

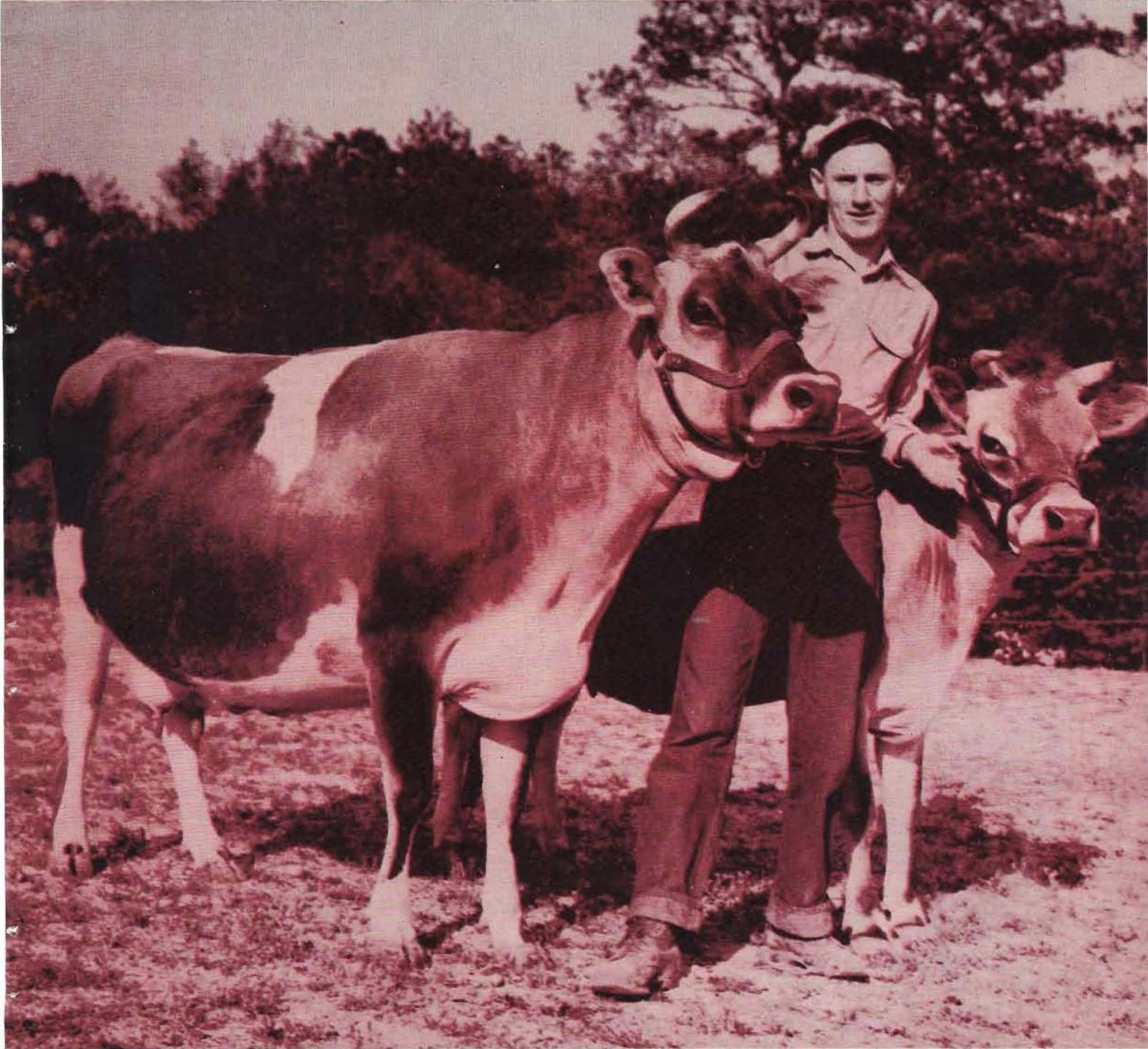


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Lavone Smith Named "Future Farmer of the Year"

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National FFA Week February 21-28



DR. W. J. TERRY, State Superintendent of Education, proudly displays his Honorary State Farmer Certificate on the wall in his office. He is shown talking to the State FFA officers when they visited him at his office recently.

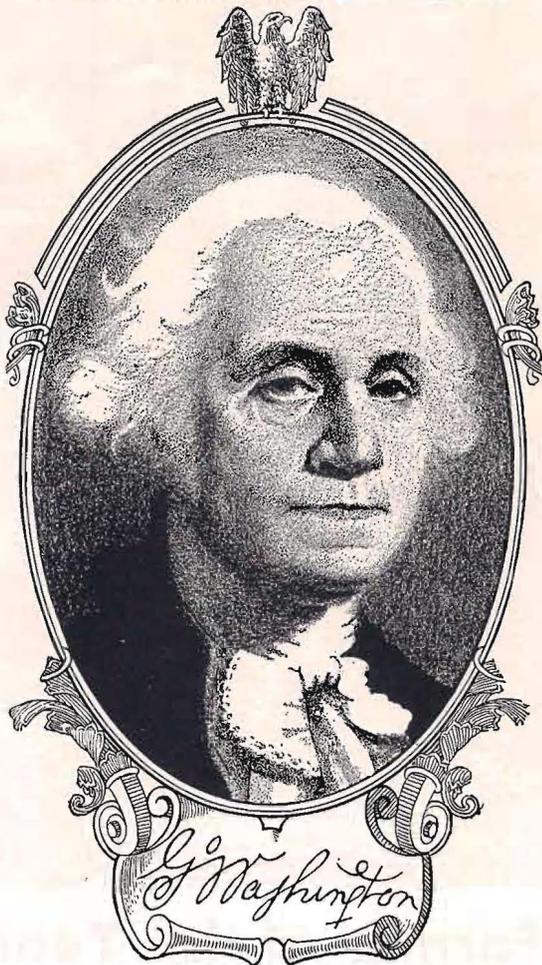
252 Alabama Chapters to Observe FFA Week

Future Farmers all over Alabama and all over the nation will celebrate February 21-28 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 21-28 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."



A Good Set of Rules

by
George Washington

When George Washington was a boy, he wrote the following set of rules as a guide to his daily conduct:

"Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another, though he were your enemy. Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.

"In your apparel be modest, and endeavor to accommodate nature rather than to procure admiration.

"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

"Undertake not what you cannot perform; but be careful to keep your promise.

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called Conscience.

"What you may speak in secret to your friend, deliver not before others.

"Let your recreation be manful, not sinful."

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25 Years Of Progress

The Story of FFA

THIS YEAR, 1953, FFA celebrates its Silver Anniversary. A quarter century of FFA history and progress has been made; the next quarter century begins.

Throughout the United States, the Territory of Hawaii, and the Island of Puerto Rico, FFA has grown rapidly, and is now recognized as the largest farm boy organization in the world.

HOW THE FFA DEVELOPED

Courses in vocational agriculture under the National Vocational Education Act were first established in the United States in 1917. From the very beginning the boys who were enrolled in these courses in the various States felt a spirit of comradeship due to their background of country life and their desires with regard to farming as a vocation.

Within a few years, a number of local departments of vocational agriculture in most of the States had developed so-called "agricultural clubs," the membership being composed of the students of vocational agriculture. Such organizations were, in many instances, largely social and recreational in nature but certain educational, self-improvement and cooperative features were often included as well. Undertakings of this type, therefore, under the guidance of enterprising local teachers, marked the first expression of students of vocational agriculture to band together and do things in an organized way.

As these local vocational agriculture organizations grew in number, their successes and failures formed a pattern of experience by means of which efforts toward group action became more successful. Naturally the idea of banding together local groups of students of vocational agriculture into a larger organization grew in the minds of progressive leaders in the field of vocational agriculture. Instead of each local group functioning to itself, why not have some actual contact and definite ties between them? Certainly, the interests and tendencies of the members were along similar lines. And so the idea of State-wide organizations, with each local group as an active unit, developed.

Between 1923 and 1928 a number of States actually formed organizations of vocational agriculture students. Some splendid work along this line was done in Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Utah, California, Wyoming, and certain other states.

It is interesting to note that such names as "Junior Farmers," "Young Farmers," "Future Farmers," and the like, appeared in various sections of the country. However, the pioneer efforts of the Future Farmers of Virginia attracted the greatest attention nationally due to the very excellent ideals, purposes, ceremonies, and definite constitution, formulated by Henry C. Groseclose and his associates. Two years after the FFV was founded, six States in the Southern region had in operation similar organizations patterned closely after the Virginia set-up.

By 1927-28 the goal of a national organization of students of vocational agriculture was gleaming in the distance in the minds of various leaders. The call came clear and strong from various sections. The country was ready; the time was ripe. From the North Atlantic, North Central, Southern, and Pacific regions came definite proposals to build upon the good work of the Future Farmers of Virginia and similar organizations, formulate a constitution for the Future Farmers of America, and launch it as the national organization of, by and for boys studying vocational agriculture.

Accordingly, a temporary constitution, purposes and ceremonies, patterned very closely after that of the Future Farmers of Virginia and other states was drafted by the staff of the Agricultural Education Service of the Federal Board for Vocational Education during the summer of 1928. The first national convention was held in November of that year and since that time the growth of the Future Farmers of America has been steady and rapid, extending to Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Similar organizations patterned largely after the FFA are now found in several foreign countries.

Future Farmers of America Foundation



FFA Foundation Awards

1. American Farmer Awards.
2. Star Farmer Awards.
3. Farm Mechanics Awards.
4. Farm Electrification Awards.
5. Dairy Farming Awards.
6. Soil and Water Management.
7. Farm Safety (Chapter Award).
8. National Judging Contests (Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, Poultry, Livestock and Meats).
9. Public Speaking Contest.
10. Funds for State Initiated Projects.

The Foundation was organized to assist the Future Farmers of America in attaining their objectives. It is made possible by the generous contributions of business, industry, organizations and individuals who wish to support the programs of the Future Farmers of America.

The Foundation is helping to prove that business and industry are partners with agriculture. Each knows that progress and prosperity must be shared and that hopes for continuous advancement in science and culture rest in the youth of today.

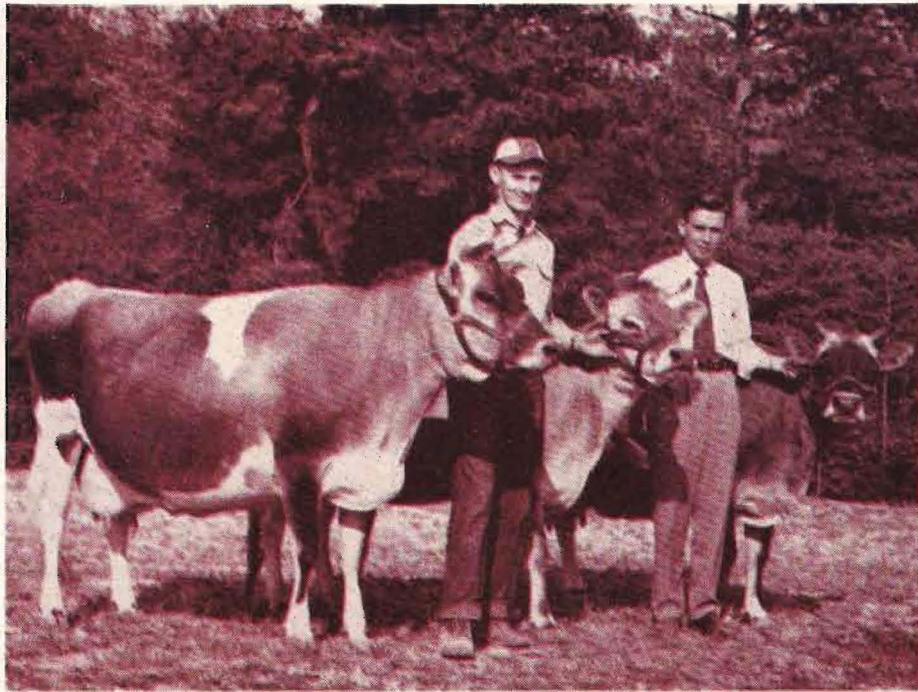
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LAVONE SMITH at left and O. R. Dennis, his local FFA advisor at right. These are some of Lavone's prize Jersey cattle.

Alabama's "Future Farmer of the Year"

Arab Member Most Outstanding for 1952

Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year for 1953 is Lavone Smith, 18-year-old Arab High School graduate, who has a long list of accomplishments in agriculture, FFA and his community. Lavone was chosen out of over 12,000 FFA members in the state as being most typical of the aims and intentions of the Future Farmers of America.

The reviewing committee was quick to point out that choosing the Future Farmer of the Year was no easy task, because of the excellent work being done by so many future farmers throughout the state.

Lavone, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Rt. 3, Arab, Alabama operates a 79 acre dairy and hog farm. He rents the land from his father who does not work on the farm. Along with the title of Future Farmer of the Year in



LAVONE and some of his prize hogs.

Alabama for 1953 goes the \$300 Turner E. Smith Educational Award.

The State's outstanding FFA member is chosen each year on the basis of his abilities and accomplishments in agriculture, leadership in FFA, school and community activities, character and personality.

Last year, Lavone was named Star State Farmer, for having the most outstanding FFA program of those receiving the State Farmer Degree. He also won the Dairy Showmanship Award at the State Dairy Show which gave him an all expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

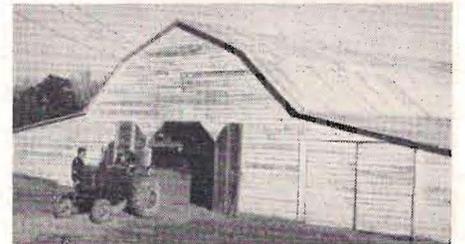
According to O. R. Dennis, his adviser and vocational agriculture teacher, at Arab High School, Lavone has carried out an outstanding program ever since he enrolled in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1949. During his first year his supervised farming program included 6 productive projects, 3 improvement projects, and five supplementary practices. These projects included: 1 brood sow, 1 bull, 2 cows, 2 heifers, 10 fat hogs, and 3 acres of corn. His improvement projects were: orchard improvement, pasture improvement, and dairy herd improvement. His first year's earnings were \$797.88.

Also, during Lavone's first year of vocational agriculture, he was on the FFA finance committee, program committee,

entered the public speaking contest and had entries in the county hog show and the dairy show. He was on the finance committee of the sophomore class. In his community activities, Lavone was a Farm Bureau member, serving as reporter, a member of the Jersey Cattle Club, and a member of the Sunday school class.

His second year of vocational agriculture, found his supervised farming projects increased to 35 acres of corn, 5 brood sows, 7 dairy cows, 9 fat hogs and 2 bulls. His second year improvement projects and supplementary practices included: home improvement, pasture improvement, forestry, improving a field with legumes, and building a new barn. Others were: pruning an orchard, culling hens, top dressing pastures, and fertilizing pastures. His total income from his second year projects was \$1,980.99.

Lavone has continued to expand his farming program each year. His projects



LAVONE and FFA Advisor talk about his new barn.



LAVONE and advisor discuss future plans.

have now increased to 10 brood sows, 15 dairy cows, 75 fat hogs, 3 bulls, 1 boar, 35 acres of corn, and 7 acres of hay.

He has planted 20 acres of winter legumes and has 8 acres of improved pasture.

Lavone has served as vice-president of his local chapter, entered parliamentary procedure contest, participated in radio program, member of dairy judging team, had entries in hog and dairy shows, entered public speaking contest, won State Dairy Showmanship Award, and received State Farmer Degree, being named Star State Farmer.

He was elected president of the local Farm Bureau and named to the Board of Directors of the Marshall County Jersey Cattle Club.

Lavone has been improving his dairy herd from time to time by culling out his poorest cows and replacing them with purebred stock. During his first year he culled 1 cow and sold 1 bull. The second year, he culled out 2 cows and sold 1 bull. He replaced the two cows sold with 2 bought from Happy Valley Farm at a cost of \$600 each.

Lavone's present goal is a herd of 20 outstanding registered cows and a Grade A Dairy Barn. He does not plan to increase his hog enterprise but will continue it as supplementary farm income.



LAVONE just recently purchased this fine bull calf.

making dairy farming his main occupation.

All cows in his dairy herd, are registered. One of the bulls, Brampton Basel Mono Jester, is a grandson of Jester Royal Maid, the cow that was voted the world's greatest cow in 1950. She has ten offsprings and they have all classified excellent, giving evidence to some of the fine blood in his herd.

The hogs on this farm are Spotted Poland Chinas. Last fall one group of 36 hogs was sold for \$1,459.29. Some of the pigs were sold for breeding stock while others are topped out and sold on the market.

At the present time Lavone's livestock is valued at \$8,000, his buildings and equipment \$3,200 and crop on hand \$1,505. His total worth, including cash on hand, bonds, etc., is \$13,455.

Further plans of the young farmer include building a new house and buying additional land.

—FFA—

Dadeville Judging Team

The Dadeville FFA Dairy Products Judging Team and Dairy Cattle Judging Team received National honors at the National Dairy Cattle Congress held at Waterloo, Iowa on September 29 to October 1, 1952.

The Dairy Products Judging Team won second place nationally in which they received a Silver Emblem Plaque. There were 33 states represented in this contest. Coker Lester, member of the judging team received a silver emblem



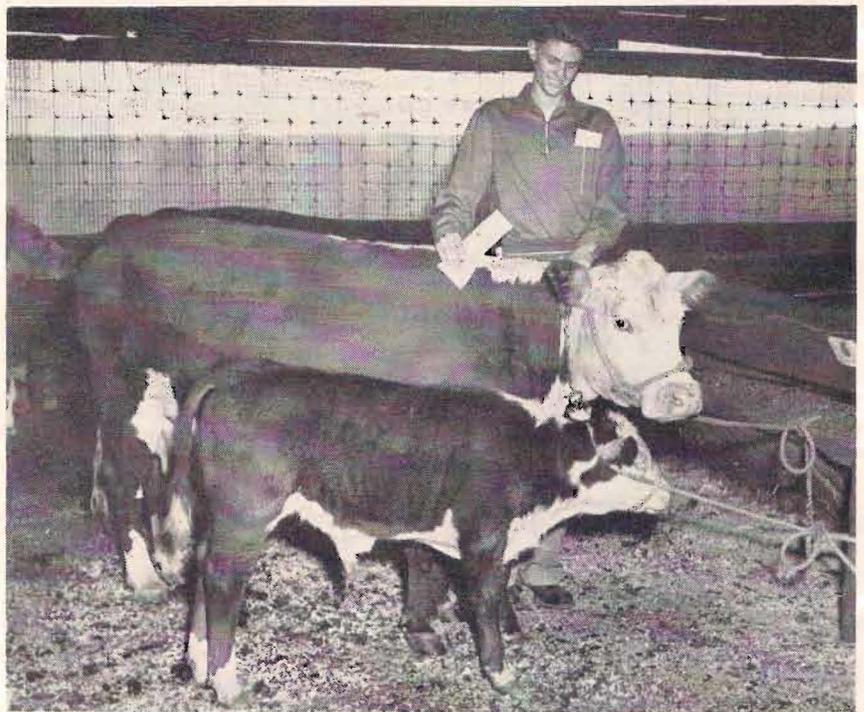
DADEVILLE Judging Team. Left to right: W. O. Lance, vocational teacher, Dadeville; James Whatley, Billy Lester, and Coker Lester.

medal for individual honors. James Whatley and Billy Lester, the other two members of the team received Bronze Emblem Medals for individual scores.

The Dairy Cattle Judging Team won third place nationally in which they received a Bronze Emblem Plaque. There were 37 States competing for national honors. James Whatley, member of the judging team received a Bronze Emblem medal for individual honors.

—FFA—

Alabama is an Indian name and has been translated in various ways. It is almost impossible to get a literal translation, but most authorities agree Alabama means, generally: "This is our homeland. We will clear the thickets and plant our seed. Here we rest."



RONNIE DUNHAM, member of the Jasper FFA Chapter, shown here with his prize-winning cow and calf.

Livingston Member Makes Good

David Sims has reversed the old pattern of the country boy going to town to make good.

Fourteen year old David lives in the small town of Geiger, Alabama, where his dad is a mechanic. David wanted to be a farmer, so last year he borrowed money from his father to buy a tractor, rented land from his uncle, and started farming.

He began in a small way, but by working hard all day and even at night sometimes he made his idea pay off.

In the first year of vocational agriculture and FFA, David grew six bales of cotton on seven and one-half acres and he produced enough corn to feed his livestock. His livestock consisted of one beef calf, two fattening hogs, a flock of chickens and a sow and litter. In addition to his productive projects, David had the following improvement projects: farm shop, home ground improvement, the home garden, and repairing farm equipment.

David has already started repaying his dad for the tractor. He expects to be completely out of debt soon. As soon as David is out of debt, he will start banking his farm profits for future expansion and college education. After he finishes high school and college at Auburn, where he plans to study agriculture, he is going to "start farming right," David says.

David is a good leader and interested in his FFA work. Last year he entered the public speaking contest, was a member of the chapter hog judging team that won first place in the district, and served on the following committees: supervised farming, leadership and social. This year David is entering the public speaking contest, livestock judging and home improvement. He is a member of the publicity committee, supervised farming committee and scrap book committee.

—FFA—

Ashville Member Builds Truck Bed

Jimmy Boggs, Ashland Future Farmer, saved his dad about \$20 when he built a truck bed instead of buying a new one. Being a Green Hand FFA member, this was the first shop project ever attempted by Jimmy.

Jimmy made careful measurements and then estimated that the cost of materials would probably run around \$10 — actual cost was \$11.

But shop projects are not the only things slated by this first year vocational agriculture student. His supervised farming program consists of two acres of corn, two acres of hay, two beef calves, and one acre of pole beans.



SHOWN ABOVE in the lobby of one of Montgomery's newest buildings are the state FFA officers with members of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.



THE STATE OFFICERS visit the State Coliseum while in Montgomery. T. C. Reid (left), who is in charge of the Coliseum program, tells the boys about his future plans. Read his statement below.

State Coliseum

MEASUREMENTS: Land area, 152 acres; Arena, 130 x 260 ft.; Overall diameter, 340 feet; 286 feet clear open space. No posts; 100 feet from arena floor to dome.

CAPACITY: 9,200 permanent comfortable chair seats; 11,000 can attend a basketball game; 13,000 for boxing or wrestling; 90% of all seats on the sides; has arena concourse and three upper concourses; 21 entrances from concourses to seats; 3 main entrances on two levels; 2 parking lots accommodate 4,000 cars; each parking lot has its own entrance.

The building will contain assembly and

conference rooms, a cafeteria, accommodations for 200 boys or girls in four dormitories, food and drink concessions and sanitary facilities for both white and colored. The building can be evacuated in four to five minutes; parking lots in ten to twenty minutes. It can accommodate farm shows, horse shows, implement shows, large religious, political or other regional or national conventions, band, orchestral and choral shows and contests, rodeos, circuses, skating extravaganzas, basketball, ice hockey, boxing, wrestling, indoor track, tennis, and a dance floor that will accommodate three thousand couples.

Vo-Ag Leaders Honored

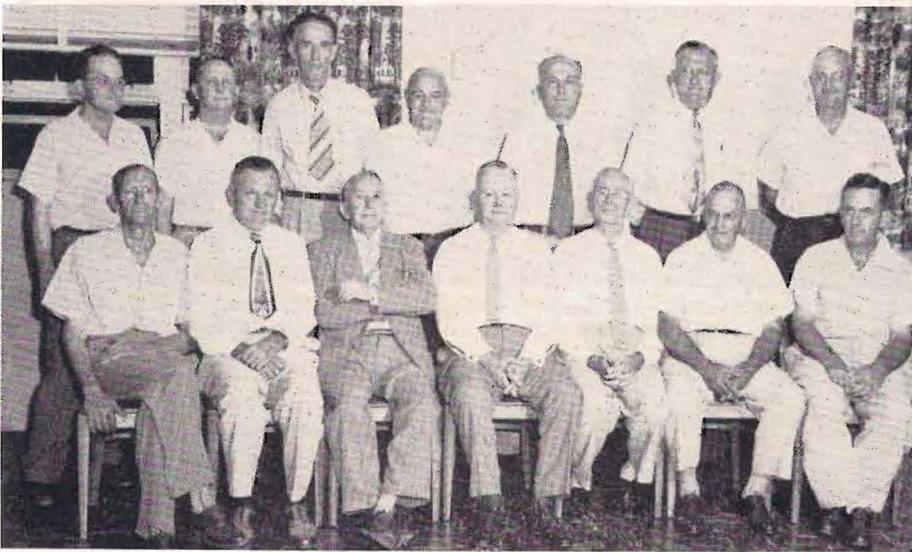
Vocational agricultural teachers are something the rural public has taken for granted in the last 30 or 35 years.

The teachers went on teaching and the students went on learning. If the student made good, he got the credit.



PICTURED ABOVE (left to right, seated): L. J. Howell, teacher of vocational agriculture, Reform; R. E. Cammack, State Director, Vocational Education, Montgomery; G. W. Holley, retired teacher of vocational agriculture, Pisgah.

Standing (left to right, back row): Ralph B. Draughon, President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn; J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, vocational agriculture, Montgomery; S. L. Chesnut, retired head teacher trainer, Auburn; C. S. Keller, Managing Director, Alabama Chain Store Council, Abbeville.



PICTURED ABOVE is the 25-year group of Vocational Agriculture workers as they were presented keys at a banquet held in Magnolia Hall at Auburn.

Seated (left to right, front row): P. A. Cox, vocational agriculture teacher, Arley; C. R. Wood, head veterans teacher, Franklin County; S. L. Chesnut, retired head teacher trainer, Auburn; J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, vocational agriculture, Montgomery; G. W. Holley, retired teacher of vocational agriculture, Addison; L. J. Howell, teacher of vocational agriculture, Reform; J. D. Matthews, teacher of vocational agriculture, Luverne.

Back row (left to right): Felston Mullins, vocational agriculture teacher, Fairview; W. R. Martin, vocational agriculture teacher, Centreville; W. S. White, vocational agriculture teacher, Marion; I. P. Thornton, vocational agriculture teacher, Cherokee; R. E. Cammack, State Director, vocational education, Montgomery; H. F. Gibson, Assistant Supervisor, vocational agriculture, Auburn; S. J. Gibbs, teacher of vocational agriculture, Sulligent.

But the procedure was reversed recently and the teacher got the credit.

The Alabama Chain Stores Council honored 36 of the oldest vocational agriculture teachers in the state. It presented them with gold keys. They represented more than 1,000 years of services.

And, perhaps for the first time since vocational agriculture was established less than 40 years ago, a group of vocational agriculture teachers had received recognition for the fine work they have done in helping improve rural Alabama.

These teachers have given a great service to their state, and they were told so at a banquet in Magnolia Hall in Auburn. The banquet was given by the Alabama Chain Stores Council.

C. S. Keller, managing director of the council; Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute; R. E. Cammack, State director of vocational education, and other speakers praised the work the veteran teachers have done.

Two groups were given keys.

One group included teachers with 25 years or more of service. The other included men with 20 years or more of service.

Three men were signally honored for their long teaching careers.

They are L. J. Howell of Reform; J. B. Hobdy of Union Springs and G. W. Holley of Pisgah. Mr. Hobdy was unable to attend the banquet, so his key was delivered by a committee the next morning.

Others who received keys are shown in the photographs.

It was pointed out that Prof. Howell of Reform has a national distinction. He is the only vocational teacher in the nation who has taught at one place as long as 35 years. He went to Reform in 1918 and has been there ever since.

Also signally honored that night was Prof. S. L. Chesnut, who retired last year as head of the vocational agriculture department of Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He received a 25-year key. P. A. (Dad) Cox of Arley also was given special mention. He's been at the same place 28 years.

Other persons who spoke at the banquet included John Powers, vice president, E. J. Elmore Company of Birmingham; Claiborne Ross, Great A. & P. Tea Company, Nashville; Alex Nunn, Editor, The Progressive Farmer; T. L. Faulkner, Executive Secretary, Alabama Future Farmers of America and J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor of vocational agriculture.

Mr. Keller presided at the banquet.

The banquet was a feature of the annual state conference of the 252 vocational agriculture teachers and advisers in the state.

Birmingham Awaits Arrival of FFA Officers

The Magic City of Birmingham will open its doors to about 85 of Alabama's top-ranking Future Farmers on February 19-20. The FFA group will be guests of the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, according to J. A. (Jabo) Beaty, manager of the agriculture department.

Attending the meeting will be the state officers, county presidents, string bands, quartets and other talented members in FFA. These farm youths will spend two days with eyes and ears open to see and learn more about the wonders of big city life.

FFA state officers making the trip are: Winfred Davis, president from Milltown; Millard Latham, vice-president, Kennedy; Bob Molette, secretary, Orrville; Charles Wall, treasurer, Warrior; and Roy Sims, reporter from Enterprise.

Others attending the meeting include R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education; J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture; L. L. Sellers, associate supervisor; H. R. Culver, district supervisor; T. L. Faulkner, FFA executive secretary; E. L. McGraw, subject matter specialist and Wilson W. Carnes, FFA and Vo-Ag News Editor.

The group will arrive in Birmingham by noon on February 19, and register at the FFA booth in the lobby of the Tutwiler Hotel, where they will be assigned rooms. That afternoon, they will visit the Birmingham News and Post-Herald, make a bus tour of the business district of the city, visit Vulcan Park, and Municipal Airport, where Ed. L. Williams, Manager of Eastern Airlines will be host.

At seven, the boys will be the guests of Alabama State Fair Authority at a banquet in the Tutwiler Hotel. Then the group will go to the Alabama Theatre for a theatre party, courtesy of Norris Hadaway, theatre manager. FFA bands, quartets, and other talented Future Farmers will furnish the entertainment during the banquet and later at the theatre party.

Friday morning will find the FFA members at Britlings Cafeteria, as breakfast guests of John H. Holcombe, Jr. At 8:30 the Future Farmers will board busses for an educational trip through Fairfield plant of T.C.I. They will return to Birmingham by Alabama State Fairgrounds, Rickwood Field and Legion Field, arriving at the Chamber of Commerce building at noon for an inspection of the building and lunch.

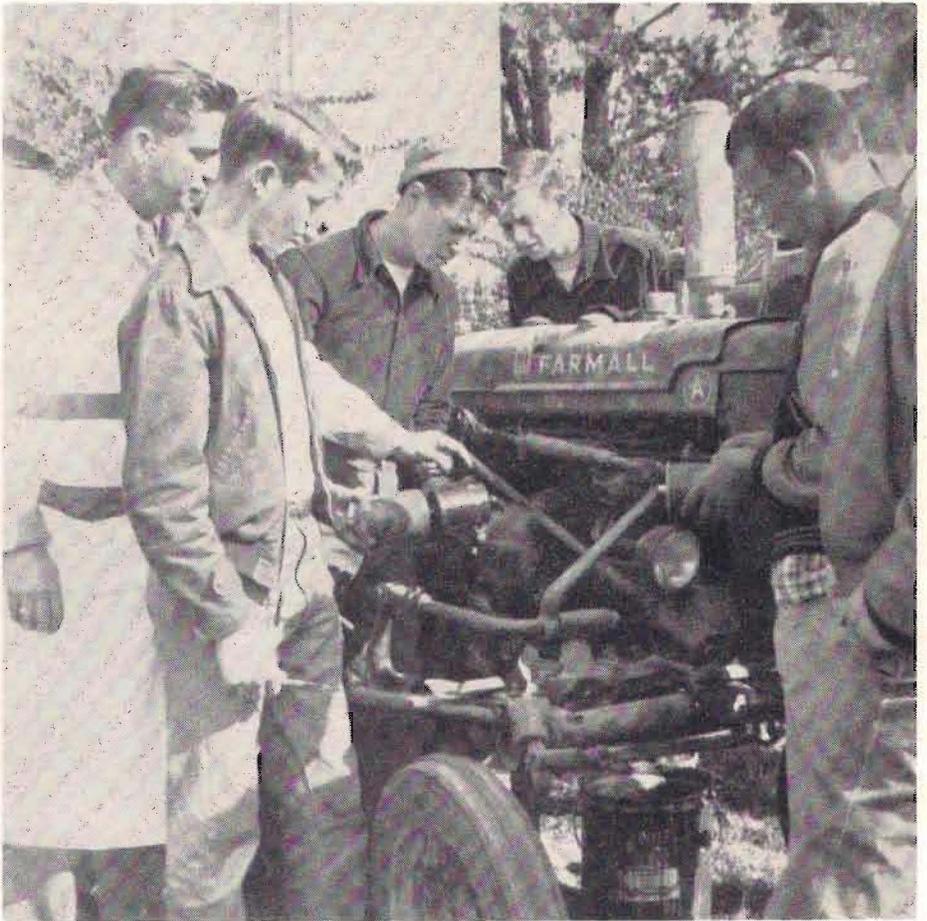
The meeting will end at one o'clock on Friday when the farmers of the future return to the Tutwiler and leave for home, much wiser about city ways, and carrying stories about their trip back to their local FFA chapters and counties.



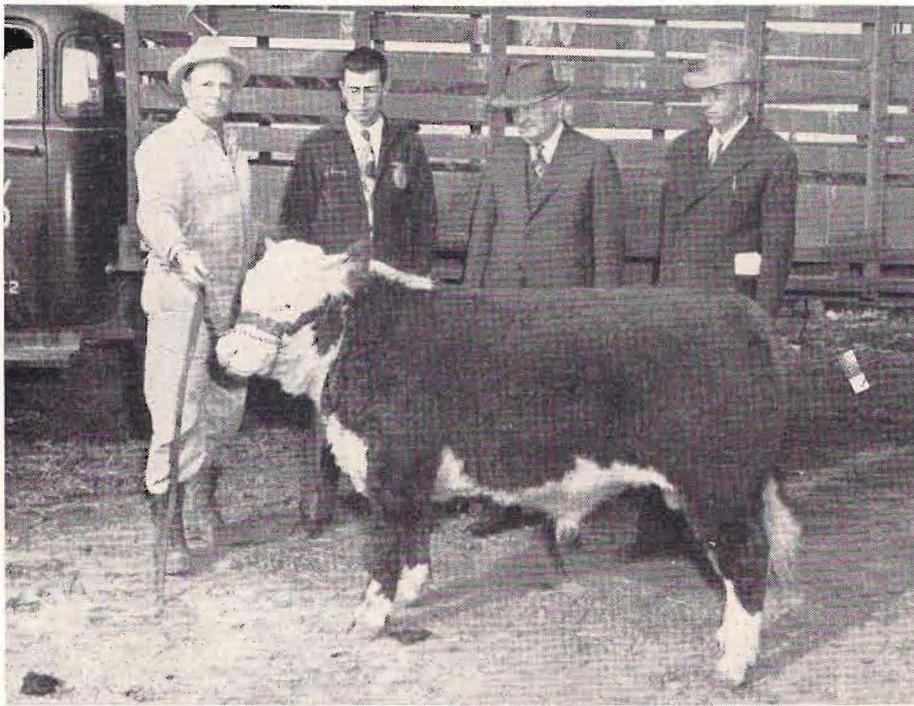
PICTURED ABOVE is the 20-year service group of Vocational Agriculture workers as they received a key at a banquet recently in Magnolia Hall at Auburn.

Seated (left to right, front row): L. L. Sellers, Associate Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, Auburn; J. R. Robinson, Head veterans teacher, Lauderdale County; J. W. Locke, vocational agriculture teacher, Pell City; B. A. Johnson, vocational agriculture teacher, New Brocton; H. R. Culver, Assistant Supervisor, vocational agriculture, Auburn; L. E. Porter, vocational agriculture teacher, Abbeville; K. V. Reagan, vocational agriculture teacher, Greenville; B. Q. Scruggs, vocational agriculture teacher, Alabama Deaf & Blind School, Talladega; W. D. Hunt, vocational agriculture teacher, Winfield.

Back row (left to right): J. H. Kitchens, Alabama School of Trades, Gadsden; M. L. Curvin, vocational agriculture teacher, Alexander City; D. P. Godsey, retired vocational agriculture teacher, Addison; H. E. Phillips, vocational agriculture teacher, Scottsboro; L. F. Ingram, vocational agriculture teacher, Jacksonville; C. D. Thomas, vocational agriculture teacher, Haleyville; J. D. Alldredge, vocational agriculture teacher, Guin; Earle Thomas, vocational agriculture teacher, Milltown; L. W. White, vocational agriculture teacher, Northport; E. L. Fincher, vocational agriculture teacher, Woodland; P. H. Alsobrook, vocational agriculture teacher, Notasulga.



LEROY CHAPTER holds farm tractor clinic. E. L. Riddick of the Standard Oil Co., at left, assisted the advisor with the clinic.



W. H. WHITTEN of Route 2, Florence, shows the fine Hereford bull won by FFA member Ralph Sanderson of Hamilton, standing next to him. J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, vocational agriculture and M. F. Moore, advisor, Hamilton FFA, are also shown.

Hamilton Member Wins \$600 Hereford Bull

Ralph Sanderson, a member of the Hamilton FFA chapter, was awarded recently a \$600 purebred Hereford bull from the W. H. Whitten herd of Route 2, Florence, Alabama.

This fine bull was awarded to Ralph jointly by the Alabama Hereford Association and the Sears, Roebuck Foundation. C. H. Bethea of Atmore is president of the State Hereford Association and Mrs. L. Chatterton of Greensboro is secretary.

Young Sanderson was chosen to receive this prize over 40 other FFA members throughout the state who were managing FFA chapter Bull Programs. M. F. Moore is his local FFA adviser and Vo-Ag teacher.

The final selection was based mainly on the breeding records of the bulls that were fed and managed by the 40 FFA boys. Other factors considered were the placings and awards the bulls had won in local shows and exhibits, the importance of the bulls to the community and the results of the program developed by the boys.

Dr. Keith Gregory of the API Animal Husbandry department in Auburn selected the bull to be awarded from several outstanding herds over the state.

This bull is to be fitted and shown at the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta during October of 1953. He will compete with bulls from eight other southern states.

The project was started in the fall of 1948, when the Sears, Roebuck Foundation distributed 52 Hereford bull calves in 52 school communities throughout the state. These bulls, supplied by the Mill Iron Ranches in Texas, were placed with FFA chapters in each of the communities to be developed and used as purebred sires.

The purpose of the program is to encourage the breeding of grade cows to purebred bulls and to encourage FFA boys and farmers to buy both purebred and grade females in developing their beef cattle programs.

More Hereford Bulls From Texas

Twenty-nine FFA chapters in Alabama have received purebred Hereford bulls from the Alabama FFA Association this year in continuation of the FFA live-stock program that was started in 1948. The Sears, Roebuck Foundation distributed 52 bulls in the fall of '48 with 52 state chapters and initiated the program.

All of the bulls were supplied by the Mill Iron Ranches in Texas, one of the finest herds in the country. Since its beginning, 124 of these bulls have been brought into Alabama for the FFA live-stock program.

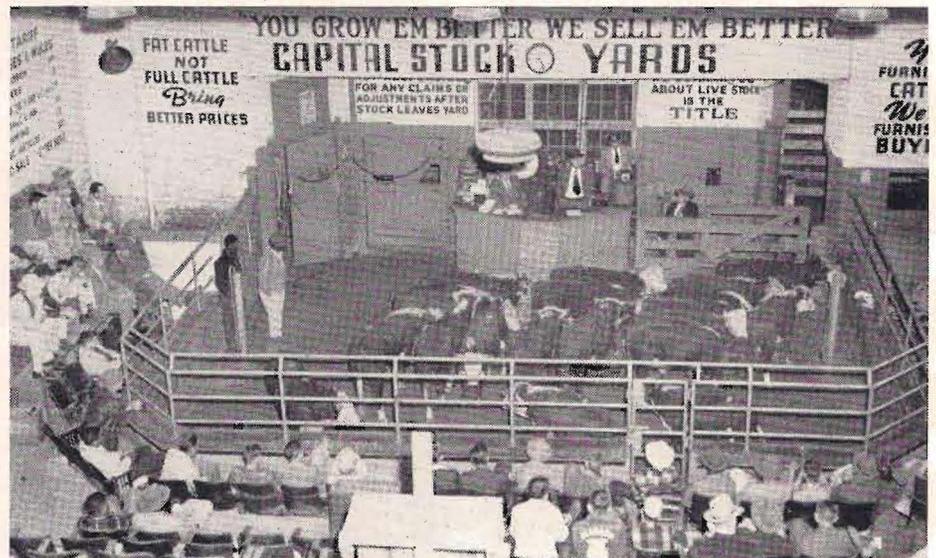
Each bull is placed in the care of a competent FFA member; the bull is then made available to all FFA members and adult farmers in the community to upgrade their cattle. This is a community service that is sponsored by the local FFA chapter.

After a bull is kept in a community for several years, he is usually sold to an FFA member or to an adult farmer; a younger or replacement bull is then purchased for the chapter.

These 29 bulls that were recently purchased will replace older bulls who have served their purpose and have been sold or passed on to other communities.

This program is proving highly successful to the FFA communities who already have it in operation, and plans are currently underway to expand the program as rapidly as facilities permit.

The following FFA chapters in Alabama and their advisors received bulls through this recent shipment: Rockford, J. L. Holmes; Macon County Training, C. A. Bronson; Autauga County Training, L. W. Bonner; LaFayette, W. G.



TWENTY-NINE purebred bulls arrive from Texas. FFA boys draw numbers for order in which to make their selection.



D. H. WARD (at right) congratulates Joe McEachern and his mother.

Pruett; Beatrice, Claude Hardee, and McKenzie, C. P. Williams.

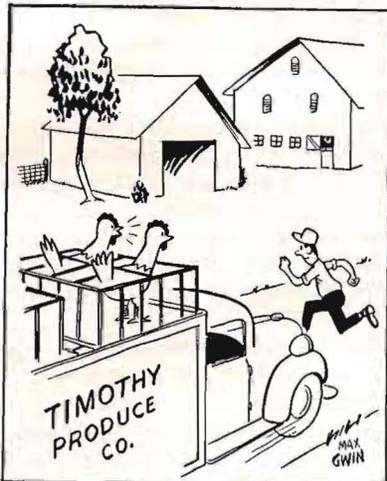
Georgiana, T. H. Jones; Headland, J. G. Yeager; Hayneville, C. F. Martin; Opp, M. D. Bond; Wetumpka, C. S. Bazemore; Holtville, A. C. Allen, Jr.; Montgomery County Training, J. L. Williams; Henry County Training, W. R. Lawson, and Luverne, J. D. Matthews.

Enterprise, J. W. Reeder; Baker Hill, C. H. Hillestad; Pine Apple, R. C. Thompson; Ashland, E. G. Whatley; Highland Home, J. M. Thomas; Munford, S. H. Alverson; Riverton, J. D. Wigley; Hartselle, C. H. Rowe; Falkville, C. R. Owens, and Cleveland, W. L. Eddleman.

Gurley, B. C. Adcox; Oneonta, H. R. Morgan; Bear Creek, J. L. Bull; Hamilton, M. F. Moore; Sulligent, S. J. Gibbs; Waterloo, W. B. Hagood; Rogersville, R. P. McDowell, and Ardmore, F. J. Cornelison.

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FEBRUARY - MARCH, 1953 >

The Geneva Story

Joe McEachern was declared Geneva Chapter's Future Farmer of the year at a special meeting of the chapter, Monday evening, December 1, in the Geneva High School auditorium.

Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees were also conferred on Ed Driggers, Dothan, Farm Editor of the Dothan Eagle; Jim Johnson, Jr., Geneva, President of The Citizen's Bank of Geneva; James H. McEachern, a Photographer and former president of the Geneva FFA Chapter; and D. H. Ward, Geneva, Manager of the Geneva Alabama Power Company office and Chairman of the Geneva High School Board of Trustees.

The initiation ceremonies were conducted by the chapter officers. Joel E. Johnson, the chapter's first honorary chapter farmer, presented silver emblem pins to the new honorary members and welcomed them into the organization.

D. H. Ward, representing the school, presented the future farmer and his mother, Mrs. Charlie McEachern, to the group. In making the presentation, Ward reviewed some of the young farmer's achievements.

During his two years of supervised project work, Joe has built up an inventory with a cash value of \$2,142.00. This includes a bank account of \$130.00, investment in growing pasture \$137.00, harvested crops on hand \$575.00, and livestock on the 63 acre farm that he operates \$1,300.00. Joe has completed 11 productive projects, 7 improvement projects, and 8 supplementary practices. Active in school and community work, he was the chapter's public speaking winner last year.

Ward presented young McEachern with a medal in recognition for his achievement and in turn paid tribute to his mother for her help and guidance.

Ward also recognized Bobby Messer, chapter president, who was runner up in the contest.

Other features on the program included reports on the Chapter's farming programs, Len Ouzts, and forestry activities, Rex Brown. Ouzts pointed out that 42 chapter members had completed 83 productive projects with an income of over \$10,000.00 for the past year. Brown emphasized the need of forest fire control and announced that the Geneva members realized the need of forests and were planting 21,000 pine seedlings this year as part of their project programs.

Following the program, open house was held in the agriculture department where refreshments were served to visitors and chapter members by the mothers present.



BOBBY MESSER, President of the Geneva chapter, congratulates 17 new chapter farmers.



GENEVA MEMBERS repair and paint their farm tractors.



GENEVA MEMBERS set up welcome signs. Three signs were erected.



GENEVA CHAPTER elects Honorary members. They are (left to right): Ed Driggers, Jim Johnson, Jr., D. H. Ward, and J. H. McEachern.

The total value of agricultural production in 1950 was \$473,828,000. Principal sources of agricultural income are cotton, \$131,000,000 and livestock, \$119,000,000. Other major sources of agricultural income are: corn, peanuts, hay, sweet potatoes, sugar cane.

Chapter Membership To Date

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| 1. Geraldine—117 | 66. Valley Head—56 | 130. Ashland—46 | 192. Gaylesville—35 |
| 2. Heflin—106 | 67. Vernon—56 | 131. Douglas—46 | 193. Athens—34 |
| 3. Bay Minette—99 | 68. Vincent—56 | 132. Millerville—46 | 194. Camp Hill—34 |
| 4. Lincoln—93 | 69. Ardmore—55 | 133. Robertsdale—46 | 195. Coffee Springs—34 |
| 5. Butler—92 | 70. B. B. Comer—55 | 134. Alex. City—45 | 196. Ft. Deposit—34 |
| 6. Montevallo—92 | 71. Chatom—55 | 135. Brundidge—45 | 197. Goodwater—34 |
| 7. Hamilton—91 | 72. Columbia—55 | 136. Millry—45 | 198. Milltown—34 |
| 8. Jamison—89 | 73. Frisco City—55 | 137. Sand Rock—45 | 199. Ozark—34 |
| 9. Semmes—89 | 74. Holly Pond—55 | 138. Suttle—45 | 200. Plantersville—34 |
| 10. Jasper—86 | 75. Northport—55 | 139. Winterboro—45 | 201. Theodore—34 |
| 11. Arab—85 | 76. Oneonta—55 | 140. Beauregard—44 | 202. White Plains—34 |
| 12. Albertville—82 | 77. Verbena—55 | 141. Excel—44 | 203. Baker—33 |
| 13. Straughn—82 | 78. Geneva—54 | 142. Phil Campbell—44 | 204. Bridgeport—33 |
| 14. Evergreen—80 | 79. Greenhill—54 | 143. Reform—44 | 205. Munford—33 |
| 15. Lexington—78 | 80. McAdory—54 | 144. Cleveland—43 | 206. Reeltown—33 |
| 16. Thompson—77 | 81. Red Bay—54 | 145. Marion—43 | 207. Waterloo—33 |
| 17. Lineville—75 | 82. West Point—54 | 146. New Market—43 | 208. Midland City—32 |
| 18. Riverton—74 | 83. Hubbertville—53 | 147. Tuskegee—43 | 209. Paint Rock |
| 19. Cullman—72 | 84. Luverne—53 | 148. Weogufka—43 | Valley—32 |
| 20. Centre—71 | 85. Luffield—53 | 149. York—43 | 210. Wadley—32 |
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| 30. W. Limestone—69 | 94. Sweet Water—52 | 159. Glencoe—41 | 220. Louisville—30 |
| 31. Alexandria—68 | 95. Sylvania—52 | 160. Gordo—41 | 221. Pine Apple—30 |
| 32. Headland—68 | 96. Vina—52 | 161. Hayden—41 | 222. Central—29 |
| 33. Rogersville—67 | 97. Beatrice—51 | 162. Hazel Green—41 | 223. Eufaula—29 |
| 34. Silas—67 | 98. Berry—51 | 163. Baker Hill—40 | 224. Goshen—29 |
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| 41. Susan Moore—63 | 105. Wedowee—51 | Garden—40 | 230. Dozier—27 |
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TANNER FFA Judging Team in Kansas City. They were accompanied by G. C. Adderhold, their local advisor (third from left), and C. T. Bailey (fourth from left).

Love for Country Life

By CHARLES WALL
State FFA Treasurer

Our FFA organization recognizes the fact that a person does what he wants and likes to do. Therefore, one of the aims of the FFA is to create a love for country life.

The FFA teaches boys not only to work hard so as to produce a larger profit, but it also has in its program of work a special section for recreation. Some of the suggested entertainments to include are: Parents-Son Banquet, parties in cooperation with FHA, sports, and other socials.

This is just the recreation part. Many boys have hobbies and some take a special interest in showing cattle.

All in all, I'm sure you have noticed our organization has done much to improve farming through creating a love for country life.

Earnings and Savings

By BOB MOLETTE
State FFA Secretary

In running any organization, a certain amount of capital is needed each year to carry out its work. In our FFA work there are many ways for the chapter to increase its funds besides the year's chapter dues.

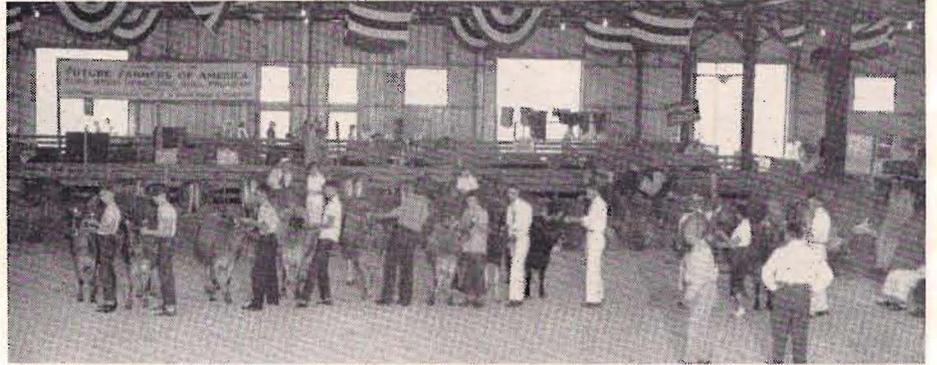
When the program is drawn up for the year, there should be a careful study made to find out the amount of money needed to carry out the entire program for the year. This budget should be followed very carefully so that the chapter will not spend money in excess of the amount provided.

The manner of raising funds for the chapter is very important. There should be no need for donations. Your chapter might be harmed by such practice. There are many constructive ways of raising funds — refreshment stands, growing and selling hotbed plants, giving plays, holding contests and shows; the list of methods is so long that they cannot be given here. Caution should be exercised in selling products. Give your customers their money's worth. This is very important.

Let us, as loyal FFA members, remember that "Thrift, or saving, is at the very foundation of civilization."

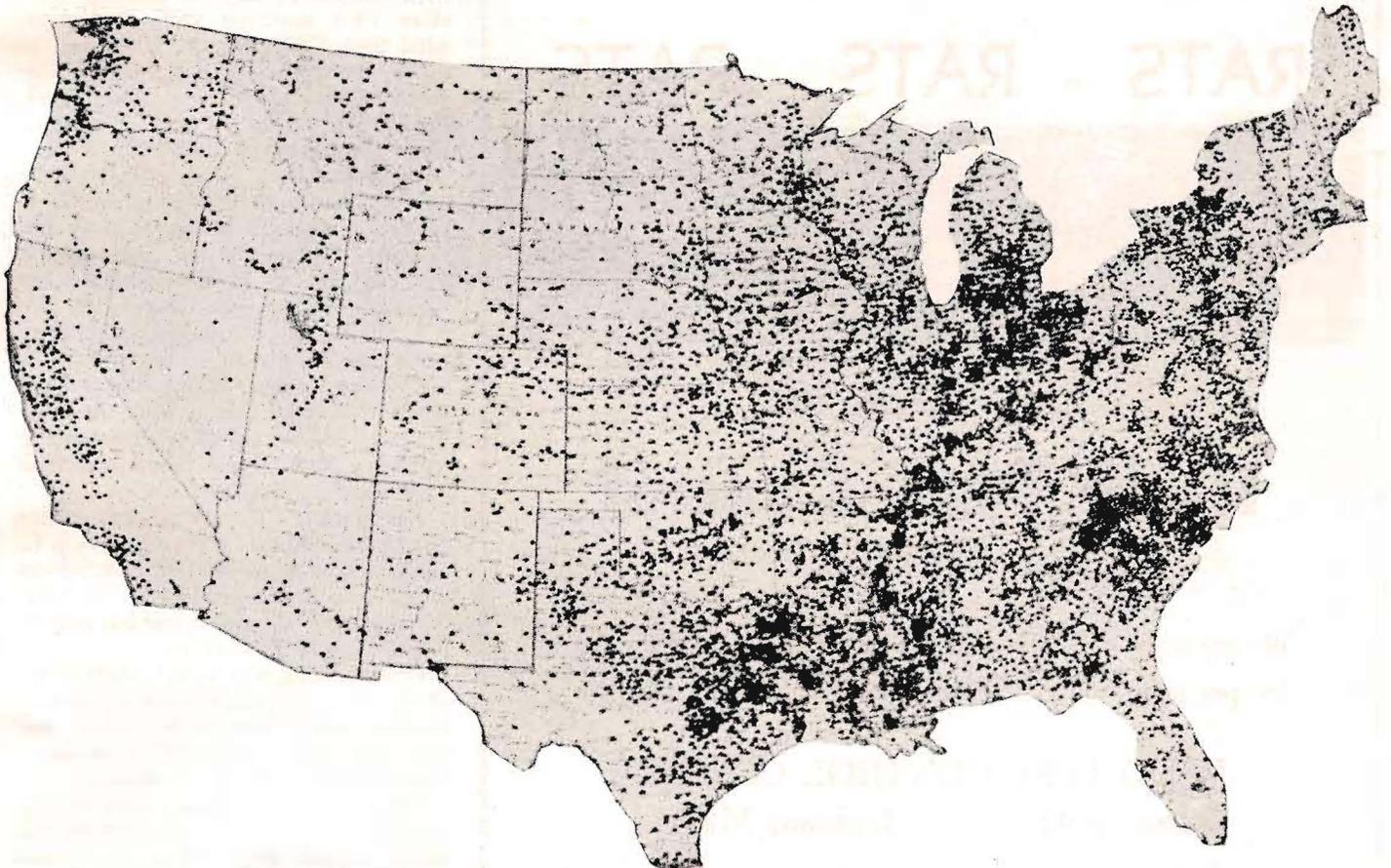


SHOWN ABOVE is the State Fair exhibit sponsored by the FFA Association. The actual story of a Future Farmer member was told in pictures.



FFA MEMBERS compete in the Showmanship contest at the State Fair.

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Vo-Ag Day Observed In Blount County

All Blount County joined hands with state and National officials recently putting over December 18 as Vocational Agriculture Day, the first of its kind ever held. The County Board of Revenue issued an official proclamation, Lt. Gov. James Allen was there, so was Congress-

man Carl Elliott; J. C. Cannon, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, Montgomery; Mayor John Hendrix and Judge E. C. Hudson, all praising the work of the youngsters who "believe in the future of farming."

At the morning session, in the Blount County High School auditorium, Rep. Elliott pointed out the importance of the program in relationship to the need for

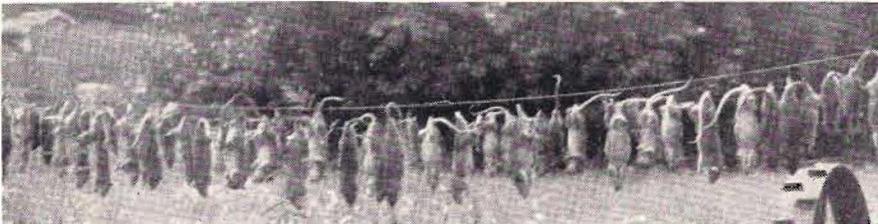


BLOUNT COUNTY FFA on parade during Vo-Ag Day.



OZARK CHAPTER displayed the winning FFA exhibit at the State Fair.

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Lt. Gov. Allen said, "Vocational agriculture has done a great job in helping young men become better farmers but it has done an even greater job in making them better citizens. It has made a young business man out of the young farmer. It has developed qualities of leadership."

Billy Faust, FFA member from Blount County High School, was presented a trophy for being named outstanding student of vocational agriculture in Blount County. Runners up in the competition were Johnny Bannister, J. B. Pennington High School; and Charles Wall, Hayden High School.

In addition to the three winners, three other FFA members spoke briefly on what their FFA program had meant to them. These were Johnny Adcock, Cleveland High School; Joe Mac Moore, Locust Fork High School, and Morris Ratliff, Susan Moore High.

Adult Farmer J. P. King paid tribute to the students and leaders in vocational agriculture saying that the vocational agriculture teacher was the main agriculture leader in the development and improvement of his community.

J. J. Lewis, vocational agriculture teacher at Blountsville was chairman of the day's program. W. D. Faust, head teacher in Blount County Veterans Farm Training was in charge of the evening session. County Agent Ward also took part in making the day a success.

The Veterans Vocational Agriculture program in Alabama was praised by J. C. Cannon, state supervisor. He pointed out that it was considered one of the most outstanding in the nation and has trained more than 42,000 veterans.

Others taking part in the program included R. E. Cammack, state director of vocational education; H. R. Culver, district supervisor, vocational agriculture; Mayor Hendrix and Judge Hudson.

After lunch, there was a parade of FFA chapters of Blount County, led by the Blount County High School Band, and a tour of the vocational agriculture shop.



SHOWN ABOVE are the FHA girls that served the group lunch at Oneonta during Blount County Vo-Ag Day.



OUTSTANDING STUDENT honored—J. C. Cannon, state supervisor (left) presents a trophy to Billy Faust, Blount County's outstanding student in vocational agriculture. Left to right are Mr. Cannon, R. E. Cammack, state director of vocational education; Billy Faust; Johnny Bannister, first runner-up; Charles Wall, second runner-up.

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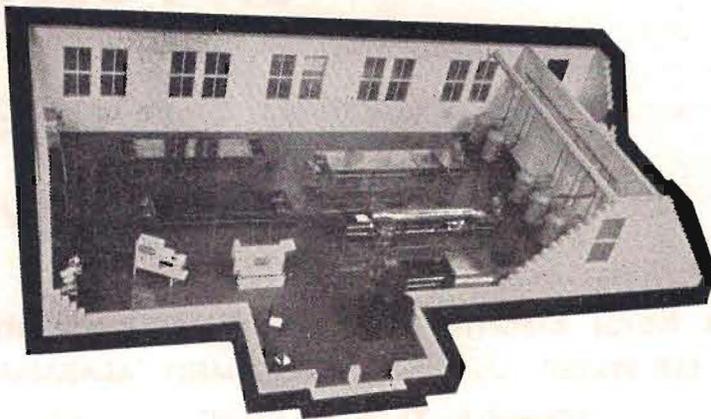
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Ranburne Member Wins National Award

When Tillman Gibbs of Cleburne County walked onto the stage of the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo., October 15, and received the \$200 regional award in the national FFA Farm Electrification contest, it climaxed three years of vocational agriculture study for the 17-year-old Ranburne Future Farmer. Tillman completed his high school career last spring.

His skillful use of electricity in developing labor-saving and productive appliances for use on his home farm earned the regional award for Tillman. Previous to that, he had received a \$100 check for winning the state contest.

His major accomplishment has been the construction of 36 thermostatically-controlled heat lamp chicken brooders—or, enough brooders to handle more than 20,000 chicks!

Twenty of the brooders were made for his own 10,000-chick farming program, 10 for his father's use and 6 for a neighbor. After construction and installation, the lamps were adjusted to provide uniform heat for the chicks over a wide area; thermostats were arranged throughout the brooders so that a constant temperature was maintained automatically.

Tillman owns three electric motors, including two that he had bought as junk and then rebuilt; he has also built several appliances that were run by the motors.

When water in the well that supplied his poultry ran low, he devised a rope well pump. An electric motor turns a pulley which rotates a circular rope that has one end dipping into the water 40 feet below the surface. This rope then whips water up to the pulley where it is thrown off into a barrel and from there piped into the poultry house.

He has made a 14-foot-long portable elevator that saves three-fifths of the labor required to clean the brooder house, converted an old hand grindstone to electric power, and made a bench saw that uses one of his portable motors.

Tillman also did all the installation work on a 380-foot automatic chick feeder for his father; installed the electric wiring for three poultry houses on neighbors' farms; rewired one neighbor's house; and has completed numerous repair jobs on general electrical equipment. Included in his accomplishments was a successful repair job on the school's bell system and installation of an electric water heater in the school lunchroom.

In addition to his electrical accomplishments, Tillman's farming program for this year included 10,000 broilers, a brood sow and three acres of corn.

Jemison Boys Grow and Sell Peaches

The "outdoor" laboratory that was started by members of the Jemison FFA chapter last fall turned out to be a money-making proposition. The boys had rented 370 peach trees from a farmer in their community, hoping that the trees would provide them with a sort of outside laboratory where they could pick up a few of the fundamentals of peach production. Little money was expected to be made from the project.

First thing the boys did was to treat the trees for borers; next, they pruned the trees. By the time spring rolled around, they began a spraying schedule that continued until the peaches were in the ripening stage.

When the peach crop was ready for harvest, it turned out to be so much better than was expected that the Future Farmers found themselves with a tremendous marketing problem. They decided that a roadside stand was the best solution.

FFA members chipped in \$335 for material for the stand and erected it on school property, with most of the construction work being done by the boys themselves.

The farmer who owned the peach trees received half of the proceeds from the sale, while the Future Farmers received the other half. Enough money was left over from their half after expenses to pay for the stand and also fatten up the chapter treasury.

L. C. Shields, local chapter adviser, was more than pleased with the project, especially because of the training and experience that the boys received.

"We're also well pleased with the results shown, and we'd like to be able to



PEACHES, MA'AM?—Charles Williams, president of the Jemison FFA chapter, is shown selling some of the peaches at the roadside stand that was erected by members of the local FFA chapter after their peach crop turned out much better than expected.

continue this project," says Chapter giving us some good training, but it's a President Charles Williams. "It's not only paying proposition."



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TOMMY CARNES

Douglas Member Is Speaker at Banquet

Tommy Carnes of the Douglas FFA chapter, recently told guests at the appreciation dinner given by Albertville Chain Stores what vocational agriculture has meant to him. The dinner was held at the Horsely Hotel in Albertville.

He said at the beginning of his vocational studies, he, like most of the other

boys, put out just enough effort to get by. But later on, by having responsibility thrust upon him he began to realize the importance of vocational agriculture, especially from the FFA standpoint.

He not only learned the importance of being able to work with other people, he said, but he learned to devote some of his time to play: "I learned to play and how to teach others to play as a result of FFA and FHA parties," he said.

Perhaps more than anything, vocational agriculture helped Tommy to develop a real appreciation of farm life and rural living. "I had lived on a farm all of my life," he went on, "but I had never really stopped to think about the romantic side of it. Maybe this helped me to choose farming as my vocation. I kept my agriculture notes and had an agriculture library as one of my projects. In that way I have a world of knowledge at my finger tips. I can solve most of my farming problems as a result of having taken agriculture in high school."

While in high school, Tommy won several medals for his public speaking abilities and served one year as president of his local FFA chapter. He received the Agriculture Medal from Douglas High School this year upon graduation.

Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Carnes of Horton and his local FFA adviser is W. L. Minor.

The Importance of Being an FFA Member

By WINFRED DAVIS
State FFA President

Every boy studying Vocational Agriculture and others who are eligible, should be members of the FFA. The FFA is beneficial to the individual and also the people with whom he comes in contact. For example, it encourages leadership through public speaking contests, chapter officers, committee chairmen and outside activities which require leadership of some type.

Cooperation is stressed in FFA while working with the other members on some project which requires unity. Some of the activities require all the members to take a part. Through these small projects the value of cooperation is instilled in each member.

Service is taught through projects carried out for the school's benefit or for some other worthwhile cause. One such project could be the sodding of the school lawn or keeping the shrubbery pruned neatly.

The year's activity program includes many interesting projects which each of us should enjoy participating in and some that will help us in later life. There are activities which suit each individual's talent, whether it is playing a piano or judging livestock.

The experience we receive in FFA is worth more than dollars and cents. The things we do are practical in everyday life.

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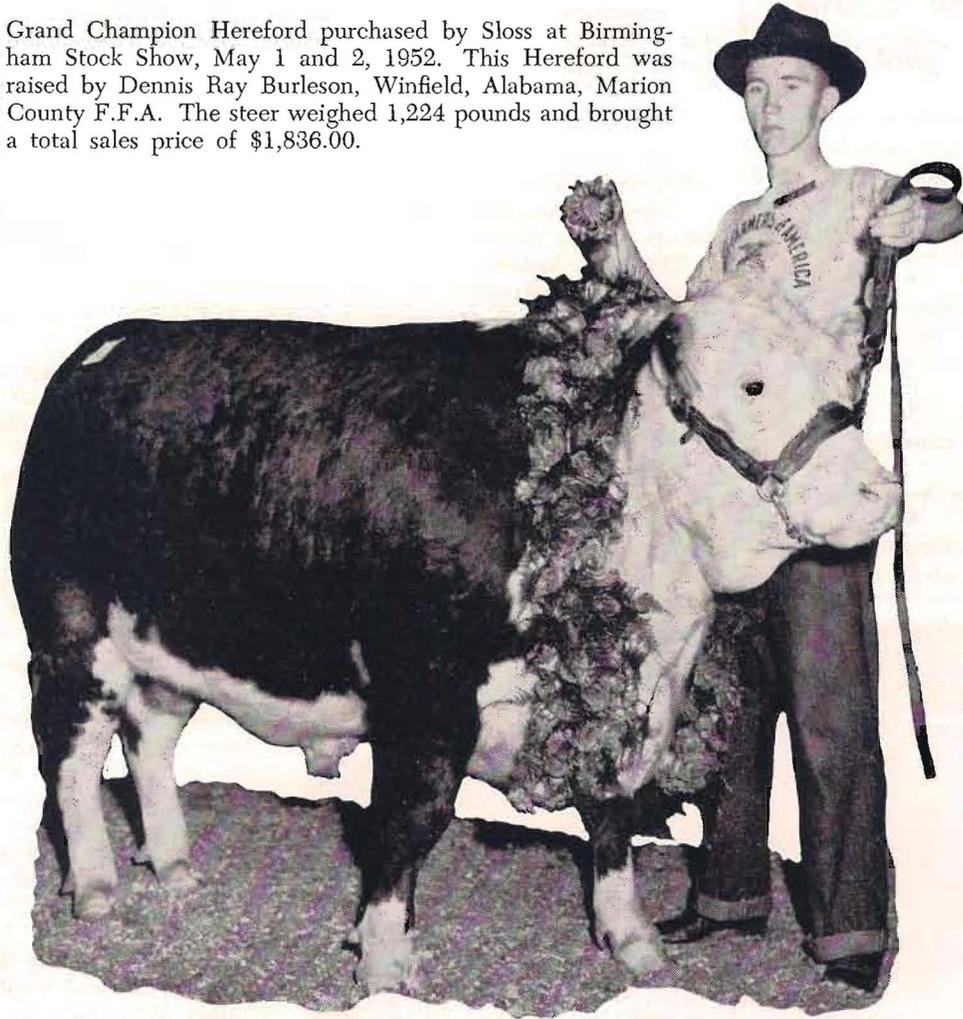
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Patience: The ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping the gears. — Betty Lee Emanuel, Louisville Courier.

"How are you this morning?"
"All right."
"Well, you ought to notify your face!"

A chorus girl was telling the other girls in the dressing room about her birthday

party. "You should have seen the cake! There were 17 candles."

"Seventeen candles?" queried one of the chorines. "What did you do, burn them at both ends?" — Catholic Mirror.

A small girl was taken to church for the first time. When everyone knelt, she whispered: "What are they going to do?"

"They are going to say their prayers," whispered her mother.

The child looked up in amazement. Then, in a loud voice, she exclaimed, "What, with all their clothes on?" — Cape Argus.

"I call my boy friend a Stag."
"Why?"
"He's a dear with no dough."

A minister who made the rule to ask each member of his family to make comments on the sermon, complimentary or

otherwise, came down to David — a lad of about 7. He said, "David, what do you think of the sermon?" David replied, "I saw three good places to quit."

A new rookie met a brisk second lieutenant. "Mawnin'," drawled the rookie. The infuriated officer launched a stinging lecture on military courtesy.

"Gosh!" said the rookie. "If I'da knowed you was gonna carry on like that, I wouldn't of spoke to you atall."

Teacher: "When do the leaves begin to turn?"

Dick: "The night before exams."

"I prescribe absolute quiet for your husband," said the Doctor. "Here's a sleeping powder."

"When do I give it to him," asked the wife.

"You don't give it to him," said the Doctor. "You take it yourself."

New Employee: "Do you give your clerks two weeks' vacation?"

Boss: "No, they get a month; two weeks when I go on my vacation, and two weeks when they go on theirs."

Young man to spinster: "You look so cheerful and happy all the time! I always thought unmarried women were sour and grouchy all the time. Why are you so different?"

Spinster: "Well, I have a fire-place that smokes, a dog that barks, a parrot that swears and a cat that stays out all night. What do I need with a man?"

Visitor: "How did your horse happen to win the race?"

Jockey: "Well, I just kept whispering in his ear, 'Roses are red, violets are blue — horses that lose are made into glue.'"

Rastus and Liza were married but a short time when he came home with a big wash tub, a washboard and a handsome three-foot mirror.

Liza: "Whut's all de truck you bring?"
Rastus: "You-all can take you' pick. You kin take de tub and washboard an' go to work, or you kin take de mirror an' set down and watch you'self starve."

Nurse: You wish to see the young man injured in the motor accident? You are the lady he was with?

Gwendolyn: Yes, I thought it would be only fair to give him the kiss he was trying for. — Northwestern Banker.

The seven-year-old son of a radio comedian came home with his report card. "Well, son," asked the radio star, "were you promoted?"

"Better than that, Pop," chirped the



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kid happily, "I was held over for another 26 weeks."

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"My, isn't a night club a great place on a rainy night?"

"You said it! Stay outside and get wet, go inside and get soaked."

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A small boy told his mother that he was going to be a preacher when he grew up. She asked why.

"I'll have to go to church anyhow," he said, "and it's lots harder to sit still and listen than it is to stand up and yell."

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Political Speaker: "I'm pleased to see this dense crowd here tonight."

Voice from the back: "Don't be too pleased, we ain't all dense."

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It's an appropriate coincidence that the word "American" ends in "I can."

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Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone to do it.

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A henpecked looking little man was escorting his wife to a concert. They arrived late. "What are they playing?" he whispered to his neighbor.

"The Fifth Symphony."
"Well, thank goodness, I've missed four of them, anyway."

★ ★ ★
A young lady, telephoning a music store, was connected by mistake with a garage.

"Do you have 'Two Red Lips and Seven Kisses?'" she asked.

"No," answered the garage, "but we have two tom cats and seven kittens."

"Is that a record?" she asked.
"Well," said the garage, "We think it is."

★ ★ ★
He: Why does a woman say she's been shopping when she hasn't bought a thing?



Look, Grandma, this one's got a uniform like Uncle Ben's!

She: Why does a man say he's been fishing when he hasn't caught anything?

★ ★ ★
Wife (angrily): "And I suppose you expect me to believe that you came straight home from the office?"

Husband: "Sure did. Just like the crow flies."

Wife: "Yes - stopping frequently for a little corn."

★ ★ ★
There's the poor guy who swallowed a nickel and the doctor made him cough up five dollars.

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And there's the one about the man who had two sons. One went into politics and the other wasn't much good either.

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Ag. Teacher: "A sensible man doubts everything; only a fool is certain of what he says."

Bright FFA boy: "Are you sure?"
Ag. Teacher: "Positive."

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Instructor: "What happens when the human body is completely immersed in water?"

Student: "The telephone rings."

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ABBEVILLE—placed additional pigs from pig chain; sold subscriptions to Farm and Ranch; sold chances on Christmas turkey and cleared \$33.25.

ADDISON—had party with FHA girls; ordered Green Hand pins; 100 per cent FFA membership.

AKRON—attended sub-district meeting in Moundville; all members entering Public Speaking Contest.

ALBERTVILLE—awarded first place for 1952 in pork and corn production, Dairy Judging and second place in Beef Judging; feeding 25 hogs for Sand Mountain market Hog Show; selling fruits to raise money to purchase Welcome Signs.

ALICEVILLE—sold peanuts at football games; studied and discussed FFA contests; presented three radio programs; elected FFA Queen and ordered her jacket; Millard Latham, State FFA vice-president spoke to chapter.

ARAB—sold over a hundred dollars worth of peanuts at football games and over \$90 worth of chances on radio; electing FFA sweetheart; put on radio program.

ARLEY—have 5 pigs that are doing fine; fattening them for market.

ASHLAND—assembled 8 cedar chests to sell for chapter; sold \$183 worth of popcorn at football games; participating in Farm and Ranch magazine sales contest; preparing for various FFA contests; placed Hereford bull with local member.

ASHVILLE—initiated 21 Green Hands; string band practicing and quartet working; 7 members eligible for Chapter Farmer Degree; studying parliamentary procedure; all members to enter Public Speaking contest.

ATHENS—members working on speeches; assisted in filling Christmas baskets for needy families; repaired desks for home room.

AUBURN—made \$50 from selling Christmas cards and sold \$200 in calendar ads; ordered

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LIVINGSTON FFA members and T. A. Markham, their advisor, as they made tour the past summer.

pine seedlings; ordered fruit trees cooperatively; 18 members presented FFA pins.

BAKER—held one regular meeting; ordered 7,000 pine seedlings; planning hayride.

BAKER HILL—held 2 regular meetings; held tractor clinic—Mr. Riddick, a Standard Oil Representative from Auburn was in charge; sold chapter hog for \$42.26 with a profit of \$28.26.

BAY MINETTE—held two meetings; plan Father-Son banquet; 2 pigs added to pig chain; bought electric drill for shop; ordered 7 FFA jackets; sold subscriptions to magazine and put money in FFA treasury.

BILLINGSLEY—initiated 15 members; bought 6 pigs to fatten; held joint Christmas party with FFA.

BLOUNTSVILLE—secured official FFA calendars; 31 Green Hands initiated; 100 per cent vo-ag students in FFA; purchased \$135 worth of tools for shop; erected 3 city limit signs at edge of town; erected 12 FFA signs at homes of individual members; obtained 3 phase welder for shop.

BLUE SPRINGS—attended joint FFA meeting at Baker Hill; ordered 23,000 lespedeza bicolor plants and 3,000 pine seedlings.

BOAZ—presented program over local radio station WAVU Albertville; had meat curing demonstration; sold tickets for chapter fund; had FFA party; sold magazines.

BRANTLEY—built mail box post to be used by RFD members; bought hogs to be fattened on scraps from lunch room and sold to raise money for chapter treasurer.

BRIDGEPORT—elected FFA sweetheart; cedar chest constructed in shop; tractor clinic.

BROOKWOOD—officers secured official FFA jackets; had FFA-FHA party; plan to sell Farm Journal magazines; ordered 15,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings; plan to initiate 25 new members and to form quartet and string band; received 8,000 pine seedlings from Gulf States Paper Corporation.

BRUNDIDGE—earned \$75 fertilizing and seeding American Legion lot; ordered 150 fruit trees; held two regular meetings.

BUTLER—held Christmas program; ordered pine seedlings; ordered and have received 5 FFA signs to be erected on roads leading into Butler and a scroll saw for shop; sending a member to Birmingham Feb. 19-20; initiated 38 Green Hands and advancing 12 members to Chapter Farmers; operating supply store.

CAMDEN—held one regular meeting; completed sale of Farm Quarterly; plan to have social in January; member selected to represent Wilcox County in Birmingham in February.

CARBON HILL—planted fall garden; poured a new concrete floor in the forge room; elected new officers; all members placed FFA decals on windshields of family car; entered beef and dairy judging contest also public speaking and FFA quiz contest; initiated 26 new members.

CARLOWVILLE—ordered FFA jackets and FFA stationery; held FFA-FHA dance; helped organize district FFA.

CHEROKEE—ordered 7,000 pine seedlings; cooperated in fire fighting with Forest Ranger; ordered pins and rings for members and 150

pounds bicolor lespedeza seed; assisting in hog killing at cannery.

CITRONELLE—elected FFA Sweetheart; placed 4 registered Duroc gilts in pig chain; initiated 25 Green Hands; have 4 new members.

CLANTON—held 2 meetings; discussed banquet for FFA-FHA and their parents.

CLEVELAND—held regular meeting; planned Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet; elected FFA Sweetheart; entered Farm Journal subscription program.

COFFEEVILLE—elected chapter sweetheart; collected boxes of food and gave to two families in need; sold three hogs for \$64.18; held two meetings.

COLD SPRINGS—initiated 16 Green Hands; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings; built post treating plant in shop; 12 boys started agriculture library.

COLUMBIANA—planted two more acres of Rescue grass; purchased 6 beef calves to graze through winter months; bought shaper and hand tools for shop and a tape recorder for FFA chapter; won a camera for the vocational department from selling magazines; initiated 29 Green Hands.

CORNER—visited Mr. Deloney who is sponsoring FFA calendars for our chapter; shown through the Birmingham Post-Herald building by Mr. Miles Denham; begun work on all con-



THURSTON and Willie Nicholes of Billingsley chapter checking melons in their field. Picture made before Christmas.

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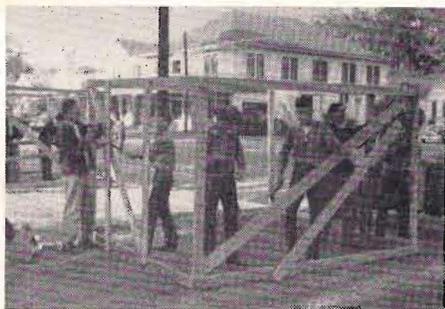


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tests and have 10 boys entering Forestry Contest; had one pig given away in pig chain.

COTTONWOOD—placed 5 purebred pigs in Duroc pig chain; plan to order fruit trees and pine seedlings; gave out official FFA calendars and 8 Green Hand pins and 2 rings to FFA boys.

CROSSVILLE—initiated 36 Green Hands; ordered 9,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings; put on 1 radio program; attended FFA-FHA joint social.

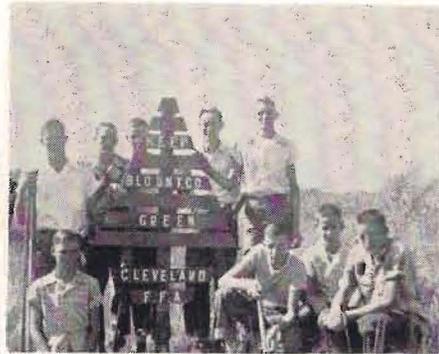
CURRY—planned joint party with FHA girls; purchased subscriptions to National Future Farmer magazine; ordered 6 FFA jackets.

DADEVILLE—officers attended county FFA meeting; held FFA-FHA party; string band presented program for Lions Club; organized quartet and they are practicing.

EAST BREWTON—held Christmas party with FHA; used quartet in assembly program; made plans for holding chapter quiz and Public Speaking contest.

ECLECTIC—held 2 regular meetings; sold Farm and Ranch and Farm Journal magazines—one boy won rifle; sponsored rat killing campaign; re-built toys for Lions Club for underprivileged children for Christmas.

ELBA—held joint party with FHA; erected 6 road signs; bought electric and oxy-acetylene welders and cutting torch; placed 6 purebred gilts on pig chain; ordered 105 fruit trees; planting 11,000 pine seedlings.



CLEVELAND members erect "Keep Blount County Green" signs.



ENTERPRISE members shown bagging 800 pounds of peanuts they distributed to soldiers and others during "Camp Rucker Day."

ENTERPRISE—Secretary gave out new membership cards and FFA decals to be placed on automobiles; chapter won a television set in the Farm and Ranch magazine contest.

EUTAW—FFA party big success; cleared around \$60 on turkey sale.

FALKVILLE—gave radio program; bought new 180 amp welder; distributed FFA pigs; building furniture for library; made plans for Donkey basketball game.

FIVE POINTS—conducted chapel program; sold magazine subscriptions for prizes and money for treasury; placed 1 pig in Sears Pig chain; ordered 5,000 pine seedlings; plan to enter 11 state and national sponsored contests.

FLOMATON—initiated 12 Green Hands; published two issues of Korny Kob; landscaping housing project; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings and 10,000 bicolor.

FT. DEPOSIT—ordered 25,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings and 5,000 pine trees; added 6 books to library; entered Farm and Ranch selling campaign; added portable sander to shop equipment.

GAYLESVILLE—ordered 9 FFA jackets, 5,000 bicolor lespedeza and 4,000 pine seedlings; put forest fire and road signs up; bought FFA brood sow.

GENEVA—ordered 23,000 pine seedlings; entered Farm and Ranch magazine sale campaign; received 4 honorary members and presented them with gold emblem pins; erected 3 road signs; received 17 chapter farmers and

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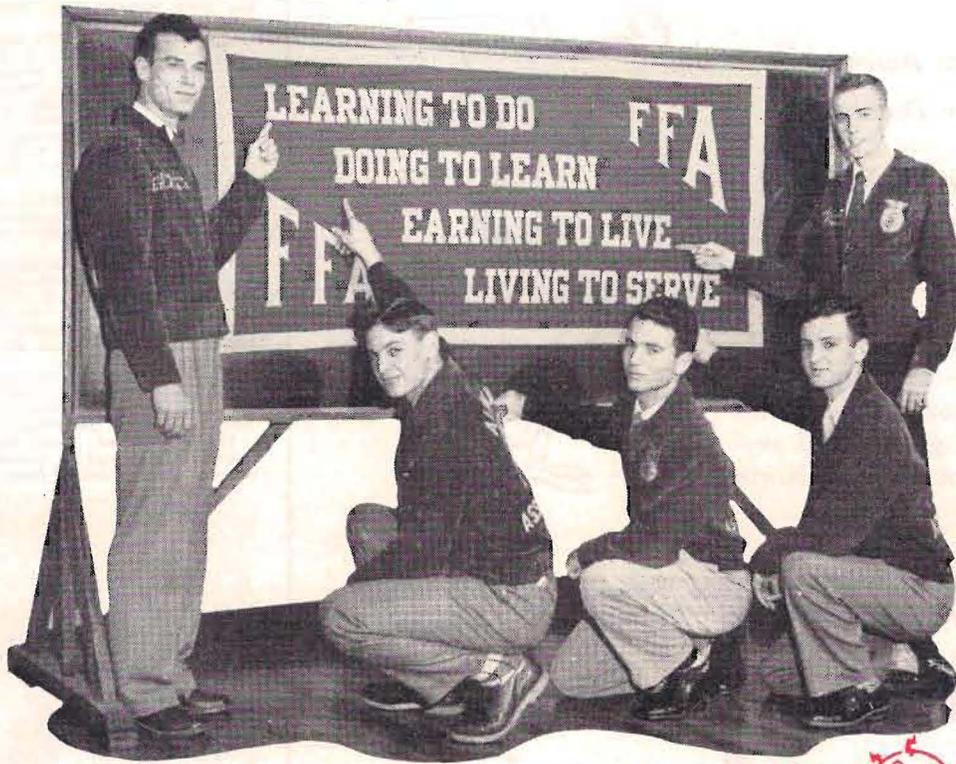
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initiated 18 Green Hands; presented each member with degree pins; purchased instruments for string band.

GEORGIANA—10,000 bicolor lespezeza seedlings ordered; placed 1 pig from pig chain; added \$100 worth of hand tools to our shop; received Hereford bull from Sears, Roebuck.

GLENCOE—held joint Christmas social with FHA; several members writing speeches for Speaking contest; working on Quiz contest.

GOSHEN—received FFA road signs; ordered 3 FFA jackets; held Christmas social with FHA girls.

GROVE HILL—ordered 26,000 pine seedlings and 23,000 bicolor lespezeza; sold 2 meat hogs; elected FFA Sweetheart; bought new camera for local chapter.

HACKLEBURG—ordering 12,000 pine seedlings; have 8 prospective candidates for Junior Dairymen; helped deliver Christmas packages to needy; working on FFA speeches and quartet.

HALEYVILLE—repaired toys for needy boys and girls; held regular meetings; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings.

HAMILTON—plan to carry chapter bull to State Fair this fall; ordered fruit trees for members and adult class; received official FFA jackets; chapter Sweetheart awarded jacket.

HATTON—had three day course in electricity; selling candy, drinks, etc. at ball games to raise funds; held annual fish supper.



ELBA members erect welcome signs.

HAYDEN—selling magazine subscriptions; repaired swings in grammar school playground.

HAYNEVILLE—ordered pine seedlings; elected chapter Sweetheart; initiated all members of first year class; 15 boys entering Speaking contest.

HEFLIN—elected FFA Sweetheart; feeding out porker to raise money for treasury; increased membership; conducted rat control program; set 14,000 pine seedlings; initiated 50 Green Hands and 25 Chapter Farmers.

HOLLY POND—held initiation for Green Hands; ordered bicolor plants and seeds and pine seedlings for members; all members receiving National Future Farmer Magazine; elected chapter Star Farmer; first year ag students made mail box posts; cooperating in sale of "Keep Alabama Green" tags; entering 10 State sponsored contests.

ISABELLA—held Christmas party with FHA; cooperated in county Christmas chest; helped family in community whose house burned; added 4 gilts to pig chain; elected FFA Sweetheart; sold magazine subscriptions.

JACKSON—elected FFA Sweetheart; held tractor clinic; sponsored Rat campaign; sponsored square dance with FHA.

JASPER—string band put on a show for assembly; held officers meeting; ordered new shirts for the band, 16 FFA jackets and 21,000 lespezeza bicolor seedlings; bought new Delta 6-inch jointer for shop.

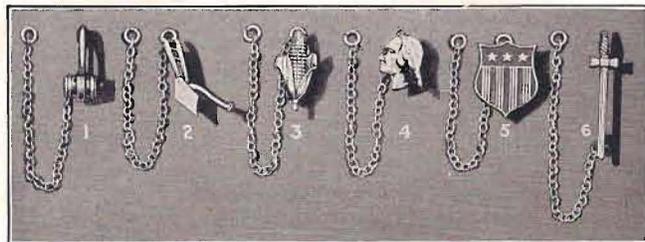
JEMISON—held Mother-Daughter-Father-Son banquet—State FFA President made speech;



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sold Farm and Ranch Magazines; received Green Hand, Chapter Farmer and Honorary pins; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings; chapter purchased 2 new targets for terracing machines.

KINSTON—sponsored talent show; bought \$450 worth of shop equipment with FFA paying half and County other half; held joint FFA-FHA and parents Christmas party; making farm movie; ordered 18,000 pine seedlings and 12,000 bicolor lespedeza plants.

LAFAYETTE—planning a Herd and Swine improvement program; held initiation; elected new officers.

LEROY—placed 3 pure-bred pigs with members; held tractor clinic; ordered 8,000 pine seedlings; ordered fruit trees and strawberry plants cooperatively; ordered pins for 18 Green Hands.

LIBERTY—presented Talent night show with FFA; put on radio program; President will represent county in Birmingham as guest of Chamber of Commerce.

LINDEN—ordered 1,000 strawberry plants; held FFA-FHA Father-Son-Mother-Daughter

barbecue; raised pigs for FFA project; ordered road signs, jacket, ring and pins.

LINEVILLE—placed 4 purebred hampshires on pig chain; ordered new manuals; sold subscriptions to Farm Journal.

LIVINGSTON—approved and initiated 18 Green Hands and raised 10 Green Hands to Chapter Farmer; sold \$110 of subscriptions to Progressive Farmer magazine and chapter won a 5 tube Motorola radio; ordered 23,000 lespedeza bicolor seedlings and elected FFA Sweetheart.

LOCUST FORK—sponsored Donkey basketball game with FHA; working with livestock judging teams.

LOUISVILLE—held party with FHA; attended county FFA meeting; fed hogs out for banquet; held two regular meetings; ordered fruit trees cooperatively; planned individual and group contests.

LUVERNE—Sears Foundation Hereford bull being grown out; 3 pigs placed in purebred pig chain; operating drink stand for chapter money.

LYEFFION—purchased wood lathe, belt and disc sander; all members working on speeches for Public Speaking contest.

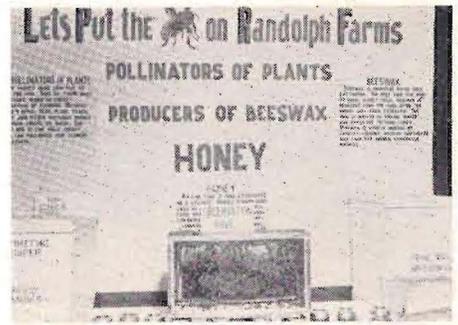
McKENZIE—ordered 10,000 pine seedlings; published two news articles; put on chapel program.

MAPLESVILLE—initiated 25 Green Hands; 33 pigs farrowed, 9 added to pig chain; made \$50 from FFA Sweetheart contest and \$150 from calendar ads; plans made to hold FFA-FHA banquet; ordered 9 FFA jackets.

MARION—ordered cooperatively 800 fruit trees and 1,000 strawberry plants; planting 10,000 pine seedlings and setting out 30,000 bicolor lespedeza plants.

MELLOW VALLEY—social with FHA; added 2 registered Hampshire gilts to pig chain; secured registered Hampshire boar for chapter members and community use; 10 members ordering pine seedlings.

MILLERVILLE—held magazine drive; plans



ROANOKE FFA booth at county fair.

and speeches being made for Public Speaking contest; planning FFA-FHA field day.

MILLRY—built FFA mail box posts; held Father-Son banquet; planted pine seedlings; held tractor clinic; have 100 per cent membership among agriculture students.

MOULTON—chanced off 2-12-week old pigs; presented Thanksgiving program; one radio program presented and county FFA chapter organized.

MT HOPE—initiated 21 Green Hands; held Christmas party, all honorary members invited and each member received a gift; ordered 30 manuals; plan to grow broilers for Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet.

NEW BROCTON—installed new electric planer and also new electric jointer; attended Coffee County district FFA and FHA Christmas party at Enterprise; ordered 5,000 pine seedlings.

NEWVILLE—put in 110 volt bell in high school building; earned money for weiner roast;

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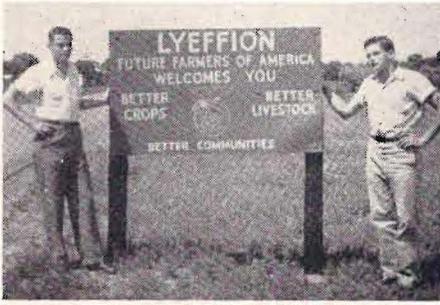
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planned to have weiner roast and invite FHA girls.

NEW MARKET—Christmas party with FHA; bought electric fence controller and electric welder; feeding five calves to sell in spring; sold Christmas cards; bought electric chick brooder; pruned three orchards.

NORTHPORT—ordered 50,000 bicolor lespedeza plants and 25 pounds of lespedeza seed; will receive pine trees from Gulf States Paper Co. in January for planting on FFA projects.

OAKMAN—held two meetings; held parliamentary procedure and elected officers in the Jr. III class; planned New Year's Eve party; taught 11 boys how to use welding machine; ordered new jackets with FFA emblems.

ODENVILLE—had charge of assembly and showed a safety film; helped control Blackleg in community.

ORRVILLE—repaired toys; sold pecans; planning Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet; held initiation.

OZARK—ordered 10,000 pine seedlings; put on fund raising campaign by selling subscriptions to magazines; made plans for distributing official FFA calendars; raised \$35.45 in subscription campaign.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY—modernized blacksmith shop in vocational building by pouring a concrete floor—boys had full responsibility of completing the entire operation.

PELL CITY—received 52 Chapter Farmer and Green Hand Degree pins; members entered in 9 state contests; Junior quartet doing nicely;

FFA Sweetheart elected; 5 articles in county paper.

PINE APPLE—building modern hog lot; held one meeting this month; reworked tool room.

PINE HILL—quartet sang for audience stunt night; showed movie at last meeting; boys working on speeches.

PISGAH—ordered 5 FFA official jackets; mounted new paraphernalia in ag building; initiated 27 Green Hands; chapter gilt farrowed 8 pigs.

PLANTERSVILLE—initiated 12 Green Hands and plan to initiate 4 more; ordered FFA jackets; President representing county FFA in Birmingham; plan landscaping project for members and community.

PLEASANT HOME—selling peanuts, candy and drinks at all home basketball games; giving radio program every five weeks; president to attend meeting in Birmingham; three gilts and one sow in pig chain.

PRATTVILLE—held play in assembly; sold magazines; have 100 per cent membership in FFA; held 2 regular meetings.

RAMER—secured \$822 worth of equipment for department; assisted with homecoming barbecue; band played for school dance; secured material for post peeler; held open house in the department.

RED BAY—held officers training school; ordered 30 official manuals; 30 new members in chapter; added gilts to pig chain and growing 3 hogs on scraps from lunch room; planted 14,000 pine seedlings; held Christmas party with FHA.

REFORM—sold subscriptions for Farm and Ranch; individual members planting bicolor-lespedeza plants for wild life; installing \$300 worth of new equipment in department; program on fire prevention.



THE CULLMAN boys planted winter grass seed on a slope by the highway to read "Keep Alabama Green . . . Cullman FFA." Can you see it in the picture?



BEAR CREEK FFA built their own "Keep Green" sign.

REELTOWN—made Christmas toys for children; Sr. I boys erected 3 sets of signs on highways; held one regular monthly meeting.

ROANOKE—initiated 16 Green Hands and awarded pins; held joint FFA-FHA party; placed 5 Hampshire gilts in pig chain; shop installed new welder and drill press.

ROGERSVILLE—65 members this year; received a Sears Hereford bull; repaired and repainted 5 "Stop Forest Fires" signs; encouraging all members to have mail box post with their names on them.

SAMSON—held regular chapter meeting; ordered 6,000 pine seedlings; getting up large fruit tree orders; held annual Christmas party with FHA girls.

SAND ROCK—held two officers meetings; elected chapter Sweetheart and bought official jacket for her; ordered officers pins and three official FFA welcome signs; made \$58 by sponsoring radio show; organized quartet and radio program; ordered FFA rings for members.

SEMMES—nursery work continued; made plans for FFA banquet; planning to organize basketball team; plan to hold weekly officers meeting instead of monthly meetings.

SIDNEY LANIER—selling magazines; observed "Soil Conservation Week"; all members participating in rat control program; ordered 45 FFA "T" shirts; held officers training school.

SILURIA—selling magazine subscriptions for Farm and Ranch; initiated Green Hands; set

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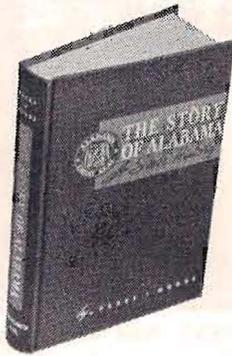
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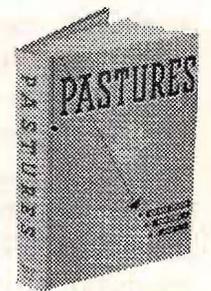
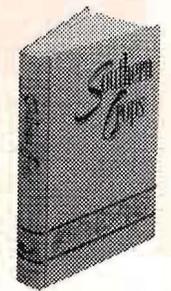
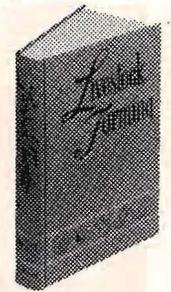
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SOUTHSIDE—painted chapter bus FFA colors, blue and gold; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet with 210 people attending; sold 2 hogs.

STEVENSON—plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet shaping up; elected chapter Sweetheart; topping out 15 hogs to help finance chapter; feeding two calves for show in May.

STRAUGHN—sponsored fun night with FHA; gave Thanksgiving chapel program; delivered Christmas boxes to 7 families; gave radio program over Andalusia Station; had Christmas party with FHA; 49 boys entered Public Speaking contest; ordered fruit trees.

SULLIGENT—feeding 8 calves for fat stock show; sponsoring county rat campaign; participating in county mail box improvement; received second Sears bull; won \$125 award in Sears bull contest; initiated 24 Green Hands; added 18 books to library; held Christmas party.

SUSAN MOORE—initiated 30 new members; selected FFA Sweetheart; treated 500 fence posts; installed grinder in shop; ordered 12 "T" shirts; sponsoring magazine subscription campaign.

SYLVANIA—bought 3 official FFA jackets; bought 2 books for library and officers station pennants; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; 100 per cent of students in agriculture members of FFA; bought 3 pigs to feed on lunch room scraps.

THOMASTON—purchased new sander; raised 14 Green Hands to Chapter Farmer; members of Judging Team spoke to student body about their trip to Canada.

THOMASVILLE—held officer training; selling Christmas cards to increase chapter funds; planning Christmas party.

TOWN CREEK—selling rat poison; bought tape recorder; organizing FFA quartet; initiated 20 Green Hands; ordered new manuals and 1952 yearbook of agriculture; planning to give radio program; quartet and Public Speakers practicing; presented Chapter Sweetheart with pearl pendant; purchased FFA jackets.

TROY—selling Farm and Ranch magazines; submitted one news article; plans completed for Mothers and Fathers night; held Green Hand initiation for 15 new members.

URIAH—held 2 chapter meetings; ordered fruit trees cooperatively; elected Chapter Sweetheart.



DANVILLE members shown making a field trip in a bus purchased by the chapter.



TOWN CREEK boys also erect welcome signs.

VALLEY HEAD—landscaped Methodist church; one member bought show calf; held two meetings.

VERBENA—sponsored program for PTA; ordered 75 pounds of bicolor seed; placed 6 pigs in pig chain; initiated 25 Green Hands; held joint Christmas social with FHA.

VERNON—initiated 18 Green Hands; purchased electric hand saw and 10 inch circular saw for shop; plan to award 18 Green Hand and 14 Chapter Farmer pins this month; all FFA members in Vo-Ag classes entered Public Speaking Contest.

VINA—placed 4 purebred Hampshire gilts with FFA members; bought chapter a microphone to be used in chapter work.

VINCENT—selling chances on cedar chest; had joint meeting with FHA; have done some community work.

WADLEY—initiated 10 Green Hands and 7 Chapter Farmers; bred 1 Hampshire pig; had social.

WALNUT GROVE—sponsored Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; sold one top hog; made plans for FFA party; bred FFA sow; ran terraces on local farm.

WEDOWEE—ordered 5,000 pine seedlings and 10,000 bicolor seedlings; sold \$200 worth of magazines; made plans for Green Hand initiation; held quartet practice sessions.

WEST LIMESTONE—repaired Christmas toys for needy children; constructed 12 large cedar chests and 8 small ones for Christmas presents.

WETUMPKA—sold magazines and fruit trees; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings and 19,000 bicolor seedlings; presented chapel program during Soil Conservation Week.

WHITE PLAINS—purchased officer pins and Green Hand buttons; raised \$108.83 by feeding out hogs and selling rat poison; sponsoring farm safety campaign and scholarship improvement contest; purchased brooder to raise chicks.

WINTERBORO—planned activity program; put on two radio programs; put on rat control campaign and initiated 24 Green Hands.

WOODLAND—had FFA chicken stew; built one tractor wagon; completed FFA initiation; entries working on Public Speaking contest.

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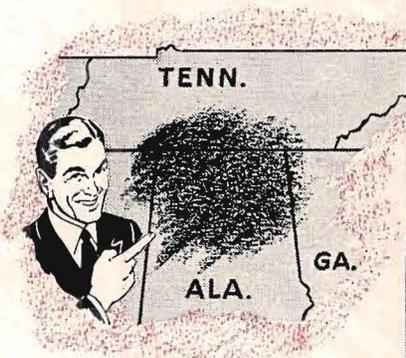


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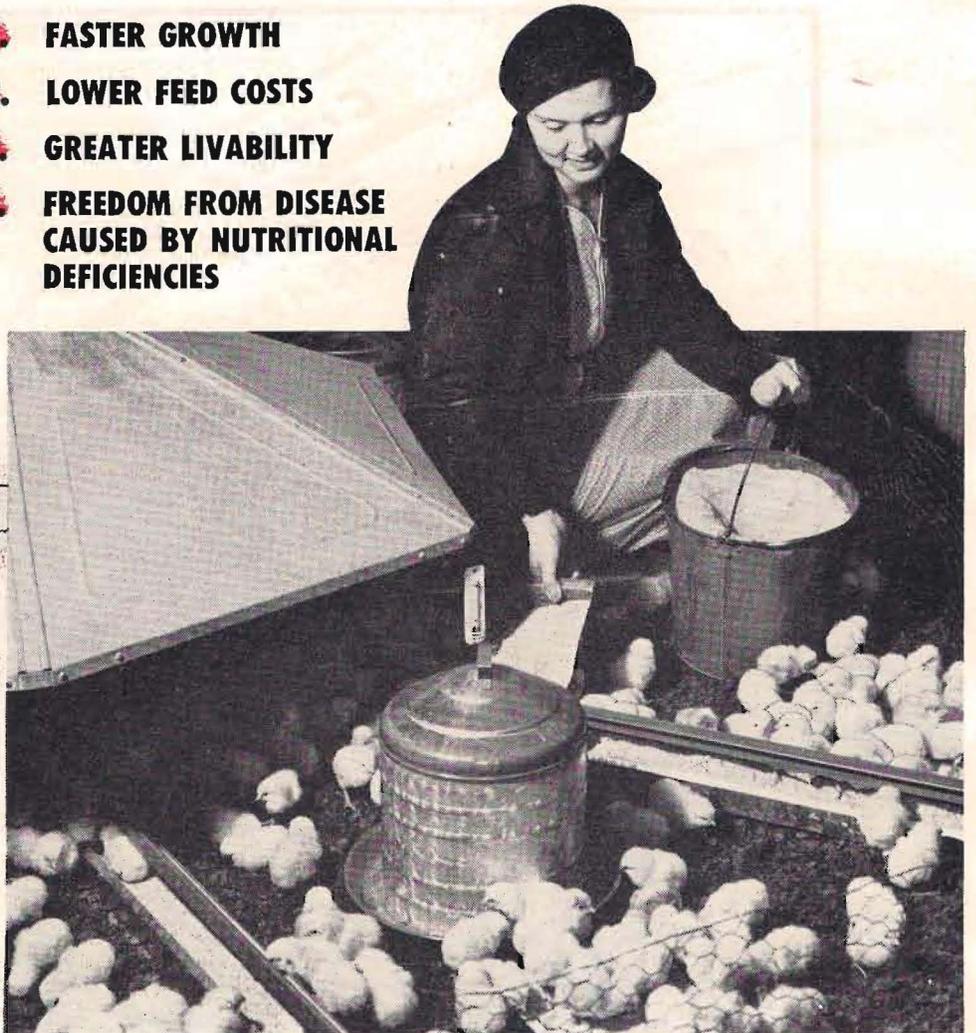
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