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 promise and possibilities, as well as responsibilities, which it carries for 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 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 farm youth and to the development and growth of agriculture in this state.

There are thousands of acres of productive land, forests, and thousands of acres of pasture with improved dairies and beet fields, all added greatly to the wealth of the southeastern states, which would not be true had it not been for 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. Farming is a state of mind as well as a state of action, and the present members have the foresight and ability to leave the lands in better condition for future generations.

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

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Cummack, Director
Vocational Education

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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.
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.

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."

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.

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 the yard playing with Big Jim. Suddenly, Camilla heard the children screaming, but she heard no barking from the dog to indicate that anything was wrong. She rushed out into the yard and saw the big Police dog shaking a large rattlesnake that he had clamped in his jaws. The snake finally lay dead at Big Jim's feet. Big Jim looked up and began barking proudly, telling Camilla that he was on the job.

ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
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-

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 90 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, captain of last year’s football team, and 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 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 to my dairy farm and put into practice the high ideals that FFA has taught me."

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 anything 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 Halloween 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."
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.

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


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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

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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.

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.

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HAYWOOD CROLEY, Greenville member, is shown above with his hog project.
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 hogg ed 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 213 pounds, while his brother Ike weighed only 79% pounds. The cost of grain per pound for Ike was more than double that of Mike.

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.
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.

Bobby Boswell, Livingston.

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.

ECCLECTIC

Ecclectic 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.

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

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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.
SOUTHSIDE

Bill Furhman, 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.

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

FEbruary - March, 1952

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, Kingston, Beauford, Greensboro, Troy, Camden, Plantersville, Clanton, Isabella, Marion, Lynn, Central, Collinsville, Stevenson, Bridgeport, Carrollton, Lexington and Glencoe.

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

ALICEVILLE

Members of the Aliceville FFA chapter headed 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.

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

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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 the school grounds and facilities. They recently planted $37.50 worth of shrubs on the school campus. They have also planted Chinese elms, burford holly and sargent barberry.

Tommy Baker, a local FFA member, now operates a 160-acre dairy farm. He raises 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.
TOP PICTURE shows N. B. Lawhon, Thomasville, teacher of vocational agriculture, and his students as they layout 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 windmill 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 pipe.
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 cord laying on ground.
11. Overloaded saw motor shorting on saw frame.
12. Extension cord in oil spill.
13. Wagon running over extension cord.
15. Donut heater plugged in while not in use.

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Clio Members Cooperate With Lions Club

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 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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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 39 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; published news articles; added $150.00 worth of tools to shop.

ATHENS—assisted in fixing Christmas baskets for the needy.

ATMORE—have started pig chain with Sears, Roebuck sow; have given away two gifts, 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 Alabama Fair; had shop exhibit in Alabama 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 entered one or more contests; news article in school paper; bought Secretary's and Treasurer's book; gave out 75 membership cards; new advisor started teaching in November; held 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 LEPEDAEA and planted 40 pounds of bicolor lepedaea; 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 bazen 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; chapter members are busy preparing for coming contest.

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; issued needed paraphernalia; "T" shirts, jackets, shirts in agriculture department; assisted in securing power tools for the agriculture farm shop.

CAMDEN—bought arc welder, and thickness planer; landscaped 3 homes; making plans for painting inside of Ag Building.

CARLISLE—ordered 500 pounds rat poison for rat control campaign in January; advisor 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 honorary members; held two regular meetings and 2 special meetings; received Sears bull; visited Dejoli'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 nches; cooperated with cannery program in hog killing; placed FFA calendars in key display in each community; planning scrap drive for the community.

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.

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

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— Grace Noll Crowell

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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 Selma; held open house in Ag department for FFA; 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 gifts 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—hold 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 Year's 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 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 $100 for chapter treasury by selling Christmas cards; built FFA store building; assembled and finished 80 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; created 911 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.

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

JASPER—received 16 official FFA jackets; presented one Honorary Degree; ordered 5,000 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-Daught-
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Sow from Sears-Roebuck to start pig chain; contests; ordered 10 Greenhand Degree pins, 12 acres of hog pasture on school property; initiated to that of Chapter Farmer; held joint contest and the quartet contest.

County FFA and FHA at a social; have paid growing out six pigs on lunchroom scraps; chapter added $50 worth of new books to department; members planned and set for the year and appointed committees; elected five beef calves for fat stock show; added 10 cows in school; elected FFA Sweetheart; members placed orders for 10,000 pine seedlings; chapter added $50 worth of 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.

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.

Leyffton—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 53,500 pines and cedar seedlings; chapter 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 466 fruit trees and orchard plants; assisted in beautifying 5 homes; held officer training school.

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Christmas cards; made plans for rat control campaign; ordered 12 cedar chests for Christmas; ordered cooperatively 360 fruit trees for farmers; plan party with FHA; ordered several feed strips of bicolar lespedeza 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 60 chickens; organized quartet; initiated 28 new members.

ONEONTA—ordered 18,000 bicolar lespedeza seedlings; started scrap iron drive; constructed 14 cedar chests; 3 wardrobes and one desk.

OZARK—selected chapter Star Farmer; sold all occasion greeting cards; planning to build window shades for agriculture building; all FFA boys went to see chapter bull; the chapter bull is being moved to Clifton 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; initiation 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 flint strip machine; purchased 100 fruit trees; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings; ordered 4 bushes 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.

PRATTSVILLE—began scrap iron drive; planned joint FFA-FHA social; ordered pine seedlings; ordered 25,000 lespedeza seedlings; invited three Greenhands; held FFA quartet practice session.

PRINCETON—joint party with FHA; annual FFA-FHA banquet offered special action and ties; Greenhand pins and Chapter Farmer pins.

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 durex 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.

REETOWN—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 15 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 county-wide rat control campaign; 1,000 pine seedlings ordered.

ROGERSVILLE—ordered 12,000 bicolar lespedeza seedlings and 7,000 pine and locust seedlings; feeding out two chapter beef calves; entertained FFA 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 advisor; placed 3 registered gifts with members; placed FFA calendars in business places in town and one calendar in each FFA member’s home.

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STEVENSON—held two meetings; appointed committees to feed pigs and Sears Boebuck ball; 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, overalls, ties or a membership certificate for the chapter.

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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—25 new members; 24 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.

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