Greensboro; Wilbur Smith, Crossville; Billy Flynn, Sulligent; and Cecil Stubbs, Wetumpka.

Electrification Winner
Tillman Gibbs, Ranburne.

Showmanship
Lavone Smith, Arab.

Forestry
S. M. Smith, Pell City.

Other Members
Franklin Sparkman, Hartselle; Fay Milam, Pell City; Fall Funderburg, Pell City; Billy Walker, Riverton; Mack Roberts, Cedar Bluff; Mr. Gibbs, Ranburne; Billy Maddox, Wetumpka; Robert Wade, and Wayne Bowden.

CARNES

years, he has been employed by the State Department of Agriculture and Industries as Market News Analyst in the Montgomery office. His work there is in gathering market quotations and related data, and preparing it for release by press, radio, mimeograph reports, etc., and writing market reviews describing price trends and market conditions. Also he is Farm Reporter for radio station WSFA in Montgomery.

He is a member of the Baptist Church, American Legion and the Photographic Society of America.

Recently, he was married to the former Betty May Lynch of Montgomery. They will make their home in Auburn beginning January 1st.

Arc Welding Awards For FFA Members

A $7,000 Arc Welding Award Program has been set up for high school students who are living on farms by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio.

The awards will be given to those high school students who prepare and send to the Foundation the best description of how arc welding was or could be used on a farm project; the farm project can be either a home project or a project at school and may deal with arc welding in maintenance, repair or construction on the farm.

SEEDLINGS

teachers to the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce before January 15. A cover charge of 50c per thousand seedlings should be included with each order.

Since the supply is limited, a limit of 1,000 seedlings per boy has been set. However, a boy can split his order by ordering 500 of one variety and 500 of another. Each order should state plainly whether slash, loblolly or longleaf is desired.

Where school land is available for demonstration purposes, a vocational agriculture teacher may order 1,000 seedlings at the same rate. A teacher's order can be written on the same blank used by the students, but in the place for the individual boy's name there should instead be placed a statement that the seedlings will be used for a school demonstration plot.

Copies of the Forestry Manual — "The Green Gold of Alabama Forests" — are still available and will be furnished vocational agriculture teachers upon request.

--- FFA ---

SHOWN ABOVE is a glimpse of the National FFA Convention being held in the huge Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. The FFA members from over the nation can be seen in the picture. It is estimated that this large auditorium will seat 15,000 people.
All entries must be in by June 15, 1953. Mail all entries to: The Secretary, The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland 17, Ohio.

Additional awards will be made to the schools in which the main student award winners are enrolled.

More than one project can be described in a single entry if desired. However, in the entry it is better to illustrate and describe one project completely rather than attempt to describe several projects briefly.

The complete story of maintenance, repair or construction project should be told. Photographs or drawings to illustrate the project and enough written description to make the project clear and intelligible should be given.

First prize is $600, and second prize is $400. There will be two third place awards of $200, six fourth place awards of $100, 30 fifth place awards of $50, and 60 sixth place awards of $25.

All vocational agriculture teachers have been mailed a set of rules on how to prepare entries as well as practical tips on how to choose a project.

D. N. Bottoms, associate professor, agricultural education, API, Auburn, is a member of the rules committee for this program.

FFA members or local advisers who would like to secure a personal copy of the rules for this program, should write to The Secretary, The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland 17, Ohio.

---FFA---

Riverton Chapter Wins Fourth Gold Medal Award

The Riverton FFA chapter won for the fourth consecutive year a Gold Emblem Chapter Award at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., this year. Tanner's FFA Chapter received the Bronze Emblem Award.

Only 39 of the approximately 8,500 local chapters in the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico received Gold Emblem ratings; 21 received Silver Emblem ratings; 13 Bronze Emblems, and 4 Honorable Mentions.

Each State FFA Association was allowed to enter its top two chapters in the national contest. Alabama's top two were Riverton with J. D. Wigley as local adviser and Tanner with C. C. Adgerhold, adviser. Judging was done by staff members of the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, in Washington, D. C. —FFA—

Walnut Grove Future Farmers are currently growing out a litter of pigs for the market. The boys hope to fatten the pigs and then fatten the chapter treasury.

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Scholarship and Recreation
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State FFA Treasurer

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The state association has recommended the way to accomplish this goal is for each chapter to set up a plan of special awards for recognizing improvements.

One way for any chapter to gain the interest of all members is to have good recreation. A lot of chapters have organized basketball teams and play on a county-wide basis. There can be a quartet or glee club organized in almost any chapter. Many members enjoy reading provided by an FFA library.

There is nothing enjoyed more than a well planned Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet, a camping trip or a social planned with the FHA.

These goals, although listed last on the program of work, should not be overlooked, they could mean the success of your chapter.

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---FFA---

Pell City FFA Public Relations for 1952-53

1. Weekly column in county newspapers.
2. One picture show a month on activities.
3. Two assembly programs during the year – October and April.
4. Two radio programs – November and May.
5. Enter all FFA contests possible.
6. Parents night and visitors day in department.
7. Two news letters published – October and May.
8. All monthly FFA reports in on time.
10. Scrapbook of FFA activities.
11. FFA files in good order.
12. See that all members know what FFA stands for.
13. Plan and carry out National FFA Week activities.
14. FFA posters in show windows – October-April.
15. FFA Day in department.
16. Well-planned FFA chapter program.
17. Public relations planned where every member has a part.
18. News sent to national magazine.
19. One meeting strictly for honorary members.
20. Cooperate with FHA chapter in their activities.
21. Two exhibits in downtown show windows – October-March.
22. Add 12 film strips to library.
23. Present program to four neighboring schools.
24. Send 12 pictures to state office during year.
25. Attend state convention in Auburn.
26. Know business and professional people in community.
27. Establish good relations with newspaper people.
28. Continue school ground beautification program.
29. Put out two FFA information sheets.
30. All members work on public relations for FFA.
31. Add another FFA sign on highway.
32. Decals placed in 44 prominent places in community.
33. Place FFA magazines in all barber shops.
34. Send FFA magazines to public minded people in community.
35. Establish good relations with civic clubs in community.

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Bay Minette Pig Chain Proves Successful

A pig chain started by members of the Bay Minette FFA chapter has now grown to a large size and is proving to be a definite asset to the community. It all started some two years ago when the boys set up a fund of $100 and bought four purebred Duroc gilts.

Each of those gilts was bred to a purebred Duroc boar; from their first litters, the chain began to grow. The boys who received gilts from those first litters each in turn gave back to the chapter two gilts from his own first litter.

The ultimate purpose of such a pig chain is to stimulate hog production in the Baldwin County area, develop large families of purebred hogs, and so improve the local swine industry that buyers will be attracted from other regions.

As the FFA pig chain lengthens, every boy in the chapter will eventually have an opportunity to own a purebred Duroc gilt; and each boy can use the pig as one of his productive projects.

Each Future Farmer who takes a pig is required to not only keep an accurate record of his project but must also make a detailed study of the regulations and requirements for registration and transfer of papers in the Duroc Breeders Association.

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Thomas and his father were almost positive that they were about to experience a crop failure, but they went on ahead with their plans to feed about 25 pigs if the corn crop ever reached the hard dough stage.

Fortunately for the Turners, a heavy rain spell came just in time to aid their cause and gave them one of the best corn yields in their community this year. The 42-acre farm cultivated by the Turners gave forth 1,200 bushels of corn and offers mute testimony that getting a late start is not always as bad as it seems — especially if you work day and night and have a cooperative weather man.

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BRUNSDIGE—plan to buy band saw and joiner for shop; ordered official officer jackets.
BUTLER—hold 2 regular meetings; ordered 27 Duroc pigs for FFA project; plan to organize a theater club.
CAMEL—initiated 2 regular meetings; plan to initiate 12 Green Hands; pig chain committee placed 1 registered pig.
CARLOWVILLE—hold joint event with FHA; installed 2 electric pumps for new all-day boy's bathhouses.
CASTLEBERRY—hold 1 meeting; plan to improve pig chain.
CLAYTON—plan to purchase new equipment for chapter.
CLEVEDON—plan to organize a theater club.
CLIF—plan to organize a theater club.
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LAVONE SMITH of Arab won the FFA showmanship contest at the State Fair which paid his expenses to the National Convention.

EXCEL—elected new officers; initiated 14 new members; selling rat poison on commission.

FALKVILLE—initiated 17 Green Hands; added Yorkshire to pig chain; improving livestock pasture.

FAYETTE—19 Green Hands initiated; quartet organized; added another pig to pig chain; all members planning to get bicolor plants.

FIVE POINTS—sold subscriptions to Farm Journal to earn official clothing; bought 6 new books for library.

FLORALA—held 2 meetings; sold subscriptions to magazines; published Korny Kob.

GAYLESVILLE—initiated 12 Green Hands; put on chapel program.

GLENCOE—plan to enter FFA bull at State Fair; established bank account.

GORGAS—ordered 60,000 bicolor seedlings; purchased official manuals and guides to Parliamentary Practices.

GOSHEN—Jr. III class purchased and installed oil heater in classroom; initiated 12 Green Hands; completed Activity Program.

HAYDEN—ordered 10,000 bicolor plants; chapter quartet practicing.

HAYNEVILLE—sold 10 FFA "T" shirts and 1 FFA belt; ordered 10,000 bicolor seedlings; bought a band saw for shop.

HEFLIN—initiated 48 Green Hands; ordered 3 jackets; adopted Activity Program for year.

HOLLY POND—3 members ordered FFA jackets; held social for FHA and FFA members.

HUBERTVILLE—initiated 21 Green Hands; treated 1,826 fence post.

INVERNESS—selling farm Quarterly magazine and hoping to make enough to purchase a television set; plans are being made to have a Plow Horse Derby next spring.

JACKSON—initiated 14 Green Hands; ordered additional FFA paraphernalia and highway signs.

JEMISON—initiated 35 Green Hands; ordered an official jacket and Green Hand pins.

JASPER—held officers meetings; appointed new finance and publicity committees; bought 2 official FFA jackets; held 2 regular meetings.

LEXINGTON—Chapter Sears bull shown at State Fair in Birmingham; carrying out recently adopted program of work.

LIBERTY—initiated 9 Green Hands; bought 2 pigs to top out; put on radio program.

LINDEN—ordered 3 road signs; plan Father Son supper; selling subscriptions to magazines; ordered FFA ring and pin.

LIVINGSTON—initiated 14 Green Hands; sold $110 worth of subscriptions to Progressive Farmer.

LOUISVILLE—held Joe Hand initiation; sold chances on turkey to add money to treasury.

LYEFFION—bought calf to fatten out and make additional money for the chapter; initiated 14 new members.

LYNN—initiated 16 Green Hands; ordered FFA jackets, "T" shirts and 15,000 bicolor seedlings.

MCDORY—Activity Program completed for year; putting on rat campaign.

MCKENZIE—ordered 12,000 bicolor lespedea plants; received Sears bull.

MIDLAND CITY—held second meeting of the year; initiated 13 Green Hand candidates.

MILLEKELVILLE—initiated 16 Green Hands; sold over 3 bales of cotton and got over 3 bales of cotton.

MILLPORT—much pasture improvement being done; held 2 meetings.

MILLTOWN—the District Hampshire pig show was held at Milltown and Milltown FFA chapter won first place with their gilt.

MOULTON—ordered 21,000 bicolor lespedea plants; ordered 29,000 bicolor lespedea plants.

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LYEFFION—bought a pair of registered Duroc pigs to be raffled off to raise money to buy movie projector.

MOUNDVILLE—held 2 meetings; made plans for money making activities.

NEW HOPE—plan to pick cotton to raise money for the chapter; 7 boys ordered official FFA jackets.

NEW MARKET—held 2 regular meetings;

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NEW SITE-entered Tractor Derby at Piedmont Area Exposition; plan to entertain New Site FHA girls, officers and advisors of the other chapters in the county.

NEWVILLE-made field trip to treat peach trees; helped on the construction of the Baptist Church Parsonage.

NOTASULGA-sponsored rat killing contest; purchased 2 books for FFA Library; ordered 20,000 bicolor seedlings.

OAKMAN-initiated 17 new members; 5 members feeding out calves for fat stock show; sold magnates for FFA clothing.

ODENVILLE—FFA members of the senior III class vaccinated about 200 head of cattle belonging to members and farmers.

OHATCHEE—held three regular chapter meetings and two officers meetings; initiated 13 Green Hands; ordered official treasurers and secretary record book and 12 manuals.

ONEonta—made 500 selling drinks, and candy at football games; initiated 36 Green Hands.

OPP—officers leadership training; ordered manuals for chapter and Green Hand pins; added new books to chapter library.

ORRVILLE—painted tables and tool cabinets in shop; two meetings held; initiated 16 Green Hands.

OXFORD—elected officers; ordered FFA jackets.

OZARK—added 3 gifts to pig chain; ordered official jackets; sold subscriptions to magazine to raise funds; plan rat killing campaign.

PELL CITY—initiated 34 Green Hands and 35 Chapter Farmers; ordered 19 FFA jackets; 34 Green Hand pins and 35 Chapter Farmer pins; quartet practicing.

PINE APPLE—started purebred pig chain with five gifts; held officers training school; initiated 5 Green Hands.

PINE HILL—initiated 18 Green Hands; purchased trailer for chapter's use.

PISGAH—sold Christmas cards; started writing speeches for public speaking contest; sold peanuts at ball game.

RAWLS—purchased two bogs; had an exhibit at county fair; put on one radio program.

RED BAY—initiated 3 new members; ordered 8,000 bicolor seedlings; helping Forest Rangers keep fires under control.

REFORM—held two regular meetings; initiated 14 Green Hands; held one regular meeting.

REFORM—carrying our "Ike and Mike" feeding out seven hogs.

RIVER—initiated 23 Green Hands; quartet sang at Flying Farmers convention; purchased officer pin for all chapter officers; initiated 20 Green Hands; held two chapter meetings and one officers meeting.

ROANOKE—plans made to initiate 16 Green Hands; placed in pig chain; ordered FFA jackets.

SAMSON—ordered 15,000 hespedeca bicolor seedlings; held Green Hand banquet; initiated 17 Green Hands; raised over 2,000 pounds Warfarin rat bait; built self-feeders for rats; weekly column in county paper.

SUSAN MOORE—gave out 2 pigs received from pig chain; treated 200 pest for people in the community; all members planning to have FFA mailbox posts.

TUTTLE—initiated 9 Green Hands; ordered FFA jackets; held quartet tryout; added two pigs to pig chain.

SYLVANIA—secured FFA manuals for each member; ordered 10,000 bicolor seedlings; approved and initiated 30 Green Hands.

TUSKEGEE—received the Brookdale Award for the Chapter Contest and also the Livestock Judging Contest.

THEODORE—initiated 10 Green Hands; feeding out seven hogs.

THOMASTON—held one chapter meeting and one officers meeting; initiated 20 Green Hands; ordered FFA jackets and "T" shirts.

THOMASVILLE—elected officers; bought purchase an official jacket; members bought "T" shirts.

TOWN CREEK—initiated 20 Green Hands; bought 3 new books for library; held regular meeting.

TROY—held two regular meetings; purchased 20 new official manuals for chapter; purchased 10 official FFA caps to be worn while selling programs at football games.

TUSKEGEE—presented Chapter Farmer Degree to local furniture dealer. V. V. Glass for his outstanding service to local FFA chapter; chapter program on "Safety on the Farm." Chapter entered; put 4 hogs in feed for chapter; sold subscriptions to Farm Journal.

VALLEY HEAD—made over 3 bales of cotton off 2% acres; selling magazine subscriptions; held FFA initiation.

VERNON—attended State Fair in Birmingham; plan to initiate 18 Green Hands.

VINAS—ordered official treasurer and secretary books, official pins for Green Hands and Chapter members.

VINCENT—improved ro-ag building; 25 Green Hands initiated; added 3 pigs to pig chain.

WALNUT GROVE—purchased 5 identification signs; ordered 10,000 bicolor plants for birds; planning Green Hand initiation.

WEDOWEE—vaccinated 50 head of cattle for blackleg; castrated 28 bulls; held 3 quartet practice sessions; ordered and received official jacket; sold shirts and rain jackets.

WEQUASKA—held joint FFA and FHA social; members won jackets by selling the Farm Journal.

WEST LIMESTONE—built FFA store; 24 new books added to library and ordered enough bicolor hespedeca seedlings to plant 10 acres.

WEST POINT—one of the chapters Durac Pig Chain placed; ordered 6 FFA jackets; purchased a drill press, a portable sander and an acetylene welder for shop.

WETUMPAK—placed new Sears bull with chapter; selling fruit trees; initiated 18 Green Hands and presented pins to each.

WHITE PLAINS—ordered 2 official jackets; purchased officer jacket; member officers; held officer training school.

WILLIAMSBURG—ordered new officers; bought 3 pigs to feed on school scraps; held officers training school.

YORK—built magazine rack for library; initiated 17 Green Hands; every member entering Chapter Speaking Contest.

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