5,000,000 Pine Seedlings Planted by FFA

More than five million pine seedlings have been planted by Future Farmers of America in Alabama since 1942 under the program sponsored by the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce, the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation, and FFA members.

Under this plan seedlings are made available to FFA members through the State Chamber by the Division of Forestry at low cost. Goal of the program is to have a thousand boys plant an acre each every year. Since the plan started, the goal has been reached only in 1948-1949, but a shortage of seedlings is the reason the goal has not been reached many years.

The pines have been planted in 57 Alabama counties. None of the counties in the Tennessee Valley area participate in this program because they are furnished seedlings from TVA nurseries.

More than 5,000 FFA members in Alabama have planted these seedlings, each boy receiving a thousand seedlings for an acre. All applications must be cleared through vocational agriculture teachers and sound forestry practices must be observed. Foresters from the

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Riverton FFA Sweetheart Tri-State Queen

PRETTY ANN WALLACE, 17-year-old senior at Riverton High School, is the toast of Madison County and north Alabama since winning highest honors in the Tri-State FFA Queen Contest sponsored by The Chattanooga Times.

Actually, Ann has been the toast of that region for some time. An outstanding farm girl, she came close to winning this contest in 1951 when she came in as runner-up to Martha Sue Davis, Continued on page 7

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FFA Kings for Two Days

County FFA Presidents and State Officers Treated As Kings in Birmingham

There is a Future in Farming...

This was the consensus on every hand in Birmingham February 21 and 22 as some 75 farmers of the future toured the Magic City as guests of the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

State and county officers of the Future Farmers of America, these farm youths were there to see and learn more of the wonders of big city life.

Even Mayor Cooper Green thought reflectively of green acres, cattle and a place to retire some day, as he watched the alert, blue-jacketed FFA boys tour the new city hall.

And he and Birmingham’s civic leaders were even more impressed when they

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THE COUNTY FFA Presidents and State Officers rest at the base of Vulcan after climbing to the top and back down again. It was two full days of activity for them on their recent visit to Birmingham as guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

SALUTING THE 1952 FFA GRADUATES
To Graduating F. F. A. Members:

I would like to congratulate each of you upon your high school graduation. We have enjoyed having you in FFA and Vocational Agriculture.

Life is full of decisions and a great deal depends upon the kind of decisions you make. Your future depends upon your decision as to whether you continue in school, develop your farming program and become a successful farmer or enter some other occupation. You have shown your interest in farming and I would like to commend farming to you as an occupation. In case you are interested in going to college, I would like to point out the possibilities of studying Vocational Agriculture and becoming a teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

Teaching Vocational Agriculture is a pleasant and satisfactory way to live. A teacher of Vocational Agriculture is a good citizen, a professional leader, is loved by everyone in the community and is in a position to make a tremendous contribution to the welfare of the community in which he works. A teacher of Vocational Agriculture is associated with many professional organizations and it is necessary that he keep up to date with the latest agricultural and educational information. This means that he has an opportunity for professional growth through conferences, in-service education and graduate courses.

The field of Vocational Agriculture has been an expanding field. The number of departments of Vocational Agriculture has increased more than seven times during the first twenty-five years of Vocational Agriculture. We have many teachers that go into other fields at higher pay after experience in teaching. The field is always open to good, prospective teachers.

If your decision is to study Vocational Agriculture and prepare to teach Vocational Agriculture, we will be glad to assist you in any way that we can.

We wish for you every success in life.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor
Agricultural Education and
State FFA Adviser
Your Future Is What You Make It

By T. L. Faulkner
Executive Secretary

Opportunities for you graduating FFA members will be limited only by your vision of what your future may become, your abilities and how you use them, your character and determination.

You are now starting out on one of the most exciting adventures you will ever have. You will discover that earning a living can be fun. But, if you want to get the most out of life, you will have to organize your thinking. You will need to use foresight in acquiring those skills which will be most valuable to you later. You will have to plan your life well and then follow your plan.

Having a definite occupation or goal in mind will give you a running start over others who have not thought about their future. Fortunately, some of the graduating FFA members know already what they want to do. They are now making definite plans to follow that course.

You FFA boys are now completing an important phase of your life. You are the cream of the crop. It is good to know that many of you believe in the Future of Farming as stated in the FFA Creed. It is good to know that most of you will either be a farmer, or you will specialize in some phase of agriculture for your life's work.

It isn't expected that all FFA members will be farmers. A good percentage of you will farm, however. It isn't expected that all FFA members will go to college and it isn't necessary that everyone go to college. Whether or not a person goes to college depends to a great extent on the individual himself. It depends on his likes and dislikes. It also depends on his goals and his ability to reach these goals. It is very important for you who do go to college to have a definite goal or a definite career in mind. You should have a broad understanding about the different courses offered in college and what they will prepare you to do.

Achieve Success

Make yourself useful. Excuses cannot take the place of usefulness. Excuses never build a house. An excuse is an acknowledgment of failure. Usefulness is the road to success.

Control your temper. Temper is a fine thing but you need it for yourself to spur you on. Keep it for yourself and use it on yourself.

Control your tongue. One sure sign of conceit is to be always bragging. Conceit is a deadly enemy to success.

Control your money. If you have a very little money you certainly ought to know how to keep it. If you have a lot of money and do not know how to use it wisely, you will do harm with your money and end by losing it.

Keep things where they belong. We call this system. This matter of having a place for everything and everything in its place is the best way to teach us how to be careful. Waste is an enemy to success.

Do one thing at a time. A large majority of people never learn this lesson thoroughly. Most of us try to do one thing and think of another or several others.

Plan the use of your time and stick to your plan. You have as much time as any one. Be careful not to waste it.
To Graduating F.F.A. Members:

Future Farmers, what next? This is one of the two or three most important decisions in your life and your high school graduation brings you face to face with the problem. Your services are desperately needed if your generation is to continue the democratic heritage passed on to you from past generations. Your life career is important, both to you and to your country.

The two big factors of your decision are (1) what are my interests and abilities? and (2) what are the occupations that offer the greatest opportunities in the areas of my interests and abilities? After these questions are answered you can begin to make plans for your future.

Auburn (as well as other colleges) is of course anxious to serve you in any way possible. If you have developed a love for learning, if you are capable of doing good class work, if you are willing to work, if you conscientiously want to improve yourself, and if a college education will better prepare you for your life's work then Auburn welcomes you. Of course many of you have rather well-advanced farming programs that you wish to continue. A college education would provide an excellent background in agriculture and leadership for you. However you might be one of the many students who would do better to continue to develop your farming program and look to other means for your further growth and development.

The Agricultural Education Department is particularly interested in you if you are interested in becoming a Teacher of Vocational Agriculture. To enter this field you should have a keen desire to help in the development of rural people, be capable of plenty of hard work and you must have a good background in farming. Although the main purpose of this Department is to prepare boys for teaching Vocational Agriculture there is a wide range of related occupations in education, agriculture and business that are entered regularly by our graduates. About half of the curriculum is devoted to technical agriculture with the other areas being divided between basic sciences, general educational subjects and professional education courses.

Whether you enter our Department or not, the Collegiate Chapter of the F.F.A. is open to all former high school members while you are on the campus. Our Department would welcome the opportunity to serve you in any way that we can.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Montgomery
Acting Head
Agricultural Education
Choice of Life’s Work

Teaching Vocational Agriculture

By E. L. McGRAW, Subject Matter Specialist

Choice of one’s life work is an important decision which faces every young person who has the privilege of living in America today. There are three things to consider in making this decision: (1) The nature of, requirement for, and opportunities in specific occupations, (2) a study of one’s own abilities, aptitudes, and interests, (3) an effort to match the above two considerations and develop sound educational and vocational plans.

There are many opportunities in the field of Agriculture for farm boys who love the soil. One of the broader fields is that of teaching Vocational Agriculture. This program is growing rapidly in the number of departments and the responsibilities being added to the program are expanding yearly. Vocational Agriculture as you probably are familiar with, offers systematic instruction in Agriculture of less than college grade conducted in public schools for those persons fourteen years of age or older, who have entered upon, or who are preparing to enter upon work of the farm or farm home.

There are 309 departments of Vocational Agriculture in Alabama, 252 of which are for white students, with an enrollment of 12,000 all-day students and approximately 12,000 adult farmers. In addition approximately 600 teachers are training 10,000 veterans in the on-farm-training program. There are three well recognized groups served by Vocational Agriculture.

1. In school farm youths preparing to farm.
2. Out of school young men engaged in farming or employed as farm workers, looking forward to full establishment as independent farm operators.
3. Adult farmers fully established or operating either as owner or tenants.

The integral parts of instruction in vocational agriculture include classroom activities, supervised farm program, farm mechanics activities, training in food preservation in school community canneries and school sponsored organizations, such as the Future Farmers of America.

The major objectives of vocational agriculture are to develop effective ability to:
1. Make a beginning and advance in farming.
2. Produce farm commodities efficiently.
3. Market farm products advantageously.
4. Conserve soil and other natural resources.
5. Manage a farm business.
6. Maintain a favorable environment.

Every person who plans to teach vocational agriculture should have a background of farm experience. He should have had at least two years of farm experience since the age of fifteen or preferably should have been raised on a farm. Unquestionable character is essential for every successful teacher. He must have a forceful personality, know how to meet people and carry on a conversation. He should be in sympathy with rural life. He must have an attitude of friendliness toward farmers. He must have a technical, scientific and practical knowledge of Agriculture and he must be able to guide present and prospective farmers in arriving at solutions that may be carried out on their home farms. One of the most important qualifications of a teacher of agriculture is leadership. He must be a believer in his job. He should be neat and dressed properly for all occasions.

A teacher of vocational agriculture is a specialist in his field and has definite responsibilities to perform in the community in which he works:
1. First of all, he is an educator, a teacher of both in-school and out-of-school students. Here his duties are so much the same as any other high school teacher except that they are broadened to include out-of-school students.
2. He is an advisor to the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.
3. His duties require him to be a guidance counselor, to a rather marked degree, to a wide variety of students.
4. He is a public relations man and often serves as liaison officer between the community and the school.
5. He is a supervisor in that he must supervise the farming programs of youths and adults.
6. He is an administrator because he must maintain an office, prepare departmental budgets, buy supplies, operate a shop and, in many instances, such other enterprises as canneries and food conservation centers.
7. In many cases, he is required to be a teacher-trainer to veteran instructors, new teachers, and apprentice teachers.
8. He is and should be, a good citizen and a professional leader, which requires him to take part in many activities outside of his regular duties.

The teacher of Vocational Agriculture has a year-around job. As a teacher he assists the present and prospective farmers by providing organized instruction to suit their needs. He usually teaches three classes either one or two periods in length each day. This includes technical information plus practical information such as shop and field trips. In addition, he conducts one or more adult or young farmer class in the evening which runs for a period of ten meetings or more. He supervises farm programs of all-day students and adults.

Teachers of Vocational Agriculture also perform numerous community services such as, operating canning plants, post treating plants, and other cooperative activities.

The teacher of Agriculture is an important and essential person in a rural community. It is his job to assist youth, young farmers, and adult farmers and their families in putting into effect approved farm practices. This instruction must be practical if application of practices is to be achieved in “supervised farming” program. These programs include selected farm enterprises or projects of a production type and various jobs and projects which contribute to improved farming and farm living. The developing of farming programs leads to pleasant outdoor work and a very fine relationship with families served by the teacher of Agriculture.

The teacher of Vocational Agriculture is the advisor for the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America, a nationwide organization of boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. The F.F.A. program consists of a wide range of activities including development of better farming, community service and rural leadership.

Teaching Vocational Agriculture is a satisfying profession. The social status of a teacher is high in a community, and the farmers and townsmen look to him for advice. The teacher of Agriculture usually associates with other professional people of the community.

Teachers of Agriculture are associated with many professional organizations. A few of these are: Alabama Education Association, National Association of Vocational Agriculture
Teachers, American Vocational Association, and National Education Association.

Opportunity is given the teacher of Agriculture for professional growth through district and summer conferences, through in-service teacher education, and through graduate courses in agricultural education and commercial Agriculture offered during summer school and on an extension basis.

Who employs Vocational Agriculture Teachers? State Supervisors of Vocational Agriculture approve the qualifications and recommend applicants to County Boards of Education for final approval and employment.

Is their work steady? Yes, and usually on a 12 months-a-year basis.

What can be borne in mind, on the other hand, that the Agricultural Education curriculum is not necessarily the best preparation for these fields outside of Vocational Agriculture and the teaching of Veterans.

How much education does a Vocational Agriculture Teacher need?

1. High School — with Vocational Agriculture courses.
2. Four years college — with certain prescribed courses in technical Agriculture and Education, including practical teaching and other participating experiences in the activities of a teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

The chief purpose of the College Department of Agricultural Education is the training of prospective teachers of Vocational Agriculture. In the last ten years, nearly 50 per cent of the graduates have entered this field. The percentage is probably even higher during normal times. The teacher of Vocational Agriculture has a rare opportunity to serve his fellow man.

Salaries for teaching Vocational Agriculture are based on experience and degrees held. The salary is comparable to the other teachers in the school on a monthly basis. The salary ranges from $3,000 to $4,000. An allotment is set up for each Vocational Agriculture Teacher for official traveling expenses at a rate of 6¢ per mile.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Even though the Agricultural Education curriculum is designed primarily for the training of teachers of Vocational Agriculture, graduates are also qualified for various other fields of work. Some of these fields are discussed briefly below:

Teaching Veterans. During the last ten years 35.7 per cent of the graduates in the Agricultural Education curriculum at Auburn have taken positions as Veterans Instructors. This has been a rather profitable field of employment. The veterans’ program, however, expires in 1956 and this field of employment will be closed if further legislation is not enacted to include recent military servicemen.

Extension Service. About four or five per cent of the graduates in Agricultural Education enter the extension service; as County Agricultural Agents or Assistant Agents.

Other types of teaching. Approximately two per cent of the graduates in Agricultural Education enter other fields of teaching such as administration, science, etc. The curriculum qualifies them for either field.

Farmers Home Administration. The Farmers Home Administration has been a common field of employment for Agricultural Education Graduates.

Some other fields of employment which have been entered by Agricultural Education Graduates are: Business, Entomology, Farming, Soil Conservation, State Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Representatives for Commercial firms.

This discussion and listing does not cover all of the occupations which Agricultural Education Graduates enter. It should be borne in mind, on the other hand, that the Agricultural Education curriculum is not necessarily the best preparation for these fields outside of Vocational Agriculture and the teaching of Veterans. It does, however, qualify its graduates for a wide variety of occupations.
Life Is Full of Adventure

Life is a series of exciting adventures and you will soon be entering one of the most interesting of these — that of earning a living.

To get the most out of life you will need to be a good thinker with foresight which will help you in forming a definite plan for your life. Those who have definite plans for the future are those who are most likely to succeed. Fortunately, some of you already have such plans made. You have indicated that you love farming by being an active FFA member over a period of years.

All of you will not be farmers. However, many of you will enter fields of occupations closely related to farming. To be best qualified to enter many of these occupations, a college education will be necessary. A 4-year course in agricultural education is good training for any farm boy who is planning to enter these related occupations.

If you major in Agricultural Education in college, what are your chances of getting a good job after graduation? Read Mr. Cannon’s letter on page two and determine what your chances are for a position as teacher of Vocational Agriculture and FFA Adviser.

What occupations in agriculture will you be qualified for after graduation in Agricultural Education? Read Mr. Montgomery’s letter and also the section by E. L. McGraw. These should help answer the above questions for you.

Dependability Spells Success

Is he dependable? Is he successful? These questions are heard daily by thousands of people in all walks of life.

A person is either dependable, or he is not. A person is either a success, or he is not. If he is a success, you can be assured that he is dependable, for without dependability, there is no complete success. Dependability and success go hand in hand. You don’t have one without the other.

Where can we find a dependable person to fill this important position? There is always a demand for the person who can be depended upon to fully carry out his duties.

“There are a few persons in my employ” said one executive recently “upon whom I can always depend, and they are such a comfort.” Yes, it is with restful assurance that we turn to a person with dependability. An answer to the question of dependability should be your cue to success in a world where efficiency and time saving is so necessary.

However small or great is one’s ability, add dependability and you add a force that will drive men upward toward the goal of success and happiness.

FFA Reports for April and May

1. State Farmer Degree Applications.................. April 1
2. Star Dairy Farmer and Efficient Milk Production Report April 10
3. Farm Mechanics contest report....................... April 15
4. Farm and Home Electrification Contest Report April 20
5. Forestry Contest Report.................. April 25
6. Dues and Final list of members since November 1 May 1
7. Home Improvement Contest Report................ June 1
8. Annual FFA Report.......................... June 1
9. Soil and Water Management Report... May 5
10. Farm Safety Report........................ May 10
12. Final Chapter Contest Report................... May 15
13. State Officer Nomination.................. May 20

RIVERTON FFA SWEETHEART

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nominated of Bradley High at Cleveland, Tenn.

“Queen Ann,” who has done outstanding work in vocational home economics through three years in high school, is president of her chapter of Future Home-makers of America and received her State Homemaker degree last June.

The work of the Riverton FFA chapter which had much to do with its nominee’s victory has been outstanding under the direction of J. D. Wigley, vocational agriculture teacher and chapter adviser. During the past year the chapter won five county, six district, six state, one tri-state and one national award to complete what the chapter considers its most successful year.

Franklin Miller was the county champion on corn yield with 128 bushels per acre and J. W. Hawkins won a district winner on five acres. Morris Dean Patterson fed out and showed the champion Angus steer while Billy Johnson placed first in showmanship. Bobby Green received the award for the most outstanding FFA member in the county.

The chapter took first place in the district in parliamentary procedure, first in radio program demonstration, first in dairy judging and second in string band. The dairy judging team then placed first in the district dairy show, the beef judging team was second in the fat stock show. The chapter won first in the state chapter contest, first in farm safety, second in radio, second in public speaking and second in parliamentary procedure. The dairy judging team was second at the state fair. At the national convention in Kansas City, the chapter was awarded a gold emblem for the third straight year.
THE RIVERTON FFA Quartet sings during the banquet and also at the Alabama Theatre while the county and state officers were in Birmingham.

FFA KINGS FOR TWO DAYS

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heard the FFA boys conduct themselves like men and good citizens at the banquet given at the Downtown Club by the Alabama State Fair Authority and Armour & Co.

“We seek,” said State FFA President Joe Broadwater, “to build a more stable and more permanent agricultural life. Through our efforts, we hope to make for a better country life.”

He told how the FFA had grown to where it was the largest farm boy organization in the world, with 350,000 members studying vocational agriculture in rural high school. He expressed the appreciation of each of the visiting FFA boys for the trip to Birmingham.

The Winfield string band and Riverton quartet entertained with musical numbers during the banquet and later at a party at the Alabama Theatre. Jim Myrick, Flomaton, donned a false nose and king-size ears to bring to Birmingham a comic lecture on raising cotton instead of oil wells.

Short talks were made by Mayor Cooper Green, Bedford Seale, Chairman, Alabama State Fair Authority, who presided, and R. E. Cammack, state director of vocational agricultural education.

Joe Broadwater received a trophy at the Alabama Theatre from Mr. Engel on behalf of the chamber of commerce and the Theatre. Engel also presented certificates of merit to Broadwater; James Allen, Kinston, State FFA vice president; Jack Lasseter, Southside, Secretary; Edwin Johnson, Flomaton, treasurer, and Thomas Terry, Moundville, reporter.

The FFA boys arrived in Birmingham Thursday morning. After registering at the Tutwiler Hotel and being assigned rooms, they met at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, where James A. (Jabo) Beatty, manager, agricultural division, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, outlined their visit and divided them into groups.

They then toured the new City Hall, shaking hands with Mayor Cooper Green and visiting the new art museum.

They next went to the Red Mountain studios of Radio Station WSGN, where Farm Reporter Boyd Evans recorded a special interview with President Joe Broadwater.

After a visit to Vulcan and a spin through the residential area, they returned to the hotel to prepare for the banquet and theatre party.

Friday's schedule included breakfast at the Britling Cafeteria, followed by a tour of Birmingham's industrial plants. Climax of the visit was a trip to the Alabama Appliance Company, where they were luncheon guests of Company President Charles R. Rew.

Joe Broadwater receives loving cup from William F. Engel, President, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, at Alabama Theatre. All state officers, as pictured above, were presented a certificate of merit by Mr. Engel.

BOYD EVANS, Farm Reporter for Radio Station WSGN, conducts an interview with the county and state officers while they were in Birmingham.

Our Trip to The Magic City

By JIM MYRICK
Flomaton

To get started on the right foot I will get started at the beginning. At 1:00 Thursday morning, Edwin and I bought our tickets to Birmingham. While we were waiting for Marcus and the bus, we fixed a flat tire for two sailors so we could make 50¢ apiece to eat in style.

At 2:30 we departed from our beloved home town to seek adventure in that far-flung, mystifying city of Birmingham. We arrived in Birmingham at 10:00. Then taking our suit cases in hand we ventured toward the 2nd largest hotel in Birmingham where we were to make our residence for the next two days. Since we were not used to high places we talked them into letting us stay at a smaller hotel, The Redmont.

We ate lunch in one of the classiest Hot Dog Stands in Birmingham, where we spent our 50¢. At 2:00 we visited the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce...
Georgia boy and girl. From there we to Waycross. In Waycross we met the car carried us to Manchester, Georgia in his automobile. In Manchester we boarded railroad company, who picked us up and helped lessen the trouble for M. D. E. April-May, ’1952.

Fulton, an agricultural agent for the Atlantic Coast Line train and went our way. Vie from Five Points High School. This a standstill. My trip to Tampa and the Florida State Fair provided no exception. "How you feeling," and "How you pany and their wives joined us and were royally entertained. Many thanks to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, who made our visit possible and to Mr. J. A. Beaty, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, and all the other wonderful people who showed us such a fine time.

"From "Korny Koh," the Flomaton FFA Newsletter."

My Trip to Tampa
By JOHN HAYES
Five Points

Before any big undertaking, there is always that waiting, that anticipation, and that wishing for things to come that makes a person think "time" has come to a standstill. My trip to Tampa and the Florida State Fair provided no exception. But, eventually the kickoff day — February 7th — arrived and we were on our way.

The Alabama FHA delegate was also from Five Points High School. This helped lessen the trouble for Mr. D. E. Pultin, an agricultural agent for the railroad company, who picked us up and carried us to Manchester, Georgia in his automobile. In Manchester we boarded the Atlantic Coast Line train and went to Waycross. In Waycross we met the Georgia boy and girl. From there we went to Jacksonville, Florida where we met the other delegates — a boy and girl from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida.

After the old familiar "How you do?," "How you feeling," and "Where you from," we finally learned each other's faces and names. We were given special identification ribbons to wear on our coat lapels, which showed we were guests of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Four agents of the railroad company and their wives joined us and were to be our guides and chaperons on the

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.

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.

NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS on their annual tour of industries were greeted by Delaware FFA leaders when they visited a DuPont Company laboratory at Minquadale, Del., on February 14. Looking at greenhouse tests of seed treating chemicals are, left to right, Con Staheli, national president, Hurricane, Utah; Vernon Kershaw, president of the Alexis I. DuPont FFA chapter, Wilmington, Del.; Billy Howard, Southern region vice-president, Plains, Ga.; Duane Drushella, Pacific region vice-president, Seic, Ore.; G. F. Miles, DuPont researcher; Gerald Reynolds, northeastern region vice-president, Cortis, N. Y.; Charles Ocker, national secretary, Cameron, Mo.; Dallas High, central region vice-president, Ohio City, Ohio, and Dave Woodward, Delaware state president, Wilmington.
ALABAMA'S TREE FARM SYSTEM, in operation since 1942, is interested in teaching boys sound forestry practices. In the top picture, H. C. McKay, Vocational Agriculture teacher in the Mellow Valley School in Clay County, extreme right, takes a class on a field trip of pines planted in the State Chamber of Commerce's program. Center photo shows Bruce Dunn in front of some trees he planted in 1944. Lower picture shows the project of Wayne Whitehead, Enterprise, and these pines were planted in 1944.

At 7:00 o'clock, the morning of the eighth, we arrived in Tampa, after a very refreshing night's sleep on the train. We checked in at the Hillsboro Hotel and spent most of the morning unpacking. At 10:00 o'clock that night we got aboard our special FFA Pullman car and headed for Tampa.

Friday night we ate supper in the Columbia Restaurant, a famous Spanish cafe in Ybor City, a suburb of Tampa.

The next day we went to the fair, spending the entire day there. Tampa has one of the best and nicest fair grounds I have ever seen. The exhibits were housed in modern buildings, which apparently afforded plenty of space. Judging from the exhibits, Florida must be a very prosperous state, because they were unusually good. We visited agricultural, horticultural, and industrial exhibits.

After an evening at the auto races, we went back to the hotel and packed. We got back on our special Pullman car that night at 9:00 o'clock and headed for Jacksonville and the return trip home.

We brought home with us memories of some of the most pleasant and enjoyable days of our lives and an inspiration and desire to make better citizens of ourselves by following the FFA motto, "Learning to do, Doing to learn, Earning to live, and Living to serve."

616,500 seedlings were shipped to FFA members, the third highest total since the program was started. Only 1949-50, and the record year, 1948-49, topped the total seedlings shipped during any 12-month period. Orders were received at the State Chamber of Commerce for many thousands more seedlings this year but the plants were not available from the State nurseries.

The plantings consist principally of pine seedlings, although some years red cedars and Arizona Cypress seedlings have been included. Long-leaf pine, loblolly, slash and shortleaf pine form the bulk of plantings.

The establishment of an additional State nursery this year near Atmore will make additional seedlings available for the program during the 1952-53 season.
ADDISON—local chapters of FHA and FFA of Winston county met with the Addison chapter, pictures of the newly elected officers were taken of both the FHA and FFA.

AKRON—featured a program on Farm Safety in one of the regular chapter meetings; members set out 6,000 pine seedlings; ordered 9,000 bicolored lespedeza plants; all members entered and competed in public speaking contest; received and distributed FFA calendars.

ALBERTVILLE—members made two radio transcriptions that were presented on the local station WAVU; the chapter has 20 boys feeding out 168 hogs; one member was presented the 100 bushel corn club certificate.

ALEXANDER CITY—elected FFA welcome signs on all main highways leading into town; nine FFA girls candidates for FFA Sweetheart; organized FFA quartet; held 2 joint meetings with FHA chapter.

ALICEVILLE—presented sweetheart with jacket; received 8,000 pine seedlings; secured new Delta band saw and jointer; started pig chain of Hampshires, Lions club and Bank furnished four gilts and a boar; put on two radio programs; had a full page ad on FFA week in local paper; members setting out 40,000 bicolored lespedeza plants; in county public speaking contest; members setting out 9,000 pine seedlings.

ARDMORE—held weiner roast; 2 pigs added to pig chain; entered speaker in county public speaking contest; built cedar chest to sell in order to buy shop equipment.

ARAB—topped out seven hogs; had Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet; planned a new pasture project for chapter; had Speaking and Quartet contest.

ARLEY—held meeting to enter contest at Haleyville; put on program in school assembly; entered dairy cattle judging and string band contest; took project of setting shrubbery on school lawn; treated more posts in treating plant.

ASHFORD—Junior III’s have constructed a tomato hot bed. They expect to take 30,000 plants from the bed; public speaking and quartet eliminations held February 26, 1952; annual FHA and FFA banquet.

ASHVILLE—host to FFA tournament; 6 new members; gave assembly program; initiated 7 new Green Hands; rebuilding shop tables; growing out 250 broilers in basement of voe; ag. building; participated in and won 2nd place in county public speaking contest.

ATHENS—members of chapter represented Limestone county in Birmingham as guest of the Agriculture Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce during national FFA Week; made cornices for the home economics rooms; FFA officers attended county public speaking and quartet contest.

AUBURN—gave radio program on local ra-

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in honor of National FFA Week; held FFA contest speech; chapter entered Progressive Farmer and Farm and Ranch magazine subscription drive; three newspaper articles published.

BEAR CREEK—held Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet; presented chapter winner speaker $6.00 in cash and a medal; added 3 registered gilt pigs to pig chain; received 8,000 pine seedlings and ordered 30,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings; spon-sored radio program on forestry and prevention of forest fires; held regular meetings; selling magazines.

CAMEL—had article in local paper; had a valentine party; awarded 3 chapter farmer pins; received pair or registered duroc jersey hogs from Sears Roebuck Foundation; held "Building The Emblem" ceremonies and awarded chapter awards in chapel; held county public speaking contest; Camden member won; four articles published earlier; expanded activities;7 new members.

CARLISVILLE—sold 286 lbs. of rat poison; making entrance signs for Pleasant Hill community; distributed FFA calendars.

CEDAR BLUFF—ordered 3,000 pine seedlings; plan to have Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet; plan to enter public speaking, quartet, beef and hog judging contests; raising 45 chickens for the banquet; sold 200 pounds of rat poison in the rat control program.

CHEEK—organized string band for contest; selected judging panels for dairy cows; sponsoring the Farm and Ranch subscriptions program; plan to operate with Ranchers in fire fighting program; distributed FFA speaking and quartet cards sponsored by our county farmers exchange.

CITRONELLE—elected and honored FFA Sweetheart; increased membership 6 members; held public speaking contest in chapter; making plans for joint FFA-FFA-oyster supper; bought two registered Duroc giltts to start pig chain; ordered 14,000 bicolor seedlings; entered the Mobile County FFA public speaking and quartet contest held in February, quartet won first place in county; put on assembly program for the high school.

CLEVELAND—purchased new film projector; bought FFA Sweetheart; making plans to enter 100 bushel corn club; bought new slide film projector; carrying on a scrap iron drive; organized an FFA baseball team.

COLE SPRINGS—held FFA Sweetheart contest; took part in county FFA speaking contest; sponsored assembly program; set out 9,000 pine seedlings.

COLUMBIANA—won second place in county public speaking and quartet contest; applied another ton of fertilizer on rescue grass; started scrap iron drive to buy new equipment for shop.

CORNER—working on Parliamentary procedure, judging teams and string band; building walks around school house; members represented Jefferson county FFA at Birmingham Chamber of Commerce during National FFA Week; elected FFA Sweetheart.

COTTONWOOD—had program during FFA Week; planted pine and cedar trees on school campus; registered 5 Duroc Pigs—Purebred; planted 10,000 Lespedeza bicolor plants for game and wildlife; FFA members planted 8,000 strawberry plants in their projects; held county FFA speaking and quartet contests at Cottonwood.

CROSSVILLE—ordered and received rat poison; ordered 15,000 quail feed plants; organized quartet; preparing speeches for public speaking contest; ordered one FFA jacket; ordered Green Farmer magazine; feeding hogs off lunch room scraps; ordered and received 9,000 pine seedlings; bought 6 more pigs to top out.
DADEVILLE - having chapter sweetheart contest; placed another pig in pig chain; quarter practicing for county contest; dairy cow judging teams practicing for district contest; held county FFA meeting.

DANVILLE - every member of vo. ag. classes is FFA member; initiated 21 new members; fed out pigs from lunch room scraps to pay for books.

DOUGLAS - plan to enter 50 hogs in Sand Mountain Hog Show; received royalty for distributing FFA calendars; attended county meeting; entered county quartet and public speaking contest; put on radio program and making plans for another one.

DOZIER - repaired bath house door; drew five shuffleboard diamonds; lined off indoor tennis court; fixed two table tennis sets; distributed FFA calendars; fixed basketball goals in gym.

EAST LIMESTONE - members ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; making road markers to place at highway intersections leading to East Limestones; organized Dairy Cattle and Hog judging teams; held chapter public speaking contest.

ECLECTIC - held public speaking contest; plan FFA-FHA banquet for FFA Week; plan to elect chapter sweetheart; in charge of assembly program for FFA Week; sold Farm and Ranch magazines.

ENTERPRISE - held regular meetings; ordered 14,000 pine seedlings and 45,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; ordered Bar of Corn for Secretary's station.

EVERGREEN - held chapter public speaking contest; received 12,000 pine seedlings; held chapter meeting; sold subscriptions to Progressive Farmer and Farm and Ranch.

EVERGREEN - held chapter public speaking contest; FFA string band played for assembly; quarter practicing for county contest;hog judging contest; elected FFA Sweetheart; planned FFA banquet.

EXCEL - held regular meeting; practicing parliamentary procedure, beef and dairy cattle judging; plan to initiate 5 new members; bought 4 hogs; ordered 10,000 bicolor lespedeza plants.

FAIRHOPE - presented appropriate pins to all eligible members; ordered FFA jackets; ordered 10,000 bicolor seedlings; chapter members bought 5 bushels of certified Dixie 18 seed corn; quarter with prize radio program; several members made plans to produce 100 bushels of corn; put on rat killing campaign; organized beef and dairy judging teams.

FAIRHOPE - chapter ordered road signs; Chapter happy to welcome our new adviser; plan to put up forest fire signs; the county FFA public speaking and quartet contest were held at Gaylesville.

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GENEVA - received 21,000 pine seedlings; 45 entered chapter speaking contest; ordered 30,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; chapter member...
represented Geneva county at Birmingham; entered speaking and quartet contests; published nine news articles in different newspapers.

GERALDINE—sold hogs and bought pigs; cooperative fruit tree order; bought sweet seed cooperatively; ordered rat poison cooperatively.

GLENCOE—5 boys participated in annual speaking contest; FFA quartet has been practicing; chapter making plans for landscaping new school.

GORGAS—plan to buy cameras; planting biocolor seedlings; built 30 table lamps in shop; planning joint banquet with FFA.

GRANT—erected chapter signs; received official FFA calendars sponsored by Roebuck Transfer Company, Albertville; president who is also county president went to Birmingham; chapter put on two radio programs during National FFA Week; 33 new pigs on the school farm; called special meeting and initiated four new members; distributed 50 lbs. of rat poison.

GREENSBORO—held speaking contest; bought camera for chapter; making cedar chests; got her a jacket; string band played at Rotary Club.

GREENVILLE—helping to keep Butler County Green by setting out 10,000 cedar trees, 71,000 pines and 20,000 biocolor seedlings; feeding two pigs for barbecue; improved pig chain; entered several to enter public speaking on Rural Electricization.

GROVE HILL—placed 8 registered gilt; set out 26,000 pine seedlings and 20,000 biocolor plants; held parliamentary procedure classes; held FFA chapter public speaking contest; three articles in local paper on National FFA Week; organized and started sale of rat poison; sold three meat hogs.

HACKLEBURG—36 members entered FFA Speaking contest on American Farmer Application; started pig chain; planning judging teams for district show; getting registration papers for pig chain members; working on State Farmer applications.

HALEYVILLE—members setting 50,000 biocolor and 300 sweet seedlings in county FFA and FMEA meetings at Addison; planning for district FFA eliminations.

HAMILTON—made 15 mail box posts; pruned fruit trees; ordered 5,000 biocolor plants; held joint class with FFA and FHA.

HARTFORD—organized FFA chapter; sponsored school program; conducted rat control campaign; sponsored the Progressive Farmer and The Farm and Ranch magazines; had chapter program for FFA Week.

HAZEL GREEN—built shop and classroom tables and new type wall lockers for shop; held FFA Sweetheart contest; pig chain increased to seven pigs; sold candy and cushions at basketball games.

HEADLAND—member won county public speaking contest; Headland member represented county at Birmingham; chapter put on two radio programs during National FFA Week; 33 new pigs on the school farm; called special meeting and initiated four new members; distributed 50 lbs. of rat poison.

HIGHLAND HOME—16 boys ordered 21,000 biocolor seedlings; four worked on rat control; sold feed for classroom and a band saw for the shop.

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HICKORY—appointed chapter Sweetheart and Sweetheart and won county public speaking contest.

HISPANO—order 48,000 bicolor lespedezas for planters; buying rat poison for chapter; planning rat control campaign; individuals building milk box post.

KINSTON—received 10,000 pine seedlings and set them out; sold hogs, peanuts and drinks for a profit of $100 during January; two members attended two-day program sponsored by Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; presented special FFA chapter program during FFA Week.

LEIGHTON—ordered 44,000 biocolor lespedezas plans for members; planning rat control campaign; individuals building milk box post.

LINCOLN—string band making progress; member won second in county speaking contest; member Mark Merkle demonstrated rat poison by producing 857 pounds of lint cotton per acre; string band played for chapter program.

LIVESTOCK—member won county public speaking contest; Headland member represented county at Birmingham; sold 3 hogs; Sears, Roebuck sow farrowed nine pigs; built creep feeder; made plans for county FFA and FFA rally.

LIVINGSTON—held chapter public speaking contest; chapter sent 22 members participating; set out 4,000 pine seedlings; put on assembly program; members working on rat control programs; made $52 operating FFA store.

LIMESTONE—set out 7,000 seedlings; put on assembly program; members working on rat control programs; made $52 operating FFA store.

LYEFFION—48 members participated in chapter public speaking contest; started pruning shrubbery around the agriculture building; chapter received 28,000 pine and cedar seedlings; built hog pen.

LYNN—attended FFA and FFA day at Addison; ordered 5,000 biocolor seedlings; organized FFA basketball team; post preserving plant now in operation.

McKENZIE—held chapter public speaking contest; chapter put on two radio programs during National FFA Week; 33 new pigs on the school farm; called special meeting and initiated four new members; distributed 50 lbs. of rat poison.

McKINLEY—organized FFA chapter; sponsored school program; conducted rat control campaign; sponsored the Progressive Farmer and The Farm and Ranch magazines; had chapter program for FFA Week.

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MILLRY—held joint social; ordered pine and bicolor seedlings; entered Farm and Ranch subscription contest; made plans for Father-Son banquet; planted pine and cedar seedlings; ordered hand saw for shop.

MOUNDVILLE—chapter has been carrying on a rat killing campaign; plan to have Father-Mother night; 19 members have received Green Hand pins; 17 have received chapter pins and one member is a State Farmer.

NEW BRICKTON—members ordered and put out 150 fruit trees; building tables in shop; sponsored the LeFleur Trio with little Troy Vandervord; School Representative, Mr. Milton Baker, Clanton, Alabama.

NEW HOPE—elected chapter Sweetheart; placed 35 charts and tables in shop; organized county FFA; selling chances on a Yorkshire pig coming from the FFA Yorkshire pig chain; planning rat killing campaign.

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SAMSON—selected chapter public speaking contest winner; quartet has been practicing; members ordered 16 fruit trees; won county quartet contest; plans made for Parents Night; added 12 fruit trees to orchards; planted 12,000 pine seedlings.

SAND ROCK—ordered 8,000 broccoli lespedeza plants; host to county FFA and FFA meeting; held chapter public speaking and quartet contest; chapter now has 7 pigs.

SCOTTSBORO—Scottsboro chapter is constructing road signs in cooperation with Foresty Department and Ward Lumber Company; made plans for 45 purebred gift project; ordered 45,100 broccoli plants; organized county FFA, CN pool, and a forest conservation demonstration; increasing feed for hogs; chapter president attended convention in Birmingham; purchased tape recorder.

SIDNEY LANIER—buys attended Angus show and sale; held rat control program; ordered 100 school jerseys; studied Beef Cattle production and showing of Beef animals, production of feed at home for livestock, food through home gardens and types of soil and fertilizer to use.

SILuria—officers for year elected; elected FFA Queen; planning rat control program; members have ordered 1450 worth of fruit trees and shrubbery and Chapter Degree pins; members have ordered seed corn for community and county; won Tri-state FFA Queen contest; ordered more cedar chests; 22 chests finished successfully carried on a rat campaign; have treated about 120 different fruit trees for young orchards; plan to enter all 6 contests at District meeting.

SMITH—sold 650 lbs. of rat poison; 27 members initiated into Chapter Degree; had program in chapel in honor of FFA Week; elected new Sentinel.

STEVenson—ordered 40 fruit trees for FFA members; elected 2 chapter members to represent chapter at Tri-State FFA Queen banquet in Chattanooga; chapter received S20 gift and male to start pig project; plan to enter county introduction contest for public speaking and quartet; plan to have Mother-Father-Son-Daughter banquet; bought new banner for classroom; member elected Star Chapter Farmer; placed 4 gilt pigs to new members; treated 650 fruit trees for young orchards; painted school building; cleared 7500 pine and cedar seedlings; earned $24.50 through home gardens and types of soil and fertilizer use.

TROY—bought 2 beef calves of Dixie 18; 16 members are planning to plant at least one acre of corn; held joint meeting with FHA girls; presented radio broadcast during FFA Week.

URiah—set out 4,000 pine seedlings; ordered 4,000 broccoli seedlings; attended county FFA meeting; participating in local campus insect control program; sold three top pigs.

vernon—set out 5,000 pine and 5,000 lespedeza seedlings; purchased bus for string band; ordered over 125 different fruit trees for young orchards; plan to enter all 6 contests at District meeting.

Vina—bought 2 chest oaks to make and sell to take care of FFA and FHA social; pruned three top pigs.

vincent—all members participated in speech contest; planning weiner roast party; have erected more cedar chests; 22 chests finished successfully carried on a rat campaign; have treated about 120 different fruit trees for young orchards; plan to enter all 6 contests at District meeting.

WATERLOO—built cedar chest to sell for chapter fund; worked on exhibits; ordered $140 worth of fruit trees and shrubbery and Chapter Degree pins; members have ordered seed corn for community and county; won county quartet contest; planted 5,000 pine seedlings.

WEST POINT—plan to enter 2 state sponsored contests; had a skating party; initiated 16 Green Hands and 16 chapter members.

WEXTUMPKA—district official banner; plan chapel program for FFA Week; show film on rat control; displayed fire exhibit in town and on bulletin board; elected 2 Honorary members; president attended meeting in Chattanooga.

WHITE PLAINS—radio program and articles in newspaper during National FFA Week; bought new banner for classroom; member elected Star Chapter Farmer.

WicksBurg—held meeting; made plans for ordering more cedar chests; 22 chests finished successfully carried on a rat campaign; have treated about 120 different fruit trees for young orchards; plan to enter all 6 contests at District meeting.

Winterboro—bought 3 hogs to fatten out; planted 8,000 forest seedlings and $1,000 worth of pines; ordered more broccoli lespedeza seedlings; county public speaking elimination; bought chapter banner.

Woodland—six number one holidays ready to serve; ordered more feeding pens; planned trip around vocational az building; making shop items to be given away at evening school meetings.