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DR. W. J. TERRY, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, and who is also an Honorary FFA member, is presented a gold FFA paperweight by the State Officers. Joe Broadwater, State President and J. C. Cannon, State Adviser, explain the meaning of the FFA emblem on the paperweight. Dr. Terry said: "I am proud to be an honorary member of this fine organization."



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FUTURE FARMERS OF ALABAMA

Dear Future Farmers:

We are on the eve of the year 1952 with all of its promises and possibilities, as well as responsibilities, which it carries for the Future Farmers of Alabama and the Future Farmers of America. In making plans for 1952, it would be well to look backward as well as forward.

The Future Farmers of Alabama have a history in which all members, both present and past, can take due pride. Many fine things have been accomplished by the Alabama Association during these more than twenty years of its history. It has made outstanding contributions to the growth of agriculture in this State and to the development and growth of farm youth.

There are thousands of acres of productive land, forests, and thousands of acres of pasture with purebred dairy and beef animals grazing upon them. All of this and many other developments have added greatly to the wealth of the State, which would not be true had it not been for the program of Vocational Agriculture and the Alabama Association of the Future Farmers of America.

Taking a look into the future, we all see many problems as well as opportunities to expand and improve all phases of the agricultural program of the State and Nation as well. I am sure the individuals on the land but also the State of Alabama feel keenly, as the present members in the Future Farmers of Alabama have felt, our responsibility to leave the land, the forest, and the streams more productive than we found them. In doing this, we will have passed on to future generations an opportunity for great service rather than handicapped them.

My best wishes go with you throughout the coming year with a pledge to serve the Future Farmers of Alabama in any way possible.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*R. E. Cammaok*  
R. E. Cammaok, Director  
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# Shall I Be A Farmer?

"One of the most important decisions in the life of every person is the choice of an occupation. One should carefully consider the advice of his parents and friends, but the final decision must be made by each individual for himself.

"Each person should choose the occupation in which he will be of the most use in the world. Even from the selfish standpoint, this is usually best. The ultimate rewards in money and pleasure are usually largest when one is doing the work he can do best."

These words were written in 1913, but they are as true now as then.

In choosing an occupation, every young person should inform himself of the nature of the work in which he is to engage. It is the purpose of this article to inquire briefly into the nature of farming.

FARMING IS A BIOLOGICAL BUSINESS. It deals with living things, and in this respect it is different from most other occupations. In most industries man's control over production is often absolute, but in farming the degree of human control is drastically modified by the forces of nature such as rain, wind, sunshine, frost, plant and animal diseases, and insect pests. Because of the biological nature of farming, the farmer must recognize the laws of inheritance. The manufacturer of automobiles is able to make changes in the design and construction of cars whenever he thinks it will be to his financial advantage. He is also able to finish them in several different colors. All such things are subject to human control. The farmer who grows potatoes for sale cannot expect to turn out a new model each year. This is a matter which requires years of painstaking effort at plant breeding. The farmer who plants red potatoes must expect to harvest a crop of red ones. He has no control over the color of the crop once the seed has been placed in the ground.

FARMING IS A BUSINESS OF MODERATE PROFITS. As judged by modern standards, few persons accumulate large fortunes from farming alone. Opportunities for making large profits are greater in many other lines of business, as are also the chances of incurring large losses. Farming has few rich persons and few paupers.

THE FARMER IS A LABORER AND A CAPITALIST. The farmer is a skilled laborer. As an owner of property, he is also a capitalist. As a laborer, he needs to know how to perform numerous tasks well. As a machinist, he must know how to operate and keep in repair a number of different machines, varying in complexity from smoothing harrows to combines. As a carpenter, he must be able to keep his buildings in repair, and in many cases, remodel and construct new ones.

A successful farmer is also a chemist, a physicist, a naturalist, and a business man.

THE FARM IS A HOME AND A BUSINESS. In our cities, the home is usually separate from the business. In farming, the home is the place at which the business is usually conducted. This has many advantages. The farm operator is rarely away from his family except for short intervals of time. He is in close contact with the affairs of the home, and the entire family has a personal interest in the farm business. One of the principal advantages from the business standpoint is that the farm is able to obtain the use of a considerable amount of family labor. The housewife frequently washes the dairy utensils and cares for the chickens. She may also do much of the light work in the garden. The children do chores before and after school, and during vacations they frequently do more. The older people who have retired from the active operation of the farm are still able to do considerable amount of the lighter work. The fact that there is plenty of work on most of our farms is a real advantage to the home, inasmuch as it gives members of the family who would not otherwise be employed something useful to do.

Children learn to take responsibility and to become self reliant early in life. Furthermore, the son serves a valuable apprenticeship under his father.

MODERN FARMING IS A BUSINESS. The increased efficiency of farming over the last one hundred years has been accompanied by an increasing degree of specialization. The frontier type of farming, in which each family produced nearly enough of almost everything for its own needs, has been largely replaced in this country by a system of commercial farming in which the main business of the farmer is growing things to sell. In the period of less than 100 years farming in our country has changed from a self-sufficing type which was extremely inefficient, and which required little money, to one which is much more efficient, is specialized to a considerable degree, and which depends for its continual existence upon a money economy. In fact, farming has become a business. — DR. H. N. YOUNG, Dean of Agriculture, V.P.I.

# National FFA Week February 16-23



**GOVERNOR PERSONS IS A FUTURE FARMER NOW**—State FFA Officers above are shown conferring the Honorary FFA membership upon the Governor. Left to right are Thomas Terry, State FFA Reporter, Moundville; Joe Broadwater, State FFA President, Tanner; Governor Persons; Jack Lasseter, State FFA Secretary, Southside; and Edwin Johnson, State FFA Treasurer, Flomaton.

The Governor said he was proud to be an Honorary member of the Future Farmers of America, which is the Nation's largest farm boy organization.

## Pine Apple Chapter Enrolls Member from Havana, Cuba

Bill Scott, a 16-year-old native of Havana, Cuba, was recently initiated into the Pine Apple FFA chapter as a Greenhand. Bill is currently attending school at the Moore Academy school in Pine Apple.

Although his mother was born in Louisiana, Bill is not an American citizen, since he was born in Cuba; his father is a Canadian from Newfoundland. Bill will have to wait until 1956 before he can take out his American citizenship papers.

After living in a city all his life, Bill found that farm life in the Pine Apple region appealed to him. He has high hopes of someday becoming a farmer himself; he is especially interested in cattle.

Bill first arrived in the United States August 26 of this year. He settled down in Pine Apple on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Donald; the Donalds are

old friends of the Scotts and once lived in Cuba themselves.

The Cuban Future Farmer attended an American school in Cuba that follows much the same pattern as his school in Pine Apple. He found the subjects very similar. When he finishes his studies at Moore Academy, Bill would like to attend an American college. As yet, he is undecided as to which college he would like to attend.

## BIG JIM WAS A FAITHFUL FRIEND

By Paul Story  
Ramer FFA

Eleven-year-old Camilla had as her guardian a huge German Police dog named Big Jim. Camilla and her four little brothers were often alone in their house; but with Big Jim as their constant companion, they were never afraid.

Camilla was in the house one day, while the other children were outside in

## 252 Alabama Chapters to Observe FFA Week

Future Farmers all over Alabama and all over the nation will celebrate February 16-23 as National FFA Week. Alabama Chapters are making plans for conducting the most elaborate celebration in the history of FFA, the world's largest farm boy organization.

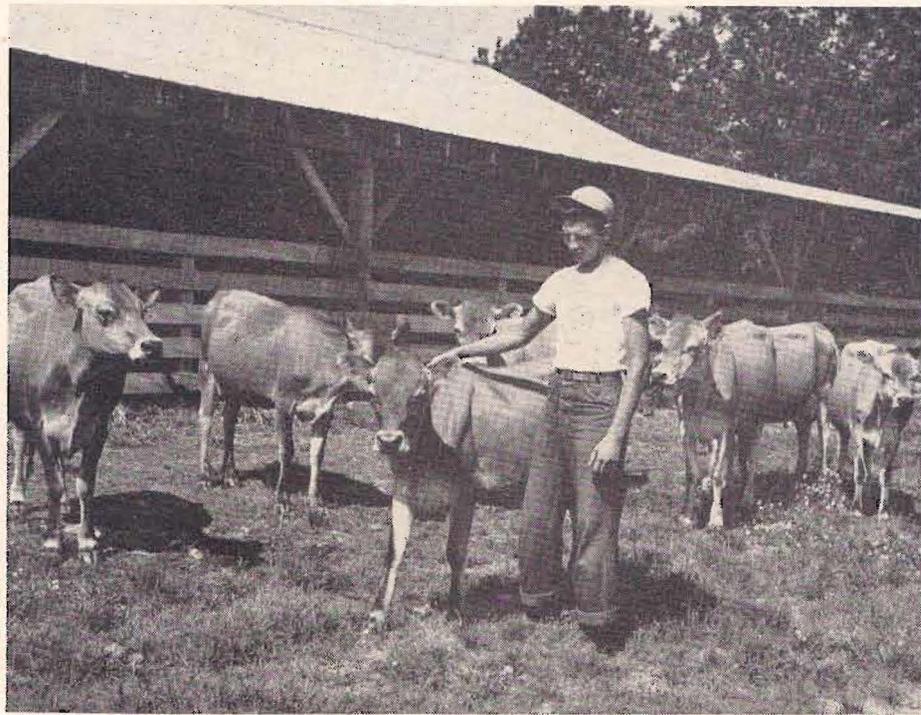
Individual FFA chapters will conduct their own local programs which will include banquets, radio broadcasts, programs at civic club meetings, contests and games, programs in school assembly, barbecue and fish fries, conduct tours, parades, torchlight ceremonies and many other unusual activities. National radio programs will be broadcast throughout the week.

Why was February 16-23 selected for National FFA Week? This is the week of George Washington's birthday and was selected because the Future Farmers of America admire him for the traits of leadership that he exhibited during his lifetime and for the principles that he lived and fought to establish and preserve. George Washington also was one of America's first scientific farmers. He introduced some of the soil conservation practices that American farmers are just beginning to put into general practice.

The George Washington Grist Mill, oldest relic of his occupancy of Mount Vernon, is leased by the FFA and kept open to the public. The FFA members chose the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week out of honor and respect for the "Father of Our Country."

— FFA —

**Object in Life** — Remember, you are not unique if you are an idealist. Everyone is. Your job is to live a purposeful life in the broad direction of your ideals.



JOE BROADWATER

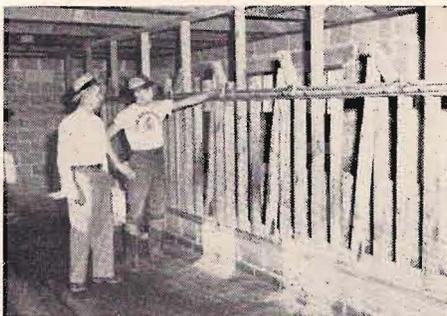
## Alabama's "Future Farmer of the Year"

### Tanner Member Most Outstanding for 1951

Joe Broadwater is Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year. His selection has just been officially announced through the State FFA Office. He will receive the Turner E. Smith Educational Award of \$300.00.

The 16-year-old Tanner High School senior from Limestone County is the youngest FFA member to ever hold the coveted title of Future Farmer of the Year. His selection was based not only on his agricultural abilities and accomplishments, but on leadership in FFA, school and community activities; character and personality also played vital roles in this selection.

Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Broadwater of Route 1, Athens, Ala-



JOE and his father inspect their new dairy barn.

bama. He has one sister, Nancy, who is now in Junior High School.

When he first began his studies in vocational agriculture, Joe gave relatively little indication that he would some day represent the cream of Alabama's 12,125 Future Farmers. He started his farming activities with eight acres of corn, two and a half acres of cotton, and one beef calf.

Since that rather small beginning, he has increased the scope of his farming program to include 30 acres of corn, 20 acres of cotton, 15 acres of sweet sudan and lespedeza, 11 acres of permanent pasture, 10 acres of oats, and 10 acres of lespedeza. He has a horse, seven dairy cows, nine dairy heifers, one dairy bull, and four beef calves—all of his dairy cattle are purebred stock. He is presently producing grade A milk and selling it to the Carnation Milk Company.

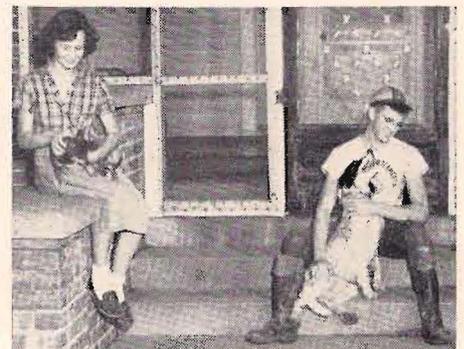
A large part of Joe's success can be contributed to his character. "Joe's neighbors have faith in him and recognize him as one who is willing to undergo hardships and hard work in order to succeed. He is neat, courteous and honest at all times," says G. C. Aderhold, his local FFA Adviser and Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

The boy's total assets amount to \$9,187.83. Of this amount, \$3,672 is invested in livestock. The balance is invested in land and equipment. Joe's net worth is \$5,127.83.

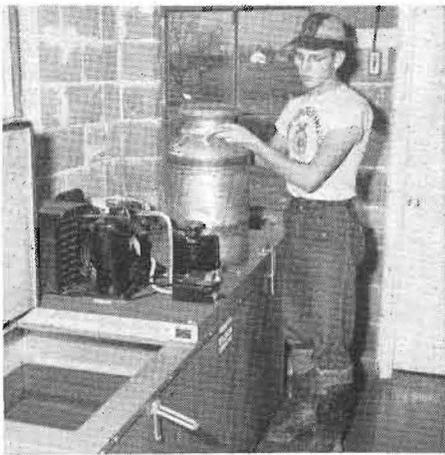
As proof of his leadership abilities, Joe is now president of the Alabama FFA Association and president of his own chapter. He is also president of his senior class in high school, business manager of the school yearbook, captained last year's football team, and is president of the "T" Club. Joe also lettered in baseball, and captained the basketball team during his freshman year in high school.

Joe was named FFA Star Farmer of Alabama for 1950-51 for having the most outstanding FFA program of those receiving the State Farmer Degree. He was elected vice-president of his chapter the same year and was elected president this year.

He has been on the chapter judging teams, served on the entertainment and refreshment committees, and taken an



JOE and his sister Nancy are real pals.



JOE stores his milk in newly installed cooler.

active part in the FFA public speaking contests for the past four years. He attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., as a delegate from Alabama. He was guest speaker during the last Alabama Farm Bureau Convention held in Biloxi, Mississippi, and has spoken before many civic and other groups since being elected State FFA president.

During the past two years, he has helped his father construct a 54' x 96' barn to house cattle and tools. He has also helped build and equip a 10-cow, grade A dairy barn and milk house.

Joe's supervised farming program began during his first year of vocational

agriculture, when he received a registered O.I.C. gilt from the chapter pig chain. By the time the gilt had farrowed, Joe's interests had changed from hogs to dairy and beef cattle; so he sold the hogs to his father.

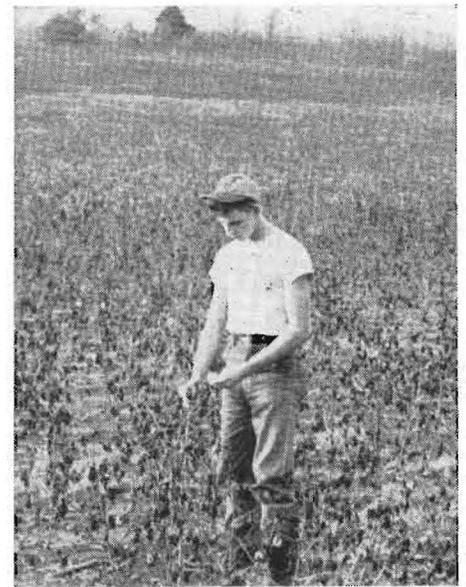
Joe borrowed \$150 from the State National Bank in Athens and made his first cattle purchase when he bought an Angus calf, and later entered it in the Birmingham Fat Calf Show.

He and his father decided to go into partnership, and they bought seven registered Jersey heifers; Joe paid for his part with money borrowed from the bank. He later purchased two more beef calves to feed out. Finally, the heifers freshened, and Joe and his father began selling milk to the Carnation Milk Company.

Looking toward the future, Joe recently bought a 40-acre farm that will be paid for in about five years. A year from now he will have full ownership of 20 acres of pasture, 15 acres of cotton, 35 acres of corn, 15 acres of hay, 30 acres of oats and wheat, 14 dairy cows, and 5 beef calves.

Joe plans to enter College at Alabama Polytechnic Institute after graduating from high school and will major in Dairying. He'll supervise his farming operations on week-end trips home and during the summer months.

Joe says, "after completing my college training at Auburn, I'm going back home



JOE looks over the 40 acres of land he recently purchased.

to my dairy farm and put into practice the high ideals that FFA has taught me."

— FFA —

## Planning FFA Meetings Is Important

By Joe Broadwater  
State President

One of the most important parts of FFA meetings is the planning.

If we have well planned FFA meetings our members will be more interested, will attend meetings regularly, and the general welfare of the group will result in a more efficient program.

The program should be built around the annual program of work of the chapter. Committees should be appointed, having every member to perform some duty and to be on the program at least one time during the year.

All officers should know the opening and closing ceremony and be able to carry them out with meaning.

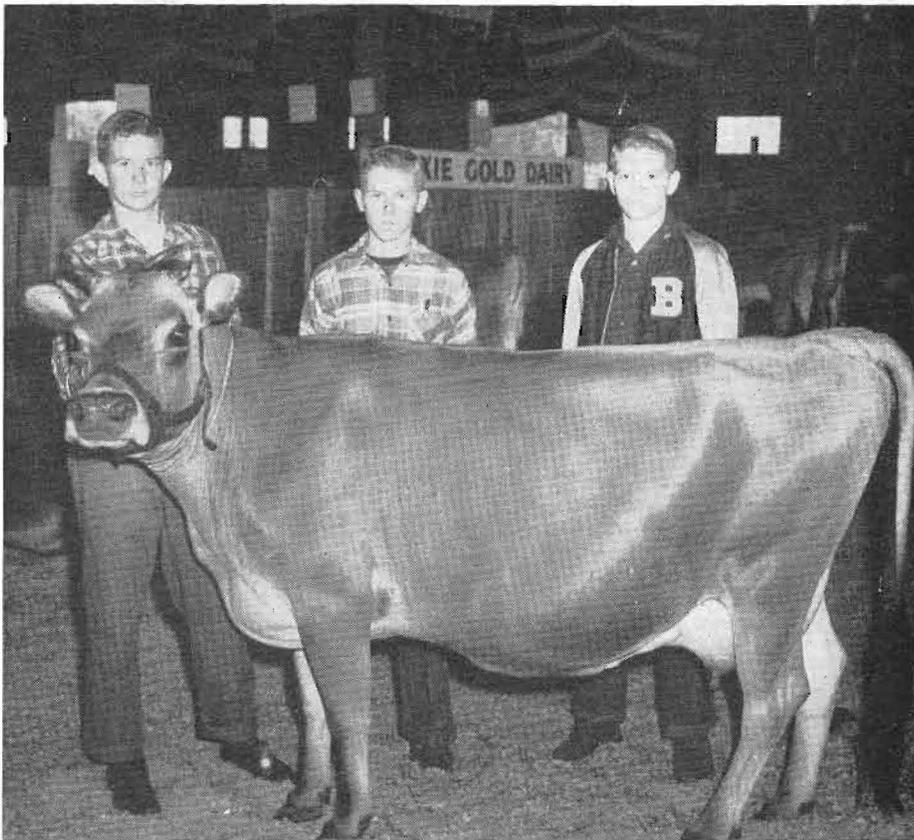
Entertainment has an important place in our FFA meetings. We can find lots of talent in our local chapters. Entertainment before or after the business session helps to create interest and keeps our meetings moving with "snap."

Have reports made by committees so that members can keep up to date on the work of the chapter.

The meetings should be planned so that the members do more talking than the President and Adviser.

Again the most important part of the meeting is the planning.

1. Plan it well ahead of time.
2. Plan it with your Adviser assisting.
3. Officers and committees should work together.
4. Conduct it according to accepted parliamentary procedure.
5. Start and close on time.



DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING is being stressed by FFA chapters in Alabama. Shown above is a typical FFA judging team.

## FFA Contests Are For All Members

By Edwin Johnson  
State Treasurer

Among all the boys in your chapter there will be some who will do outstanding work or show remarkable improvement. I think if the chapter sets up special awards for marked improvement it would encourage the boys to do better work. I am sure all of us want the best work possible to be done in our chapter.

It might help to promote more interest in your chapter if you encouraged the boys to participate in musical activities. Find out who can sing and who wants to sing. Start a quartet or a glee club. Let the group sing as a whole or if possible arrange a special meeting for the group to get together and sing.

I know that a lot of boys have a guitar or some kind of string instrument. Why not take advantage of this by getting the boys to practice and form a string band. If your chapter is lucky enough to have a musical group already, see that they play for the local FFA chapter and other groups as much as possible. Also have them in the FFA string band contest.

Try to stress the fact that although a great deal of work is necessary, a certain amount of recreation is needed. If there is any thing a farm boy likes, it's fishing. Plan a camping or fishing trip for all the boys that are interested.

One thing your chapter might be interested in is a parent night or a Mother-Daughter - Father - Son banquet. You might finance the affair by letting the boys bring things from home, like potatoes for salad, or a chicken. For the few that cannot bring commodities, let them bring a small amount of money. The money can be used for pickles, bread or things to be bought in the store. It would be nice to let the FHA girls in on the social. I am sure they would enjoy it too.

One thing for certain that an FFA chapter needs is a library. There are several ways of raising money that might be used to purchase books such as having a Hallowe'en carnival, or selling drinks and eats at football games, etc. And right along with your library, have a magazine rack with a large variety of magazines which can be used as reference or for the enjoyment of reading.

Most all boys have a few story books around home they have read. Encourage them to bring them to school and exchange them among members.

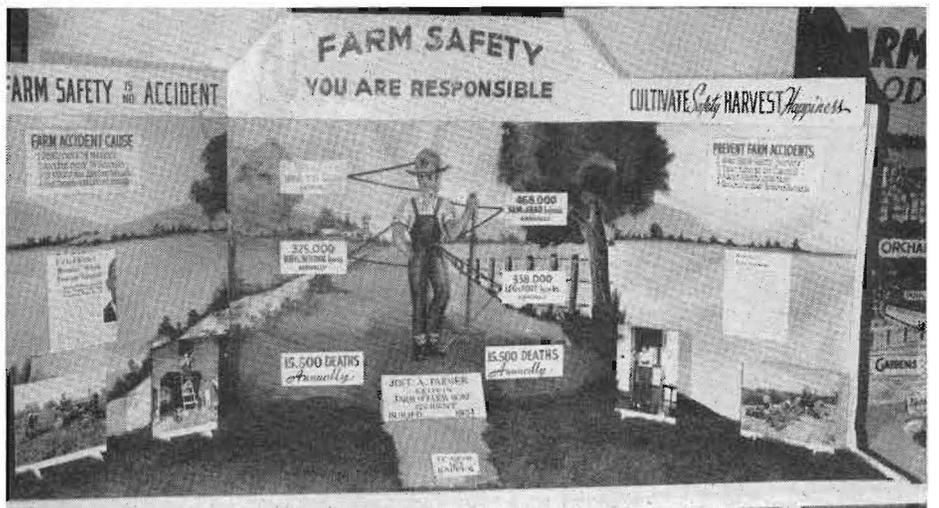
It is a well known fact that farm boys are usually physically able to participate in high school sports. Encourage the boys to play football, basketball, baseball or other high school sports.



SHOWN ABOVE IS THE SECOND PLACE FFA exhibit at the State Fair in Birmingham. This outstanding exhibit was by the Plantersville FFA Chapter. Houston Cummings is the local adviser. The theme of this exhibit was "Running Water in Every Home."



SHOWN ABOVE IS THIRD PLACE FFA exhibit at the State Fair. This exhibit was placed by the corner FFA Chapter, of which W. J. Thompson is adviser. The theme of this outstanding exhibit was "The Horn of Plenty."



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE FIRST PLACE exhibit put on by the Veterans Vocational Agriculture teachers at the Birmingham State Fair. This outstanding exhibit was from Jefferson County. R. E. Smith is the head teacher and the theme of the exhibit was "Farm Safety."

## Anniversary FFA Sweethearts



**ARTIE HATCHCOCK**, Maplesville  
(Central District)



**SARA JUNE WRIGHT**, Rawls  
(Southeast District)



**IRMA JEAN GIBSON**, Silas  
(Southwest District)



**MARY FAYE LOVE**, Hayden  
(Northeast District)



**KAREN JOHNSTON**, Aliceville  
(Northwest District)

## FFA Roundup...

### FLOMATON

Flomaton Future Farmers won first place honors in the recent FFA Shop Exhibit. The chapter string band was recently featured by a local men's club. Members have made application for 17,000 pine seedlings, ordered 40 official FFA pins, published two issues of the Korny Kob, and ordered 29 FFA T-shirts and three jackets. Contracts for the FFA yearbook have been completed.

### RAWLS

Rawls Future Farmers have bought two hogs, which will be fattened on scraps from the school cafeteria. When the pigs are fat enough, they will serve as the main dish at a joint Father-Son-Mother-Daughter barbecue sponsored by the FFA and the FHA.

### BROOKWOOD

The Brookwood FFA string band recently won first place honors in a local talent show held at the school; the band also entertained members during regular chapter meetings. The chapter has a three-acre hog pasture planted in crimson clover and they have plans underway to build a fence around it. Seventeen of the members have placed their orders for pine seedlings, and 10 of the boys volunteered to distribute posters during fire prevention week. Present membership of the chapter is 69; their goal for the current school year is 75.

### CULLMAN

Cullman Future Farmers are currently studying beef cattle raising, and they have been practicing beef judging. Members have sent in applications for pine seedlings and ordered FFA shirts, ties and caps. Demonstration plots, featuring alfalfa, small grains and peas, have been completed.

### STRAUGHN

Straughn's Future Farmers of America recently put on a campus Clean-Up Campaign and are now making plans to build a walk in front of the school building. Kent Davis was Straughn's American Farmer this year. Members have so far sold 100 boxes of Christmas cards and plan to buy an electric arc welder.

### WEDOWEE

Wedowee's FFA members have completed construction plans for a post-treating plant, prepared and seeded the school lawn with winter grass, set out 30 shrubs on the school grounds, bred three of the chapter gilts, and ordered a band saw and projector screen. The quartet has held two practice sessions thus far. The chapter has started a fund-raising campaign; they have collected \$100 so far, and will use the money to buy a pick-up truck. Members built booths at the County Fair for the Home Demonstration Club and the Garden Club. They also made black-out curtains for their classroom.

### HIGHLAND HOME

Highland Home Future Farmers have recently treated 1,000 posts for four farmers in the community. They have added eight OIC purebred gilts to their pig chain, purchased a bass fiddle and ordered 12 official FFA manuals.

### CORGAS

The Corgas FFA chapter now boasts a 100% membership among the vocational agriculture students. The chapter has organized an FFA string band and a quartet. They have planned a Sack Supper with the FHA and assisted the FHA girls with the State Fair exhibit. They also distributed posters during fire prevention week.

## Talladega County Members Win Trip to Washington

The Talladega County Ginners Association feted 35 Talladega County Future Farmers and their fathers at a cotton banquet Saturday, January 12, The banquet was held at the Sylacauga Recreation Building. These boys were winners of a county-wide Cotton Acre Contest sponsored by the Talladega County ginners, bankers, oil mills, cotton mills, cotton warehouses, seed dealers, machinery dealers, and farmers.

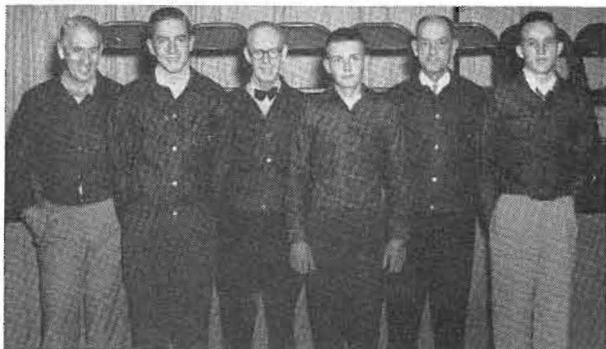
In his opening address, Mr. Hugh Comer — chairman of the board of Avondale Mills — told the boys: "Industry cannot survive unless the farmers are prosperous, but our cotton farmers cannot be prosperous behind a mule. Cotton farming today requires insect control, mechanization and plenty of fertilizer. Our farmers can reduce the cost of producing cotton through higher yields per acre."

The boys producing the highest yields from one measured acre were: Donald Merkl, Lincoln, 878 pounds of lint cotton; Arthur Moreland, Renfroe, 750 pounds, and Dennis Horn, Sylacauga, 894 pounds.

These three boys were awarded a five-day trip to Washington D. C.; they left Birmingham Thursday, January 17 by plane. Mr. Sam Alverson, vocational agriculture teacher from Munford accompanied the boys.

The following boys were awarded registered Hampshire gilts as second-place winners: Joel Howell, Munford, 653 pounds of lint cotton; Jimmy Wilcox, Talladega, 695 pounds, and Albert Heaslett, Childersburg, 727 pounds. All the boys were awarded a Hugh Comer cotton denim jacket by the Talladega County Ginners Association in recognition of their fine yields.

The 1951 officers of the Talladega



PICTURED ABOVE are the three boys from Talladega County winning trips to Washington, D. C. Also shown in the picture are some of the leaders of the program. From left to right are Hugh Comer, Chairman of the Board of Avondale Mills; Dennis Horn, Sylacauga; Howard Parker, Sec.-Treas., Talladega County Ginners Association; Donald Merkl, Lincoln; Ernest Campbell, President Talladega County Ginners Association and Arthur Moreland, Renfroe.

County Ginners Association include Ernest Cambell, Munford, president, and Howard A. Parker, Sylacauga, secretary-treasurer.

Talladega County firms participating in the contest were: Southern Cotton Oil Company, Camp Milling Company, McConnell's Bonded Warehouse, Talladega Cotton Factory, Talladega National Bank, Isbell National Bank, First National Bank of Childersburg, Avondale Mills, Sylacauga Fertilizer Company, Parker Gin Company, First National Bank of Sylacauga, W. G. Henley, and W. M. Merrill.



HAYWOOD CROLEY, Greenville member, is shown above with his hog project.

## FFA Fat Stock Shows 1952

- MOBILE —  
Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1-2
- DECATUR —  
Friday, April 4
- DOTHAN —  
Tuesday & Wednesday, April 8-9
- SELMA —  
Wednesday & Thursday, April 16-17
- GADSDEN —  
Thursday & Friday, April 17-18
- MONTGOMERY —  
Tuesday & Wednesday, April 29-30
- BIRMINGHAM —  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, April 30-May 2

### BEGIN THE DAY WITH FRIENDLINESS

Begin the day with friendliness  
And only friends you'll find.  
Yes, greet the dawn with happiness,  
Keep happy thoughts in mind.  
Salute the day with peaceful thoughts,  
And peace will fill your heart;  
Begin the day with joyful soul,  
And joy will be your part.  
Begin the day with friendliness;  
Keep friendly all day long;  
Keep in your soul a friendly thought,  
Your heart a friendly song.  
Have in your mind a word of cheer  
For all who come your way,  
And they will bless you too, in turn,  
And wish you "Happy day!"  
Begin each day with friendly thoughts  
And as the day goes on,  
Keep friendly, loving, good, and kind,  
Just as you were at dawn.  
The day will be a friendly one,  
And then at night you'll find  
That you were happy all day long  
Through friendly thoughts in mind.

## Our Great America ☆ by Woody

IN THE "OLD DAYS" SAILORS MADE A HORSE OUT OF CANVAS STUFFED WITH STRAW, SWUNG IT OUT OVER THE WATER ON A BOOM AND LIGHTED IT. BURNING THE "DEAD HORSE" SIGNIFIED THEY HAD WORKED OFF PAY ADVANCES MADE AT THE LAST PORT AND WERE AGAIN ACCUMULATING MONEY ON THE BOOKS

IN AN AVERAGE YEAR, FIBERS MANUFACTURED FROM WOOD BY PULP AND PAPER MILLS IN THE SOUTH EQUAL 24 MILLION BALES OF COTTON

HOW MANY MILES DOES A BASKETBALL TEAM RUN DURING A NORMAL GAME? A VERMONT COACH EQUIPPED HIS PLAYERS WITH PEDOMETERS TO FIND THE ANSWER. AT THE END OF THE GAME THE TEAM'S MILEAGE TOTALLED 24.1 ... ONE FORWARD RAN 5.3 MILES

Wahoo!

ARIZONA

ARIZONA — YOUNGEST STATE IN THE UNION, WILL CELEBRATE ITS FORTIETH BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY 14

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PICTURED ABOVE IS R. E. CAMMACK, State Director of Vocational Education, Montgomery, Alabama, as he shows his Honorary American Farmer Key to the State Officers when they visited his office recently. Mr. Cammack is one of only two from Alabama who have ever been awarded this degree.

## Vernon Chapter Has Extensive Program

For the first time in over four years, the Vernon FFA chapter has enrolled every boy taking vocational agriculture at the school into the chapter. Present membership of the chapter is now 70. One of the new members had completed three years of vocational agriculture before he joined FFA. The chapter has ordered 12,000 pine and cedar seedlings from the State Chamber of Commerce this year; during the past three years the chapter has ordered 52,000 seedlings. The seedling program is one of the many improvement projects being undertaken by Vernon Future Farmers.

Johnny Mac Johnson has been nominated for Future Farmer of the Year by his fellow Future Farmers from the Vernon FFA chapter. Johnny Mac, who has outstanding records in both his supervised farming program and leadership, is a senior at Lamar County High School. Last year his fellow FFA members nominated him as the Chapter Star Farmer.

During the three years that he has been studying vocational agriculture, Johnny Mac has completed 17 productive projects, with an income of \$1,154.71. He also completed nine improvement projects and 25 supplementary farm practices. At the present time he has a net worth of \$1,375.75. Some of this money is in cash, but most of it is invested in crops, livestock and buildings.

During the Lamar County Vocational

Agriculture Achievement Day, the Vernon Future Farmer won \$138 in cash prizes on the livestock and crops that he had entered in various contests that day.

Because of his excellent corn production record in 1949 and '50, Johnny Mac became a member of the 100 Bushel Corn Club; he produced over 100 bushels of corn per acre both years. After graduation, Johnny Mac plans to enter Auburn and major in vocational agriculture.

## OZARK STAR FARMER

Jimmy Byrd has been selected as Chapter Star Farmer of 1951 by his fellow Future Farmers in the Ozark chapter. This is the highest honor that can be awarded a member by his local chapter.

Jimmy has been interested in farm activities as far back as he can remember. He joined the 4-H Club while in the seventh grade and had a small flock of chickens as his first project. But as he grew older, beef cattle began to appeal to him and has remained as his favorite ever since. Jimmy's first venture with beef cattle was with a Hereford calf that he fattened and exhibited at the county fat stock show; the calf was awarded third place in the lightweight class. This started its owner to planning for a herd of beef cattle.

He has not reached his goal, but he is well on the way with six head of cows and calves valued at \$800. In addition

to beef cattle, his farming program includes hogs, corn and cotton.

Despite his active schedule, Jimmy has found time to devote himself to school and community activities. They include being FFA president, Beta Club member, Key Club member, treasurer of Methodist Youth Foundation, secretary of Junior Board of Stewards, and vice-president of his department in Sunday school.

Jimmy is a member of the senior class and plans to farm with his father on their 340-acre farm after he graduates.

## COFFEEVILLE

Eleven members of the Coffeeville FFA chapter entered the 100 bushel corn contest; but due to adverse weather conditions, none of the boys produced the required number of bushels. Buddy Cotton and Charles Roberts were tied for top corn growing honors, with 60 bushels per acre apiece. Both boys plan to enter the contest again this year and are hoping that the weatherman will help them hit the 100 bushel mark.

Two varieties of corn were planted by Buddy. Dixie 18 was planted on one acre of land, and U. S. 13 was planted on another acre. The U. S. 13 was hogged off, and the Dixie 18 was pulled and stored.

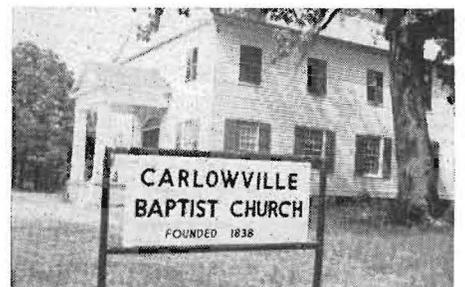
## DADEVILLE

Back in September of last year, Dadeville Future Farmers bought two pigs; they named them Mike and Ike and placed them in two separate pens. At the time, Mike tipped the scales at 35 pounds, with Ike weighing four pounds more than his brother. From that day on, Mike was fed a balanced ration, while Ike was fed a straight corn ration. FFA members then sold chances on Mike; the \$148 they netted will be used to buy new shop tools.

Last month the two pigs were given away. Mike weighed 212 pounds, while his brother Ike weighed only 79½ pounds. The cost of grain per pound for Ike was more than double that of Mike.

—FFA—

**Death and Disease** — You might as well be dead or sick as practice at it for ten years. Don't hasten it by watching for it.



CARLOWVILLE CHAPTER erects signs for local churches.



**BOBBY BOSWELL**, Livingston.

## Livingston Member Has Outstanding Project Program

At the end of two years of vocational agriculture at Livingston High School, FFA member Bobby Boswell has made a net profit of \$1,439.57 from his many farm and home projects.

During his first year of supervised farming, Bobby completed the following program: 10 head of beef cattle with a net profit of \$560.44, 2½ acres of corn with a \$167.95 profit, and an acre of watermelons which netted \$48.20 in profits. His improvement projects included home ground and pasture improvements. Bobby also completed nine supplementary farm practices.

Bobby was a member of the Supervised Farming Committee and the Scholarship Committee, and he won second place honors in the chapter public speaking contest.

During his second year of vocational agriculture, Bobby chose as his projects: a half acre of strawberries which netted him \$119.90; 15 head of beef cattle with a profit of \$431.85; and an acre of watermelons which cleared \$11.23. Pasture improvement and forestry improvement were among his improvements; he also improved a field by planting legumes. He completed seven supplementary practices.

Second year honors include winning first place in the chapter public speaking contest, top honors in the county speaking contest, and runner-up in the quartet finals. Bobby was chapter reporter and a member of the executive, publicity, and scholarship committees.

One of Bobby's main goals this year is to receive the State Farmer Degree at the State Convention in June.

—FFA—

**Discussions** — Keep all discussions from becoming arguments. Otherwise, they will be unprofitable, and you will lose your case as well as your friend.

## Beware of Hunting Accidents

With the hunting season in full swing, Future Farmers can play an important part in reducing hunting accidents. A gun can become a source of enjoyment or a source of grief and sorrow, depending on how it is used.

All hunters are urged to use common sense in handling guns, to give consideration to others and to exercise good sportsmanship and good manners throughout their hunting expedition. *No game animal or bird is worth the risk of shooting a fellow man.*

The principal circumstances involved in both fatal and non-fatal hunting accidents are:

1. Persons are often mistaken for game or else move into the line of fire.
2. Butt of the gun strikes the ground or other objects as hunter stumbles and falls.
3. Carrying loaded guns while climbing over obstacles or walking through brush.
4. Pulling loaded guns — muzzle first — through a fence.
5. Lifting loaded guns from automobiles, boats or other vehicles.

—FFA—

## ECLECTIC

Eclectic FFA members have painted their classroom, refinished all the furniture—including table, desks, filing cabinets, etc.—and treated over 1,000 fence posts during the months of September and October. The chapter is now sponsoring a donkey basketball team and a clean-up program around the campus. They plan to enter a float in the annual Homecoming parade and have ordered FFA welcome signs.

## MAPLESVILLE

The Maplesville FFA chapter is currently working on a hog improvement project in the community. The chapter owns a purebred Duroc sow and a purebred Duroc gilt; 10 other purebred gilts are on the chapter pig chain. The chapter has recently leased four acres of land that will be fenced and planted in pasture; the chapter plans to keep three sows on this plot. Members are contributing corn to feed the hogs. Whenever any gilts are farrowed, they will be given to FFA members to help them become established in hog farming. The goal of the chapter for this year is to have each boy owning a pig.

## CARLOWVILLE

Carlowville Future Farmers have ordered 500 pounds of rat poison to help get their rat control campaign underway. The boys are at present constructing mailbox posts and signs. They have built a good deal of playground equipment for elementary school and planted rye grass on the vocational school campus. FFA members are also sponsoring a campus beautification and clean-up campaign.

## PRATTVILLE

Prattville Future Farmers recently held a scrap iron drive to raise money for their treasury and conducted a campus clean-up program. The boys then held a joint social with their FHA girl friends.

## SIDNEY LANIER

Each member of the Sidney Lanier FFA chapter has entered at least two or more contests this year. The chapter has ordered 50,000 bicolor seedlings, 4,000  
(Continued on page 12)



SHOWN ABOVE IS A CLASS OF A.P.I. students in agricultural education. They are in Professor D. N. Bottoms' farm shop class and are receiving instruction in electricity from Hurst Mauldin of the Alabama Power Company. Left to right are Mr. Bottoms, Mr. Mauldin and the students who are future teachers of vocational agriculture and FFA advisers.



SHOWN ABOVE IS A GROUP of Greenhands of the Geneva chapter as they prepare to take the Chapter Farmer Degree.

spruce, 2,000 pine, and 2,000 red cedar seedlings. The boys are presently organizing a basketball team. They have also established a demonstration area in the Greer community for 21 different winter grazing crops. The boys entered a float composed of 14 horses, a few tractors and various other equipment in the Lanier Homecoming parade. Six official FFA jackets have been ordered by the

chapter, and eight of the members have purchased beef calves for entries in the April Fat Stock Show.

#### LYEFFION

Lyeffion FFA members plan to show seven fat calves in the County Fat Calf Show this spring. Conecuh County boys plan to show approximately 4 calves at the show in April. Bobby Booker, Buddy

Brock, Charlie Brock, Frank Burt, and their adviser have bought four beef calves and are currently fattening them up on a balanced ration.

#### URIAH

Harold House, a member of the Uriah FFA chapter has found the hog raising business highly profitable. Harold started his hog enterprise two years ago with a purebred gilt; he recently sold 13 top-grade hogs on the market. He also won reserve champion honors at the Monroeville Purebred Hog show with a Duroc gilt.

#### LINEVILLE

The Lineville FFA chapter has applied to the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation for the Gold Medal Award given to various organizations for outstanding service in eliminating rats. During County Rat Control Week, December 3, FFA members distributed approximately a ton of rat poison throughout the community; the chapter also held several demonstrations on the methods of using the poison. Reports of dead rats are still coming in.

#### CAMDEN

Camden Future Farmers have ordered 10,000 bicolor stolons and 5,000 pine seedlings. Members have repaired the school cafeteria and electrical appliances in the agriculture building. The chapter received a bull from the Sears Roebuck Foundation.



**?**  
**CAN**  
**YOU**  
**SPOT**  
**THE**  
**HAZARDS**  
**?**

(Check your answers with those on page 15.)

## SOUTHSIDE

Bill Fuhman, a Southside Future Farmer, has been chosen as the Star Farmer of 1951 in his district. The award was based mainly on Bill's interest in hog production. Bill began his hog enterprise in 1949, when he received a pig chain sow from his FFA chapter. From the first litter he selected a sow pig and raised her for his second sow; he also traded a pig out of the first litter for a boar pig.

Bill's first sow now has eight pigs; she has produced three litters in all. His second gilt has just weaned nine pigs that are now being fattened. Bill's total livestock program includes 17 pigs, two sows, a boar, three dairy cows, two dairy calves, and a young dairy bull.

Bill has finished school and is now helping his father operate their dairy farm.

## FALKVILLE

Falkville Future Farmers have finished installing automatic watering troughs for their hogs and calves; they have also built a barn for two Hereford steers that will be fattened by the members at the school. The boys built book shelves and magazine stands for the school library, put on a radio program, and repaired an old army ambulance that will be used on field trips and for various other transportation needs by the chapter.

## WHITE PLAINS

The White Plains FFA chapter now has the largest membership in its history. The chapter purchased \$400 worth of new equipment for the classroom and shop, and they also bought a new camera. The boys painted the classroom and shop and reworked the tables in the classroom. Three official FFA jackets, Greenhand and officers pins have been ordered by the chapter. Members sponsored a rat control campaign and sold 100 pounds of rat poison. They also sold three hogs. The boys are currently making a film strip, recording all chapter activities.

## HUBBERTVILLE

During the past year Hubbertville FFA chapter accomplished a number of worthy projects. The chapter promoted a rat killing campaign, sponsored a corn production contest, put on a radio program, won first place in the district tractor derby, constructed a football stadium, treated 3,711 fence posts, made toys in the school shop, and placed four pigs on the chapter pig chain. All 63 students in vocational agriculture class are presently enrolled in the Hubbertville FFA chapter.

— FFA —

**Decisions** — Make decisions which are practical and decisive. Avoid fuzzy thinking.



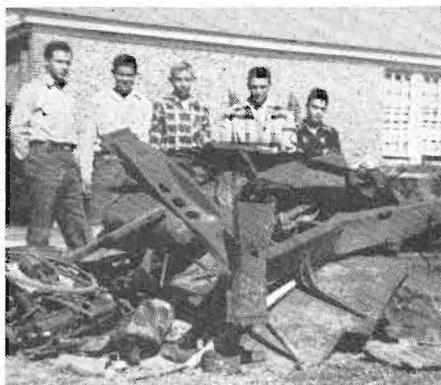
THESE ARE SOME of the purebred bulls being distributed to local chapters when they arrived in Montgomery.

## ALICEVILLE

Members of the Aliceville FFA chapter heeded the call for scrap iron for two reasons. They wanted to help the war and defense effort, and they also wanted to raise money to buy new tools for the farm shop. The boys pitched in and canvassed all the communities in the Aliceville area. Earl Gardner, their teacher, drove his trailer around to all the boys' houses and picked up their scrap iron; he then hauled the scrap to a central pile at the school house.

When the drive was over, the boys had approximately 5,000 pounds of scrap iron that was sold for \$55. They used the money to buy a dado head for their power saw and an electric hand drill. The boys gathered several hundred pounds of scrap iron by tearing down a guard tower at the old prisoner of war camp.

Future Farmers who gathered the most scrap iron were Bubber Cameron, Charles Abston, Herman Powell, Ray Hammett, Albert Gilliam, Walter Upton, Joe Clayton, Ralph Kinbrell, and Joe Lawrence. Boys in the veterans vo-ag class, garages and filling stations also donated scrap.



ALICEVILLE MEMBERS collect scrap iron for defense. This is an excellent way for all FFA chapters to raise money for their treasury.

## More Purebred Hereford Bulls for Alabama

The Alabama FFA Association has purchased 21 additional Purebred Hereford bulls to be placed with that many chapters throughout the state. This is a continuation of the FFA livestock program that was started in 1948 when the Sears Roebuck Foundation distributed 52 Hereford bulls with 52 FFA chapters in Alabama.

These bulls have all been supplied by the Mill Iron Ranches in Texas which is one of the finest herds in the country.

Each bull is placed on the farm of a FFA member and is a community service sponsored by the local FFA chapter. Not only FFA members of the local chapter but any other farmer in the community may have the services of these fine bulls for upgrading their beef cattle program.

After the bull is kept in a community for several years he is usually sold to a FFA member or some farmer and then a younger or replacement bull is purchased for the chapter. These 21 bulls purchased this week are to replace older bulls who have served their purpose in a community and have been sold by the FFA. This program is proving to be most successful with the 52 FFA communities over the state who have had it in operation. Plans are to continue to expand and improve this program with FFA chapters just as rapidly as it is practical to do so.

The following FFA chapters will each receive one of these bulls today valued at \$500.00 or more each: Clio, LaFayette, Ozark, Louisville, Kinston, Beauregard, Greensboro, Troy, Camden, Plantersville, Clanton, Isabella, Marion, Lynn, Central, Collinsville, Stevenson, Bridgeport, Carrollton, Lexington and Glencoe.

— FFA —

**Concentration** — Concentration and distractibility are incompatible. Finish one thing and then take up the next.

**RIVERTON**

Thirteen top-grade hogs have recently been sold by members of the Riverton FFA chapter. The boys held a joint social with their FHA girl friends, with 65 attending. Fifteen of the boys are entered in the public speaking contest sponsored by the FFA.

**ONEONTA**

In an effort to raise money for the chapter treasury, the boys have begun

a drive for scrap iron in the community. The chapter bought a 1936 pick-up truck, and the members are in the process of repairing the janitor's home. The chapter has ordered 13,000 bicolor lespeze seedlings, and the members will set them out in the near future.

**EAST LIMESTONE**

Members of the East Limestone FFA chapter recently initiated 22 Greenhands and added 11 books to the school li-

brary. The chapter has started a Hampshire pig chain and will show calves in the Birmingham Fat Stock Show. A 35 mm slide projector has been purchased by the chapter, and running water facilities have been installed in the vocational agriculture shop. At the present time 100 per cent of the vocational agriculture class is enrolled in the FFA chapter. The boys have been selling subscriptions to *Farm and Ranch Magazine* to raise money for the chapter treasury.



SHOWN ABOVE IS L. W. WHITE, local adviser, and some of the Northport FFA members. As can be seen, they turned a weed patch into production last summer. Their cooperative project included 5 acres of corn and 2 acres of peanuts. The corn was used with their chicken project and their peanuts sold at ball games.

**MONTEVALLO**

One-thousand loblolly pines were recently planted by members of the Montevallo FFA chapter; the boys worked in cooperation with C. M. Stuckey, Shelby County forester, in a pine tree planting demonstration with a mechanical planter. The demonstration took place on the farm of Jimmie Rochester, a local FFA boy. Over 300 people witnessed the demonstration. Chapter members plan to plant over 8,000 more seedlings in special demonstrations.

Plans are being made for field demonstrations of different types of farm machinery and equipment. Montevallo Future Farmers plan to invite each dealer in the area to demonstrate the performance of various tillage and harvesting equipment in the field.

The boys are hoping to net over \$500 from the seeds sold from their three acres of rescue grass; the seeds will be harvested this summer. The boys estimate a harvest of one ton of seeds per acre. Unless the market is higher, the seeds will be sold for 25 cents a pound.

In cooperation with the local FHA chapter, the boys are seeking to develop and improve the school grounds and facilities. They recent planted \$37.50 worth of shrubs on the school campus. They have also planted Chinese elms, burford holly and sargents barberry.

Tommy Baker, a local FFA member, now operates a 160-acre dairy farm. He his 30 Guernsey cattle in production and expects to have 60 cows in production in the next two years. About 30 of his fellow Future Farmers helped him get the farm in operation.



BILLY BRAHAM, a Eufaula FFA member, inspects his forestry project.

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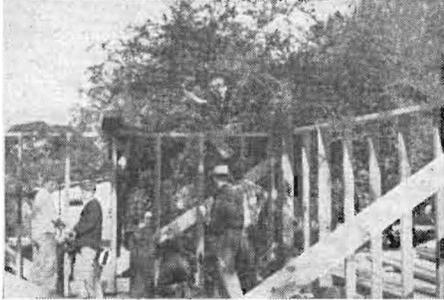
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TOP PICTURE shows N. B. Lawhon, Thomasville, teacher of vocational agriculture, and his students as they lay out the building as described below. Other pictures show progress being made on the building.

## Thomasville Boys Learn The Practical Way

When Thomasville Future Farmers heard that their principal was building a new garage on school property, they decided to put their book knowledge into practice and build the garage for him. Since the boys had been studying farm building construction and making drawings and measurements of rafters, plates, sills, and studs, the task was not unfamiliar to them.

Before the actual labor began, the boys got together and drew up a bill of material, figuring out the number of board feet of lumber that would be needed for the framing, siding, decking, and roofing. Then each boy marked, cut, and fitted studs, joists, plates, rafters, decking, and siding into their proper places. Whenever a problem came up, the boys would move back into their classroom to figure it out and then return to their job with the answer.

The experience gained through the garage-building project enabled many of the Future Farmers to return to their own farms and repair and build new buildings.

## JEMISON

A joint Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet was recently held by members of the Jemison FFA chapter. At the present time 100 per cent of the vocational agriculture students are enrolled in the FFA chapter. The members have organized a quartet and have ordered 10 official FFA jackets; they have also ordered Greenhand, Chapter Farmer and Honorary pins.

The boys have purchased \$50 worth of books for the school library, a drill press, jig saw, two electric motors, and two welcome signs that will be erected on the main highway. Two purebred sows were bought and placed on the chapter pig chain. All of the members have entered the public speaking contest and are taking turns caring for a 250-tree peach orchard. The county FFA president is a member of the Jemison chapter.

## GLENCOE

"Southern Beauty," a sow donated to the Glencoe FFA chapter by the Sears Roebuck Foundation in June, 1949, has since then produced five litters of pigs. She has farrowed a total of 62 pigs and raised 48 of them to the weaning age.

Her influence has been felt not only in Glencoe but throughout Etowah County as well. More than a dozen male pigs have been sold throughout the county for breeding purposes; 20 of her daughters are on FFA members' farms.

## B. B. COMER

Dennis Horn, 17-year old member of the B. B. Comer FFA chapter, is Alabama's champion cotton producer. Dennis produced 894 pounds of lint cotton on one acre of land. He fertilized his land with 800 pounds of 6-8-4 fertilizer, with a side dressing of 200 pounds of nitrate of soda.

### ANSWERS TO HAZARD PICTURE ON PAGE 12

1. Electric wires attached to wind-mill tower.
2. Open knife type switch used on pump motor.
3. Broken wire contacting electric wires.
4. Broken (live) power wire contacting tractor.
5. Contact with overhead wires while raising well pipes.
6. Removing broken bulb with pliers while body is grounded on metal building. Shock might lead to fall.
7. Aluminum paint spray contacting electric wires.
8. Broken ground wire at barn.
9. Spraying motor with water from hose.
10. Overloaded and frayed extension cords laying on ground.
11. Overloaded saw motor shorting on saw frame.
12. Extension cord in oil spill.
13. Wagon running over extension cord.
14. Electric wires crossing at barn entrance.
15. Donut heater plugged in while not in use.

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Clio FFA members are working hand in hand with the Clio Lions Club in carrying out community improvements. Still in its infancy, the local Lions Club is rapidly progressing. Members sponsored the FFA livestock show and installed a water fountain in the town. In return, the FFA helped with the Fiddlers Convention sponsored by the Lions Club, and the members painted two signs to be placed by the water fountain.

**ROGERSVILLE**

Rogersville Future Farmers have placed orders for 52,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings, 7,000 pine and locust seedlings, and 500 pounds of rat bait. The boys organized a rat control program.



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## *The FFA Emblem*

The national emblem of the Future Farmers of America is significant and meaningful in every detail. Used by members in all recognized units of the organization, it is made up of five symbols: The owl, the plow, and the rising sun, within the cross section of an ear of corn which is surmounted by the American eagle. Upon the face of the emblem appear also the words "Vocational Agriculture" and the letters "F. F. A." The owl is symbolic of wisdom and knowledge; the plow is the symbol of labor and tillage of the soil; the rising sun is emblematic of progress and the new day that will dawn when all farmers are trained and have learned to cooperate; the cross section of an ear of corn represents common agricultural interests since corn is native to America and grown in every state; and the eagle is indicative of the national scope of the organization. The emblem is protected by copyrights.

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WAYNE HAWTHORN, above, from the Susan Moore chapter, displays some of the trophies won with his dairy cattle.

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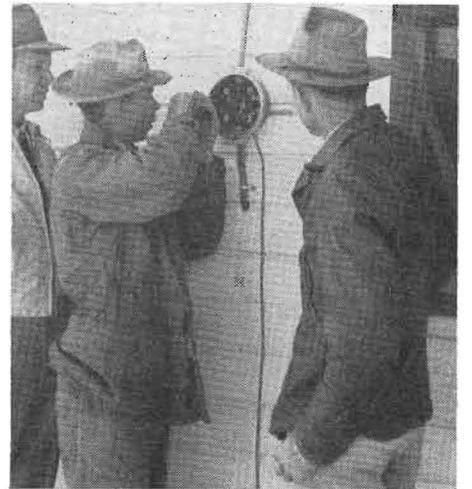
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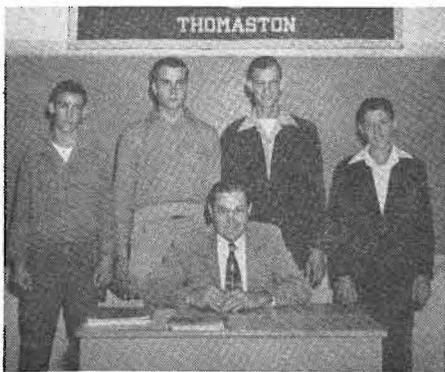
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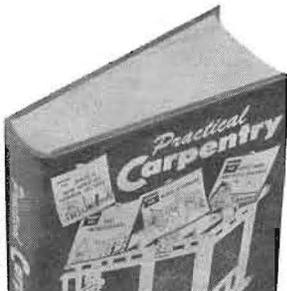
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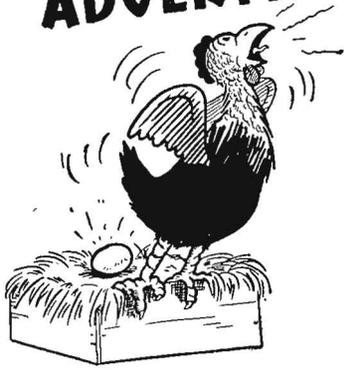
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# FFA ON THE MARCH

**ABBEVILLE**—had Christmas party with FHA; distributed 2 pig chain pigs among members; worked on parliamentary procedure and other State sponsored contests; planned local contests for January; ordered pine seedlings.

**AKRON**—host to the District meeting of FFA and FHA; members assisted vocational teacher with adult ladies workshop; parliamentary drill held with most of the members participating.

**ALBERTVILLE**—have 103 paid members; six members who planted 6,000 seedlings furnished by TVA; constructed 14 miniature pine tree forestry markers for the TVA in shop; gave 10 programs on local radio station WAVU; had one member to make the 100-bushel-per-acre corn club, with a yield of 115.9 bushels; have 19 members feeding a total of 106 hogs to show in County Fat Hog Show.

**ALEXANDRIA**—Built portable bookcase for Calhoun County Library; using FFA money for the buying of blackout curtains for the school auditorium; keeping the lawn cut and the grounds clean around the school; spraying and pruning orchards for the people of the community and surrounding communities; cleaning up around the Alexandria Public Library; making concrete walkways around the school.

**ALICEVILLE**—added 30 new books to library; installed butane heater in class room; secured and mounted all FFA paraphernalia; secured, framed and hung Creed, Purposes, and Washington's Order; gave each member FFA pins and membership cards; collected scrap iron; initiated 16 Greenhands and 10 Chapter Farmers; published news articles; added \$150.00 worth of tools to shop.

**ARLEY**—planning a program for Winston County Field Day; made 8 teeterboards for

grammar school playground; passed out membership cards; doing lattice work around grammar school; treating posts in treating plant.

**ASHFORD**—FFA's and FHA's enjoyed a Christmas party in the home economics building; members are planning to get 15 head of L.C.P.'s from Greenwood farms of Thomasville, Georgia.

**ASHLAND**—FFA and FHA had a weiner roast and joint Christmas party together; sold hogs and cleared \$25.00; selling popcorn at basketball games; cooperated with the veterans in a county wide rat control demonstration; kept poison to sell members and others at wholesale price.

**ASHVILLE**—joint Christmas party with FHA; built 2 wall cabinets for kitchens; 10 end tables, 2 radio tables, 3 book cases, 3 porch swings, 4 flower stands, 4 doors for library; built incinerator for school and baby chairs for Christmas gifts.

**ATHENS**—assisted in fixing Christmas baskets for the needy.

**ATMORE**—have started pig chain with Sears, Roebuck sow; have given away two gilts, two purebred Poland China boars in two different communities; given away four purebred dairy calves from calf chain; showed four dairy calves and six hogs in Alafloora Fair; had shop exhibit in Alafloora Fair; planned rat control campaign; 100 per cent agriculture students belong to FFA; purchased 10-inch tilting arbor saw, and Stanley electric hand plane.

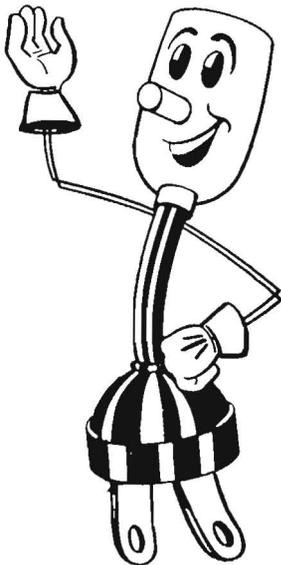
**AUBURN**—organized 5 quartets; initiated 37 new members; bought 6 official manuals; organized string band; entered several state contests; all members have entered public speaking contest; all members entering one or more contests; news article in school paper; bought Secretary's and Treasurer's book; gave out 75 membership cards; new adviser started teaching in November; holding two quartet and string band practices a week; quartet presented program in Opelika.

**BAKER**—organized quartet; planned play; bought arc welder; took part in Christmas program.

**BAKERHILL**—put in extra lights in school building; made basketball signs; held two regular meetings; finished selling Christmas cards to raise money for chapter funds; completed several shop projects.

**BEAR CREEK**—eight more pigs added to pig chain; finished paying for tape recorder; 31 boys entering the public speaking contest; boys set 8,000 pine seedlings; set 2,000 plants of bi-

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color lespedeza and planted 40 pounds of bicolor lespedeza; planned radio program for January.

**BEATRICE**—lighted Christmas tree for the Town of Beatrice; Christmas party held for FFA and FHA.

**BERRY**—raised 91 chickens averaging 2 lbs. each in 7 weeks; ordered 7,000 pine seedlings; bought bases and made lamps to sell for Christmas; sold subscriptions to Farm and Ranch magazine.

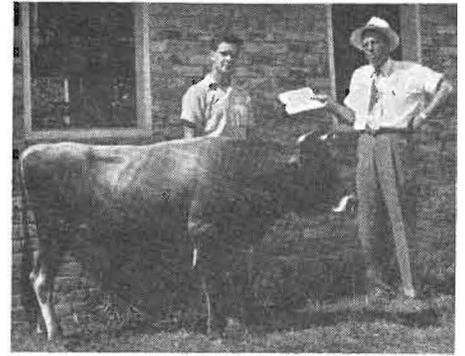
**BEULAH**—peeled 300 fence posts for farmers; subscribed for 4 magazines for vocational department; paid \$65 on FFA tractor; treated 4 peach orchards for borers.

**BILLINGSLEY**—went on FFA fishing trip; bought 5 hogs to fatten out; joined county FFA; got 5,000 pine seedlings; had joint Christmas tree and party with FHA; entertained local PTA in agriculture department; assisted in securing power tools for the agriculture farm shop.

**BLOUNTSVILLE**—went on all-day fishing trip to Guntersville Dam; held three joint socials with FHA; every boy in agriculture in FFA; purchased Greenhand and Chapter Farmer pins for initiation ceremony; made over \$100.00 selling drinks at ball games; operated Coca-Cola machine jointly with FHA; purchased lumber for sale to shop classes; constructed tables for Lions Club banquet; purchased screen for projector and Delta jointer for shop.

**BOAZ**—Marshall County FFA meeting will be held at Boaz in March; five chapters in Marshall County alternate their meetings at each chapter; chapter members are busy preparing for coming contest.

**BRIDGEPORT**—completed class room for vocational agriculture and set up shop; ordered needed paraphernalia, "T" shirts, jackets, shirts and ties; secured chapter beef bull for community use; purchased Hereford heifer and two



SHOWN ABOVE at right is E. P. Rodwell, President of the Bank of Florala, as he presented a Registered Jersey Bull to the Florala FFA chapter.

gilts for standing pig chain; erected "Welcome" signs on both incoming highways; elected FFA sweetheart.

**BROOKWOOD**—string band entered talent show and won first place—each winner being given a school banner; both Greenhand and Chapter Farmer pins have been ordered for every member; fattening out two pigs; entire chapter went to the State Fair at Birmingham; concession stand netted the chapter \$150.00 this season; a gold FFA paper weight was presented to the Principal for Christmas; initiation is to be held in January.

**BRUNDIDGE**—held regular meetings; received 13 Greenhands into the FFA; plan to sell Christmas cards and elect Sweetheart of FFA; entering State and chapter contests; set up activity program.

**CAMDEN**—held one regular and one special meeting; had FFA-FHA chicken supper and party; ordered 15 Chapter Farmer pins and "Building the Emblem" ceremony; plan to order FFA "T" shirts for all members; held one officers meeting.

**CARBON HILL**—bought arc welder, and thickness plainer; landscaped 3 homes; making plans for painting inside of Ag Building.

**CARLOWVILLE**—ordered 500 pounds rat poison for rat control campaign in January; adviser served refreshments for all chapter members on last Friday before Christmas; completed playground equipment for elementary school; article and pictures sent to Mr. Greene for special edition of FFA magazine.

**CARROLLTON**—members attended State fair and farm demonstration on preparing land for clover; plan joint program with FHA; elected



SHOWN ABOVE are newly-elected Honorary members of the Geneva chapter. Left to right are J. L. Mulkey, local attorney, J. F. Moore, local principal and O. B. Spivey, local editor.

honorary members; held two regular meetings and 2 special meetings; received Sears bull; visited Zeigler's farm near Dancy; toured Alabama Cotton Mill at Aliceville; initiated 11 Greenhands.

**CHEROKEE**—establishing one acre permanent pasture on campus for FFA calves; constructed several electric brooders and sun porches; co-operated with cannery program in hog killing; placing FFA calendars in key display in each community; planning scrap drive for the community.



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**CLANTON**—made pictures of FFA bull; sponsored FFA Sweetheart contest; remodeled and painted toys for Christmas chest.

**CLEVELAND**—initiated 13 new members; held FFA-FHA social; made \$22.50 profit on pig, selling chances; held rat killing campaign; bought 21 beef calves for show; installed showers for basketball boys; built and put up paraphernalia holders; elected FFA sweetheart; entered district dairy judging contest.

**CLIO**—elected FFA Sweetheart; gave assembly program explaining parliamentary procedure practices and demonstrating them; attended county FFA and FHA Christmas meeting and program held at Louisville; helped put up Christmas display in front of the Baptist church; repaired and painted toys for the Lions Club to give to needy children in the community; gave appropriate FFA pins to members.

**COFFEEVILLE**—sold 5 hogs for \$150.40; collected a ton of scrap iron; elected chapter sweetheart; held annual Christmas social with the FHA; plans made for annual Mother-Father fish fry; have 8 honorary members; 12 State Farmers; 44 members in chapter.

**COLUMBIANA**—planning rat control program, have ordered poison; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings; cleared up and pruned FFA woodlot; gave honorary members wives bouquet of flowers for Christmas; planted 4 acres of fescue grass for chapter; planning Arbor day.

**COTTONWOOD**—ordered fruit trees, 5,000 lespedeza bicolor plants for farm game; placed chapter sow with FFA member, 2 gilts, pure-bred, with members out of pig chain; sold 2 gilts for \$40 to pay for film strip projector; held FFA party.

**CROSSVILLE**—gave Greenhand initiation and had weiner roast afterward; attended county meeting; started practice for FFA basketball team; finished sidewalk to gymnasium.

**DADEVILLE**—bought \$80.00 worth of tools for shop; FFA gilt farrowed 7 pigs; sold \$79 worth of magazine subscriptions; entered county FFA public speaking and quartet contests and won second place; FFA sow farrowed 10 pigs; erected three "Welcome" signs at city limits; sold 2 hogs and 4 pigs; entered dairy judging contest at Joe Minter's Jersey Farm; 2 contestants in tractor derby.

**DANVILLE**—increased membership; completely wired two buildings for electricity, including vocational ag shop; fed out and sold 13 top hogs for chapter treasury; set out 5,000 pine seedlings; improved and sowed 30 acres of pasture on school campus.



AS SHOWN in the above pictures, the Gorgas FFA members learn to sew and prepare meals. Also to eat.

**DOUGLAS**—ordered pine and cedar seedlings; attended county meeting; began work in shop; each student planned course calendar activities for his projects; registered pigs in pig chain; added two Danish Land Race pigs to pig chain; plan to enter 67 hogs in Sand Mountain hog show; received air compressor, grinder sander and paint sprayer; received \$15 for news article sent to Doanes Agricultural Service; initiated 25 new members; host to county FFA; attended Chain Store banquet.

**DOZIER**—each student made some useful article for his mother's Christmas present in shop work.

**EAST LIMESTONE**—added 11 books to library; beef judging team placed second in

State judging contest; started Hampshire pig chain; showed calves in Birmingham Fat Stock Show; purchased 35 mm projector; 25 members and adviser went to State Fair; 100 per cent members belong to FFA; sold subscriptions to Farm and Ranch magazine; initiated 22 Greenhands.

**ECCLECTIC**—FFA-FHA banquet big success; two State Farmers; member selected "Star Dairy Farmer for Alabama" and one member selected to play in National FFA Band in Kansas City, Missouri.

**ENTERPRISE**—held regular meeting; quartet participated in talent show; held joint Christmas party with FHA.

**EVERGREEN**—75 entered FFA speaking contest; ordered 5,000 seedlings; received 4 official jackets; have 4 more pigs for pig chain; planned party for FFA and FHA.

**EXCEL**—ordered and received Argus c-3 camera with flash attachment; 2 placing order for fruit trees; elected member to attend reception in Birmingham during FFA Week; host to county FFA and FHA officers; working on FFA quartet and public speaking; outlined "Keep Monroe County Green" program; selling garden seed to raise money; distributed rat poison in ag and home ec department; constructed city limit signs for town. Quartet singing on radio.

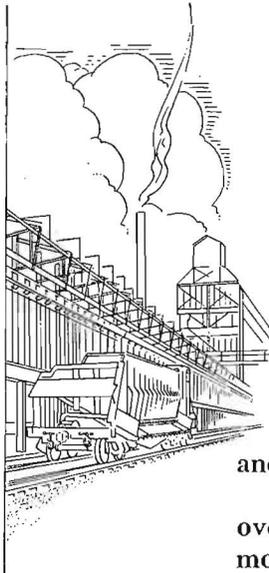
**FALKVILLE**—built barn for two Hereford steers that are to be fed out by the FFA chapter here at school; installed automatic watering troughs for hogs and calves; built book shelves and magazine stands for library; put on radio program with the tape recorder to be played on WHOS—Decatur.

**FIVE POINTS**—conducted an FFA business meeting; appointed quartet and string band committees; started rat control campaign; set out 5,000 pine seedlings; entering 8 State sponsored contests.

**FLOMATON**—held FFA initiation; published two issues of Korny Kob; held two official FFA meetings; purchased "Building the Emblem" ceremony; bought 30 official "T" shirts and 5 official jackets; received yearbooks and presented one to James McCurdy to whom it was dedicated; members participated in making pointers as Christmas gifts for teachers; purchased new microphone; held Christmas party for ag boys.

**FLORALA**—held two meetings; presented assembly program; gave FHA a square dance; sold Farm and Ranch subscriptions and members received FFA socks, caps, "T" shirts and ties; attended meeting in county association.

**GENEVA**—held two meetings; elected 3 hon-

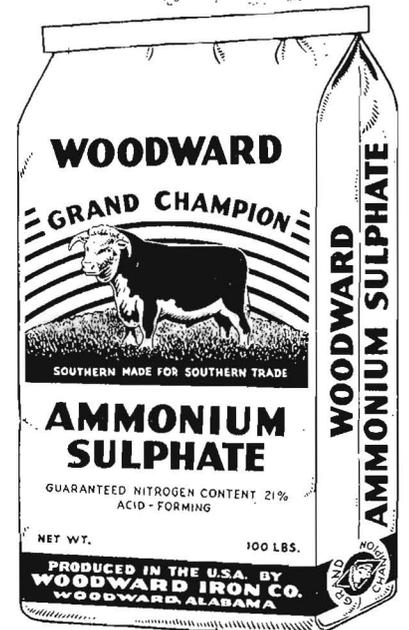


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State FFA President

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orary members; conferred 22 Chapter Farmer degrees and presented chapter pins; initiated 23 Greenhands and presented them a Greenhand pin; made plans for annual Christmas banquet; 23 members attended county FFA and FHA meeting in Slocomb; held open house in Ag department for PTA; four guests attended initiation of chapter farmers; held chapter picnic with 100 per cent members attending; ordered 11,000 pine seedlings; 100 per cent ag students members of the FFA; organized quartet and band; member represented Alabama in National FFA Band.

**GLENCOE**—purchased 24 new manuals, official secretary's and treasurer's book, organized a bank to lend money to members; placed 6 gilts in pig chain; all members studying parliamentary procedure; planning community rat killing campaign; organizing a chapter quartet; members working on speeches for speaking contest.

**GORGAS**—ordered 120,000 bicolor plants; exchanged classes with Home Ec department for two weeks; joint Christmas party with FHA girls.

**GRAND BAY**—held FFA-FHA banquet; sold 4 hogs for \$151.20; completed several shop projects.

**GRANT**—held two regular meetings; made \$98.64 selling magazines; have 25 head of hogs on feed for county market hog show; chapter marker signs ready to put up; New Years' Eve party with FHA; attended county meeting at Arab.

**GREENSBORO**—conducted a magazine sale; attended a Christmas meeting in Akron; plan to buy a camera for the chapter; had Christmas party and had a guest speaker.

**GROVE HILL**—placed 10 registered gilts in pig chain; grew out 9 meat hogs; put safety



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driving signs on streets around school building; elected FFA Sweetheart and presented her with cedar chest; made gifts to be presented to underprivileged children at Christmas; won first place in homecoming float; grew out 200 fryers for teaching purposes and use in Father-Son banquet; elected chapter Star Farmer and presented him with medal; placed \$167 worth of tools in shop; initiated and awarded Greenhand pins to 17 new members.

**HATTON**—chapter sponsored rat killing campaign; held annual fish fry; several members ordered FFA jackets; erected "Welcome" signs; ordered film projector; planned to hold Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet.

**HARTFORD**—chapter received a bred gilt for starting a chapter pig chain; doubled membership; ordered rat poison for the community; ordered 10,000 pine and cedar seedlings for the boys; also ordered pins and guards for FFA officers; sponsored chapter corn growing contest; made \$150 for chapter treasury by selling Christmas cards; built FFA store building; assembled and finished 30 cedar chests in the shop.

**HAYDEN**—attended district meeting; played three basketball games; served refreshments to Greenhands; three members ordered official FFA jackets; elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered Sweetheart jacket.

**HEADLAND**—held Christmas party at City Hall; boys working on FFA contest; making definite plans for county achievement day.

**HUBBERTVILLE**—promoted rat killing campaign in community; placed 4 pigs on pig chain; sponsored corn production contest; wrote 12 news articles for local papers; put on local radio program; won 1st place in district tractor derby; all students in vocational agriculture joined FFA; treated 3,711 posts; made toys in school shop.

**IDER**—erected "Welcome" signs; bought 6 pigs to fatten out; had corn husking; held joint



THE ISABELLA boys are shown painting their vocational agriculture building.

party with FHA; plan to enter Tri-State FFA Queen contest.

**JACKSON**—selected gift for chapter sweetheart; all members entering one or more contests; put bases on Christmas trees for all home rooms; helped decorate Baptist Church for Christmas; ordered bicolor seedlings.

**JASPER**—received 16 official FFA jackets; presented one Honorary Degree; ordered 5,500 pine and cedar seedlings; built dark room for chapter; quartet gave Christmas program; held showmanship classes for adult group; assisted in Christmas program at school; bought 150 apple trees as a cooperative project.

**JEMISON**—members ordered 10 official FFA jackets; organized quartet; held Mother-Daugh-

ter-Father-Son banquet; 100 per cent vocational students are FFA members; all members taking part in the speaking contest; purchased two welcome signs for highway; purchased drill press, jig saw and two electric motors for shop; purchased two purebred sows to place on pig chain; members caring for 250-acre peach orchard on shares; ordered Greenhand, Chapter Farmer and Honorary pins; one member serving as county president of FFA; purchased \$50.00 worth of reference books for classroom.

**KENNEDY**—initiated 14 Greenhands; two old members have renewed their membership; chapter entertained about 200 members of the county FFA and FHA at a social; have paid \$75.00 on an electric welder, \$25 for paint and have spent about \$50 for repairs on the vocational department; have entries in the chapter contest and the quartet contest.

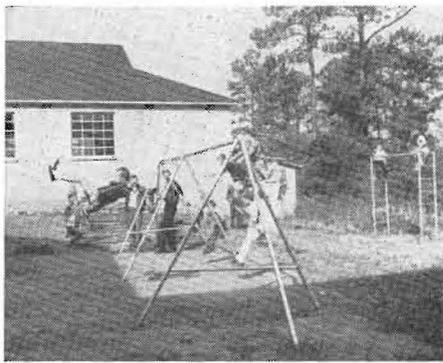
**KINSTON**—raised 10 boys from Greenhand degree to that of Chapter Farmer; held joint FFA-FHA party; James Allen elected State Vice-President and local Future Farmer of the Year.

**LEIGHTON**—organized basketball team; members building mailbox posts; working on FFA contests; held joint social with FHA.

**LEROY**—members placed orders for 10,000 pine seedlings; finished painting shop and installing gas heat in building; published two news articles in local papers; all committees met and discussed plans for year; planned Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet for January; placed two gilts in pig chain; FFA-FHA held Christmas party for members.

**LINEVILLE**—won first place in county speaking and quartet contest; built crib, farrowing pen, self-feeder, self-waterer and fenced in two acres of hog pasture on school property; initiated 24 new members; received a Hampshire sow from Sears-Roebuck to start pig chain; growing out six pigs on lunchroom scraps; placed 5 purebred Hampshire gilts on pig chain; cooperated with Veterans Training Program in a rat control campaign; repaired toys for needy children for Christmas.

**LIVINGSTON**—initiated 10 Greenhands and 12 Chapter Farmers; planned activity program for the year and appointed committees; elected Chapter Sweetheart; members planned and set up supervised farming programs for the year; five beef calves for fat stock show; added 10 new books to library; entering 7 State sponsored contests; ordered 10 Greenhand Degree pins, 12 Chapter Farmer pins, 6 FFA rings, FFA emblem cut out and chapter officer emblems; cleared \$272.77 operating FFA store.



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT shown above was constructed by the Carlowville FFA members.

**LOCUST FORK**—sent boy to State forestry camp; held county FFA training program; grew enough corn on lab area to top out 2 hogs; five boys entering livestock program; 4 FFA boys plan to enter some hogs in the county fat hog show; forestry program shows continued interest by members ordering seedlings.

**LYEFFION**—4 boys bought calves to fatten for the fat calf show; replaced all broken windows in school; elected FFA Sweetheart; bought 3 pigs and started a pig chain, to feed pigs with scraps from the lunchroom; chapter added \$50 worth of new books to department; members ordered 23,500 pines and cedar seedlings; chap-

ter built mailbox for each teacher and placed them in the principal's office.

**MARBURY**—held joint Christmas social with FHA; built and sold cedar chests to raise chapter funds; organized basketball team.

**MARION**—initiated 24 Greenhands; purchased 16 mm projector; members entering farm magazine selling contest; sold 450 fruit trees and orchard plants; assisted in beautifying 5 homes; held officer training school.

**MILLRY**—elected chapter FFA Sweetheart; added new books to library; officers attended appreciation banquet in Mobile; purchased banner for president's station; 100 per cent membership among agriculture students; 2 members purchased beef calves for shows; bought 2 pigs for school project; held regular meetings; bought a supply of FFA manuals for chapter library.

**NEW BROCTON**—Christmas tree for FHA and FFA; ordered 5,000 pine seedlings; discussed chicken fry for January; outlined shop work.

**NEW MARKET**—held meeting and made plans for Christmas; quartet sang at Baptist church at Walnut Grove; made scenery for community Christmas program; gathered up clothing, food and toys for needy children; joint Christmas party with FHA.

**NEW SITE**—entertained the county FFA; New Site members averaged 3.6 productive projects each and 4 improvement projects each; 100 per cent membership; plan to enter public speaking contest, quartet, string band, dairy cattle judging, beef cattle judging, hog judging, forestry, electric and tractor driving contests.

**NEWVILLE**—held one meeting to discuss joint party with FHA; dug pit for septic tank so first grade can have a rest room; showed three pictures on soils and fertilizers to agriculture classes.

**NOTASULGA**—initiated 14 Greenhands; conducted sweetheart contest; sold \$100 worth of

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Christmas cards; made plans for rat control campaign; ordered 12 cedar chests for Christmas; ordered cooperatively 300 fruit trees for farmers; plan party with FHA; ordered several feed strips of bicolor lespezdeza for quail.

**OAKMAN**—5 members started stall feeding steers for Birmingham Fat Stock Show; new officers installed; using lunchroom scraps to feed out two pigs; growing 50 chickens; organized quartet; initiated 28 new members.

**ONEONTA**—ordered 13,000 bicolor lespezdeza seedlings; started scrap iron drive; constructed 14 cedar chests, 3 wardrobes and one desk.

**OZARK**—selected chapter Star Farmer; sold all occasion cards; planning to buy window shades for agriculture building; all FFA boys went to see chapter bull; the chapter boar is being moved to Clopton community; members ordered pine and cedar seedlings; Ozark FFA to help "Keep Alabama Green."

**PELL CITY**—all notebooks in department stamped with new FFA stamp secured this month; continuing the safety campaign in community; elected FFA Sweetheart; initiations held first week in December; almost every member has accomplished some forestry work.

**PHIL CAMPBELL**—two regular meetings; organized basketball team; 35 took part in public speaking contest; working on beef judging team and organizing dairy judging team; group of boys trying out for quartet; bought film strip machine; purchased 100 fruit trees; ordered 13,000 pine seedlings; ordered 4 bushels Dixie 18 hybrid seed corn.

**PINE APPLE**—chapter had 94 productive projects begun; 78 completed; put up Christmas tree for town; planning to have rat control drive; members invited to FHA party.

**PRATTVILLE**—began scrap iron drive; planned joint FFA-FHA social; ordered pine seedlings; ordered FFA road signs; initiated three Greenhands; held FFA quartet practice session.

**PRINCETON**—joint party with FHA; annual FFA and FHA play; ordered official jackets and ties, Greenhand pins and Chapter Farmer pins; sold 7 top FFA hogs.

**RED BAY**—raffled off turkey to raise money; members put out 10,000 pine seedlings; annual Christmas party with an attendance of 70; chapter has a duroc pig chain; drinks and candy being sold to raise money; members working with forest rangers in controlling fires; forest signs are being built to locate around Red Bay to prevent forest fires; built bookcase for grammar school.

**REELTOWN**—held one regular meeting; ordered 7,000 tree seedlings; painted 3 FFA signs to erect.



**BILLY JOE KIMBRELL** of the Jasper chapter is an artist as well as a Future Farmer. He is showing two of his recent paintings.

**RIVERTON**—sold 13 top hogs; joint social with FHA; one officers meeting; 15 boys entered public speaking contest; held 3 chapter meetings.

**ROANOKE**—elected FFA Sweetheart and she was presented a Christmas gift by the chapter president; rat control demonstration being held on Bobby Brooks' farm; chapter taking part in a county-wide rat control campaign; 1,000 pine seedlings ordered.

**ROGERSVILLE**—ordered 52,000 bicolor lespezdeza seedlings and 7,000 pine and locust seedlings; feeding out two chapter beef calves; entertained FHA with social; organized rat control campaign for National FFA Week; ordered 500 pounds of rat poison; ordered all Chapter Farmers silver pins and gold emblem for adviser; placed 5 registered gilts with members; placed FFA calendars in business places in town and one calendar in each FFA member's home.

**SAMSON**—held Christmas party with FHA; plan to be host to county FFA and FHA; worked with FFA quartet and public speaking contest; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings; raised money to pay for gas heater in class room.

**SAND ROCK**—initiated nine Chapter Farmers and one Greenhand; held two regular meetings and one call meeting; had weiner roast; quartet held six practice sessions; 11 boys entered public speaking contests; ordered FFA officers pins, Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degree pins; placed 82 pounds of rat poison.

**SCOTTSBORO**—23 new members; 34 members completed 100-bushel corn project; County Superintendent donated several books to FFA library.

**SEMMES**—had monthly meeting at night and initiated 5 Greenhands; sold Christmas trees to raise money; ordered pine seedlings; set out more nursery stock; attended county meeting last month; repaired fence around hog pen; made ash trays as a project.

**SIDNEY LANIER**—ordered 50,000 bicolor seedlings; each member entered in two or more chapter contests; 2,000 spruce, 2,000 pine, 2,000 red cedars ordered; ordered 15 manuals; FFA news reports in local papers and school paper; held regular FFA meeting.

**SILURIA**—Shelby County FHA and FFA held Christmas party; landscaping elementary school grounds; Ag classes remodeling the vocational building; chapter ordered trees to be set in home orchards; chapter built booths for the PTA Christmas bazaar, also made candle holders to be sold in the bazaar.

**SOUTHSIDE**—held Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet with 170 present; feeding out steer at school for fat stock show; keeping a Sears Duroc sow at school to head up a pig chain; feeding 11 hogs with lunch room scraps at school; quartet has been organized and is practicing; initiated 12 new members; built loading chute at school in connection with our livestock program; bought new recreation equipment and put it in recreation room; built new feeding lot for steer which is being fed out at school for fat stock show; FFA boys and FHA girls held Christmas party together at school.

**STEVENSON**—held two meetings; appointed committees to feed pigs and Sears Roebuck bull; started scrap iron drive; started drive to sell magazines. Goal? for each member to sell \$3.00 worth of subscriptions. Prizes to be "T" shirts, caps, socks, ties and a handsaw for the chapter.

**SULLIGENT**—won district award of \$25.00 in Sears bull contest and \$56.00 in prizes at district dairy show; Sears sow raised 9 pigs—3 gilts placed in pig chain; secured 5 calves for

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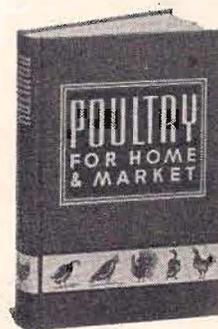
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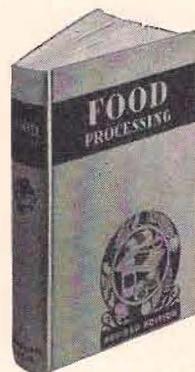


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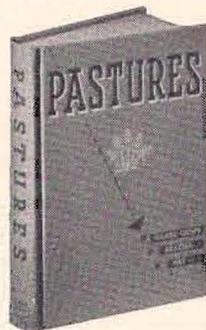
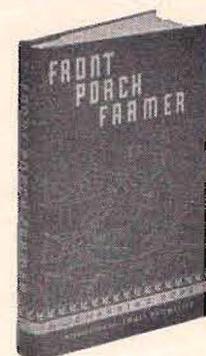
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Birmingham Fat Stock Show; initiated 18 Greenhands; ordered 5 FFA jackets and 5 officer pins; presented Sweetheart with jacket.

**SUSAN MOORE**—ordered 5,000 pine seedlings; have 75 active members; treated 500 posts; members attended John Deere day; entered State Chapter Contest.

**SWEET WATER**—held two meetings; nominated FFA Sweetheart; made plans for our first social; chapter sold five hogs which were fattened with the scraps received from the school cafeteria, profit \$72.42.

**SYLVANIA**—held annual Plow Nag Derby; topped out 3 hogs to sell; put on radio program.

**TANNER**—terraced 80 acres of land; bought 7 beef calves to show in fat stock show; added 6 pigs to FFA pig chain; started 10 beef cow and calf projects; purchased popcorn machine jointly with FHA; chapter president and adviser went to National FFA Convention; chapter entertained FFA chapters from Ohio who were touring the South; 5 members entered tractor derby; chapter visited by district supervisor.

**THOMASTON**—attended dairy show at Demopolis; won trip to Alabama State Fair judging contest and trip to Indianapolis, Indiana to the International Dairy Exposition; made presents for Christmas; judging team attended luncheon at Birmingham; initiated Greenhands; attended International Harvester tractor demonstration.

**TOWN CREEK**—increased members; bought and assembled cedar chests to give as presents to our mothers; erected welcome signs at town's entrance on main highways; have cleared around \$160 selling ice cream and cold drinks and working at the football games; 11 members bought registered gilts and have made good progress with them; held joint social with the FHA; rat control campaign—distributed 150 pounds of rat poison; bought chapter pins for all members.

**TROY**—held two regular meetings; made plans for Mother-Father night; purchased halter and grooming equipment for FFA bull; work has been started with first year members to improve their mail boxes; held meeting in community where a number of boys live to explain to parents and citizens what the purposes of FFA are.

**URIAH**—feeding out hogs as a means of raising money for the chapter; co-sponsored FFA-FHA Christmas party; plan to sponsor rat killing program; members agree to do pruning in their home communities; distributed FFA calendars; actively participating in county FFA organization.

**VALLEY HEAD**—organized basketball team; built playground equipment; sponsored community fair, organized all booths and individual exhibits.

**VERBENA**—built swings for grammar school playground; chapter collected and repaired toys

for the Chilton County Christmas chest; held joint social with FHA, drew names, exchanged gifts and then gave them to the Chilton County Christmas Chest; registered 11 pigs.

**VINCENT**—refinished entire ag building; bought projector, added several reference books; bought road signs; bought blackout curtains for ag department; ordered new classroom banner; ordered equipment for all officer stations; have approximately \$100.00 in cash on hand; added 7 pigs to pig chain; bought 2 pigs for chapter project.

**WALNUT GROVE**—made educational tour to south Alabama; attended Alabama State Fair in Birmingham; two delegates and adviser attended FFA State Convention at Auburn; purchased 8 pigs; sponsoring rat campaign; held 2 socials with FHA.

**WEDOWEE**—first litter farrowed in pig chain; played first basketball game with Heflin chapter; had rat control demonstration, began taking orders for the rat poison from farmers; helped decorate stage for Christmas play; received 4 FFA jackets.

**WETUMPKA**—received bronze emblem plaque in chapter contest; Byron Collier received American Farmer degree; Heflin Nolen won pure bred Hereford bull in Sears breeding and improvement contest; added 30 books to FFA library; dairy judging team won in district show; initiated 23 Greenhands; raised \$500 through chapter fund raising activities; two applicants for American Farmer degree; ordered new banner and FFA emblem cut-out.

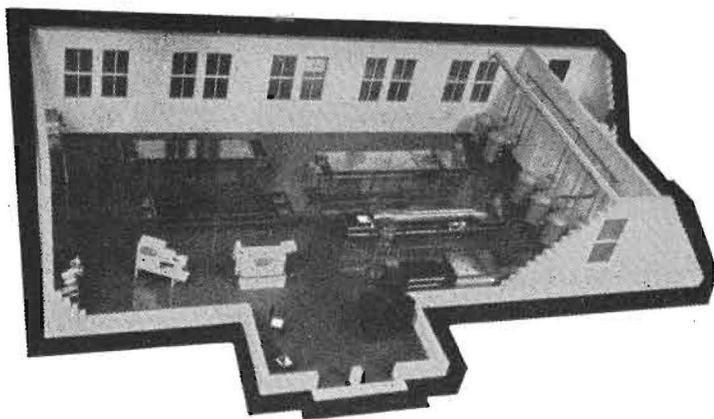
**WHITE PLAINS**—attended State Fair in Birmingham; initiated 22 new members; program of work set up, committee appointed for each objective; chapter purchased a camera; purchased \$400 worth of new equipment for class room and shop; purchased 3 official jackets and Greenhand pins, also pins for officers; put on rat control program, sold 100 pounds rat poison; fattened and sold 3 hogs; making film strip of chapter activities.

**WINTERBORO**—sold three hogs fattened on scraps from lunchroom; helped to organize county FFA association; ordered 8,000 pine seedlings; attended State Fair; ordered new books for library; participated in county FFA-FHA appreciation dinner sponsored by chain store council; every member entering at least one contest; held FFA-FHA Christmas party; had tractor maintenance demonstration in cooperation with Standard Oil.

**YORK**—initiated 8 Greenhands; held Father-Son banquet; plan to print FFA calendar; purchased beef calves; purchased curtains and made dark room so that movies may be used as teaching aids; picked up pecans and sold for chapter funds; built Christmas tree stands for classrooms; planned to put up FFA signs at city limits.

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