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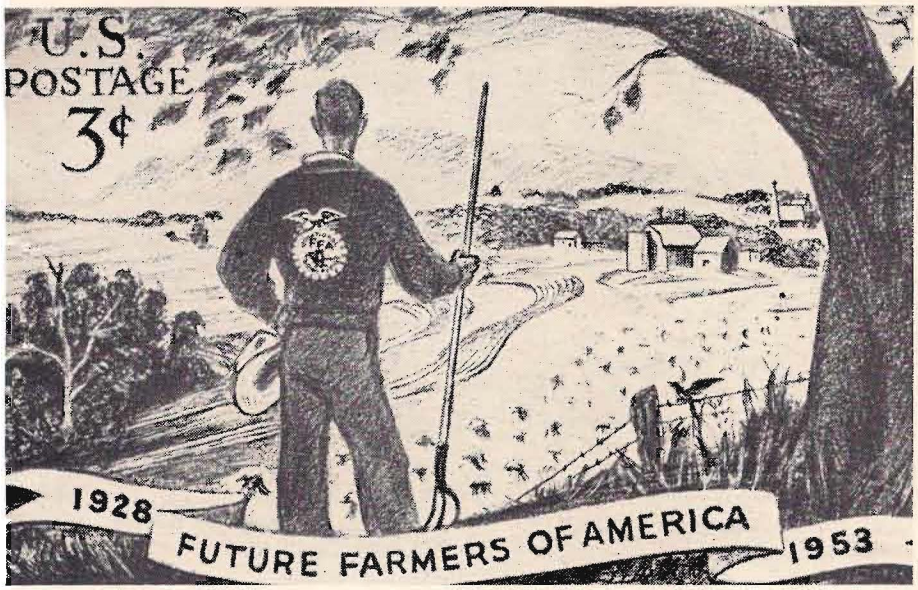


PICTURED *at left* is the special three-cent postage stamp issued in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Future Farmers of America. 110 million of the FFA stamps have been printed for distribution nationally. The stamp is blue in color.

The Grand Champion of the Demopolis District Dairy Show is shown *at right* with the proud owner Thomas Dryden, FFA member of the Thomaston chapter. His cow won the championship in both the junior and open divisions of the show. Thomas owns an 8-cow dairy herd of Jerseys.

President Eisenhower to Address FFA Convention

President Dwight D. Eisenhower heads the list of distinguished speakers expected to participate in the 25th Anniversary national convention of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15.

The President is scheduled to address the final convention session on Thursday night, October 15.

Registration for the convention is expected to total 10,000 or more Future Farmers from all sections of the United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Business sessions, a "silver anniversary pageant," special entertainment programs, the national FFA public speaking contest, and presentation of awards to hundreds of Future Farmers whose achievements have been outstanding, will round out a full three days' program for the FFA delegates.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, or one of his top assistants, will participate in the program during the morning of October 13 when the first presentation will be made of a special three-cent postage stamp commemorating the FFA's 25th Anniversary.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has accepted an invitation to speak during the morning session of October 15. A third cabinet member, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, will address the convention during that afternoon.

Boys who arrive in Kansas City early will register during the morning of October 12, and embark on specially conducted tours to points of interest in the city during the afternoon. The first convention program will open that night when five Future Farmers will vie for honors in the national finals of the FFA public speaking contest.

Features Tuesday, October 13, in addition to the commemorative stamp presentation, will include presentation of awards in the national chapter contest and conferring of American Farmer Degrees. The evening session will feature the presentation of Star American Farmer awards, followed by special entertainment.

Pageant Wednesday Morning

The gigantic silver anniversary pageant will be featured Wednesday morning, and during that afternoon most of the boys will go on tours of the city while the official delegates work in committee sessions. Regional and national winners of Future Farmers of America Foundation awards in Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Soil and Water Management, Farm Safety, and Dairy Farming will be presented Wednesday night, followed by another top-notch entertainment program.

Thursday's program, in addition to the addresses by President Eisenhower, Secretary Benson and Secretary Hobby, will include, during the morning, a Buffalo Grass Dance staged by Indian members of the Browning, Montana, FFA chapter. Business matters to be covered during the final day include the election of new national officers.

Two popular features of recent FFA conventions, the national band and national chorus, will be active throughout the week. About 100 boys are expected to participate in each of the musical units. The band members, as usual, will remain in Kansas City to participate in the American Royal parade on October 17.

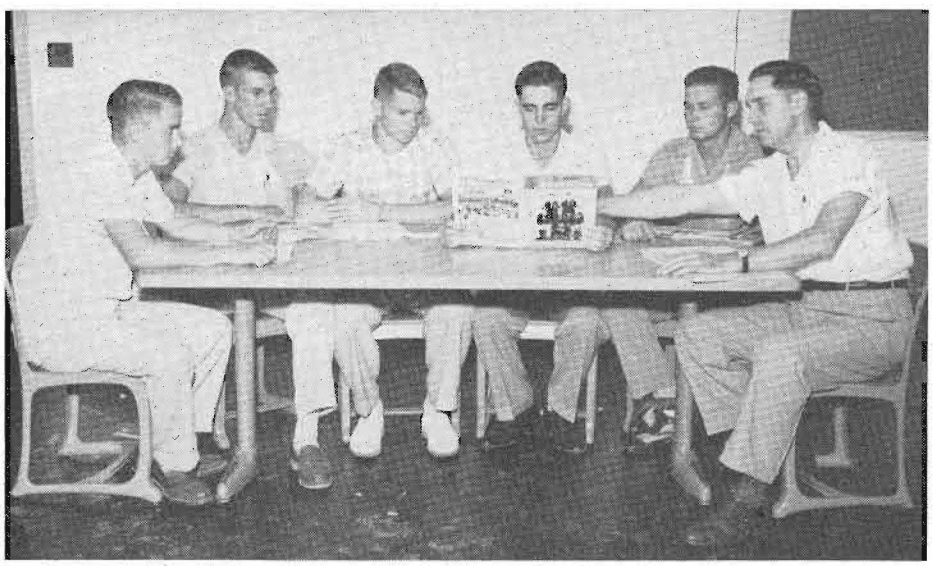
WE SALUTE L. J. Howell, Vo-Ag teacher and FFA Adviser at Reform, Ala. Mr. Howell holds the national record of having served as FFA Adviser for the longest period of time in one location. He is shown (above) holding a loving cup that was recently presented him by the Alabama Chain Stores Council in appreciation of his 35 years of outstanding service to the farmers and farm youth of his community.

The 1953 convention marks the 26th national FFA meeting in Kansas City. The first one, held in November, 1928, was the FFA's "constitutional" meeting when a few vocational agriculture students and their advisers met in the old Baltimore Hotel to approve a constitution and elect officers for a national Future Farmers of America organization.

The Future Farmer movement had started several years earlier when students of vocational agriculture in rural high schools throughout the nation started forming local "ag clubs," and similar organizations with a wide variety of names. Teachers soon found that in addition to their recreational and social value, the boys' organization could be used to stimulate the interest of the students in their studies and work, help them develop leadership, and promote citizenship.

Many State associations of vocational agriculture student organizations had been formed by 1928. The national meeting was simply the logical development of a movement that had begun many years earlier.

By 1937 FFA conventions had become so large that no hotel had facilities for handling the meetings. The conventions were moved to Kansas City's big Municipal Auditorium, and they've been held there since that time. Six to seven thousand of the organization's 363,369 members attend the conventions annually. A crowd of 10,000 is expected this year because of the Anniversary.



PICTURED ABOVE is the State FFA Executive Committee while they were in session during a recent meeting in Auburn. They are (from left to right) Ralph Barrett, president; Cameron Lyle, vice-president; Bryant Byrd, secretary; Kenneth Copeland, treasurer; Douglas Rigney, reporter; and T. L. Faulkner, Executive Secretary.

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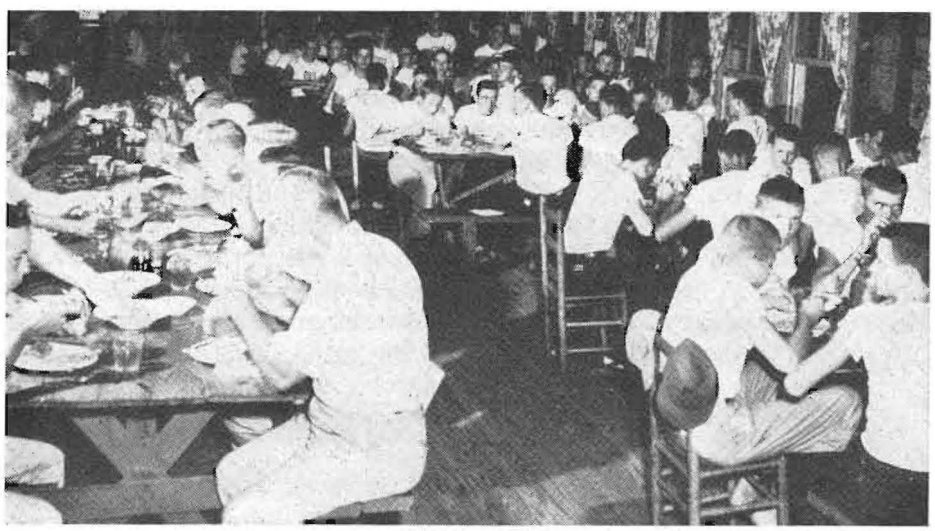
Our FFA Purposes—A Challenge

1. **To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership**—Now what could be more important to you than preparing yourself for a successful future.
2. **To create and nurture a love of country life**—Many of you are at an age that country life may seem uninteresting. You may be faced with some hardships, therefore you should learn the better ways and appreciation for country living. After all, you will be our farmers of tomorrow.
3. **To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work**—Everyone must have confidence in themselves and their work in order to achieve happiness and success. Sound FFA programs will strengthen the confidence of its members.
4. **To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farm occupations**—Selecting the right farming occupations is necessary to a young man's success in farming. Everyone has his likes and dislikes. It is always important to select occupations one likes and also those that have a practical future.
5. **To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming.**—Our FFA Motto—Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve. Our individual farming programs are the necessary devices to achieve this purpose, as referred to in our motto.
6. **To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings**—When we study about and see good homes and beautiful surroundings, it is just natural that we want to do something about it.
7. **To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture**—We should always be encouraged to help improve anything relating to our own profession. Worthwhile undertakings in this connection should be provided for all FFA members.
8. **To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism**—FFA provides a wonderful opportunity to develop the thinking and character of all members. It is just a natural. In class, in FFA meetings, on fishing and other trips, this should be one outstanding objective.
9. **To participate in cooperative effort**—Again, we learn by doing. We should therefore have practical training and experience in cooperative effort.
10. **To encourage and practice thrift**—Thrift is one secret to success. To earn is one thing, but to be thrifty with our savings and investments is another. Training and experience in both are necessary to insure success and happiness.
11. **To enourage improvement in scholarship**—A good Vo-Ag teacher is usually the boy's most effective teacher. His encouragement can go a long way toward getting him to study and make good grades in school. His personal interest in the individual boys will encourage them to study and work hard. The cooperative spirit of the chapter tends to encourage boys to make better scholars.
12. **To provide for and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.** The old saying is "All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy." For this reason a well-planned recreational program is necessary for the development of FFA members, both mentally and physically.

Now don't you think the 12 points listed above are extremely important in the development of the "Successful Farmers of Tomorrow, which are the Future Farmers of Today"?

SHOWN ABOVE (at right) is Mr. Grady Cleveland of Centreville and one of the instructors at the Forestry Camp, showing the FFA boys the latest methods of planting pine seedlings in order for them to live.

SHOWN ABOVE (at center) is instructor J. M. McCullough giving the FFA boys instructions on how to kill trees. This was during the annual Forestry Camp.



IT'S MEAL TIME as shown above at the Annual Forestry Camp.

State Forestry Camp Most Outstanding Yet

A total of 101 FFA members representing 65 counties in Alabama attended the Eighth Annual Forestry Camp at Camp Grist in the Valley Creek State Park north of Selma, August 2-8.

First held in 1946, the camp is held every year for those Future Farmers who have shown or demonstrated an interest in forestry by including forestry projects in their supervised farming program in vocational agriculture. It's purpose is to encourage better care and improved practices on the woodlands of Alabama farms.

Topics the farm youths studied while at the Forestry Camp include tree identification, tree planting, forest fire prevention and control, first aid and farm safety, harvesting, utilization and marketing forest products, and other related subjects. The FFA boys will also enjoy many contests and athletic events.

Members of the teaching staff at the Forestry Camp are: Dawson Jennings, Area Forester, Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association; D. Virgil Willett, Conservation Forester, Gulf States Paper Corporation; J. G. Burns, Forester, Hollingsworth and Whitney Paper Company; Boyd Arnold, Conservation Forester, Southern Kraft Division, International Paper Company; Ken Rolston, Forester, Coosa River Newsprint Company; J. W. Beall, Project Forester, Alabama Department of Conservation; John M. McCullough, Acting Chief, Forest Management, Alabama Department of Conservation; Grady G. Cleveland, Assistant State Forester (retired), Centreville; L. L. Smith, District Forester, Alabama Department of Conservation; Knox Davis, Assistant District Forester, Alabama Department of Conservation; and Arnold Leak, District Forester, Alabama Department of Conservation.

During the week these husky FFA boys who hailed from all over the state, learned something about almost every phase of timber management.

They learned how to cruise timber, how to fight forest fires, how to identify trees, and how to plant.

Fire Fighting Class

Sitting in groups under the trees, they listened as a veteran forest fire fighter described how fire lines were used to check fires and told them that burned timber means "money out of everybody's pocket."

They learned about snakes, too, and curiously inquired about "stinger" snakes they had heard about. Then they took turns in swathing each other in bandages until some of the boys looked like Egyptian mummies.

Instructors said the group was one of the most attentive they have seen at the annual camp.

Time for Sports

The camp wasn't all study, though. A good part of the day was spent at volleyball, softball, tennis, basketball, swimming, ping-pong and other sports.

Each of the cabins into which the youngsters were divided provided a volleyball, softball and basketball team, and the lake below the camp was practically empty of swimmers as the teams fought it out for the camp championships.

'Chief Forester' Named

Friday climaxed the camp activities. Claude Nall, of Red Level, was named "Chief Forester."

With this honor went a $60 wrist watch. Next place, a rod and reel prize, was taken by Bennie Grimes of Enterprise, the "Assistant Chief Forester."

Champion wood sawer was Billy Mendenhall, Thomaston. He was awarded a bow saw. Leon Peoples, Moundville, received an ax for placing first in the wood chopping contest.

Other Winners

Other contest winners were: Hog calling, George Johnson, Pell City; archery, Tommy Murphy, McAdory; ping pong, Deward Averett; box hockey, Rodney Rudd, Florala; water jousting, Harry Fuller, Livingston and Joe Leopard, East Limstone; dead man's float, Mickey Davis, Clanton; horseshoes, Raleigh Loper, Chatom and Tommy Jenkins, Munford; and swimming, Ted Hallmark. Leon Peoples, Moundville, qualified for sharpshooter in the National Rifle Association of America.

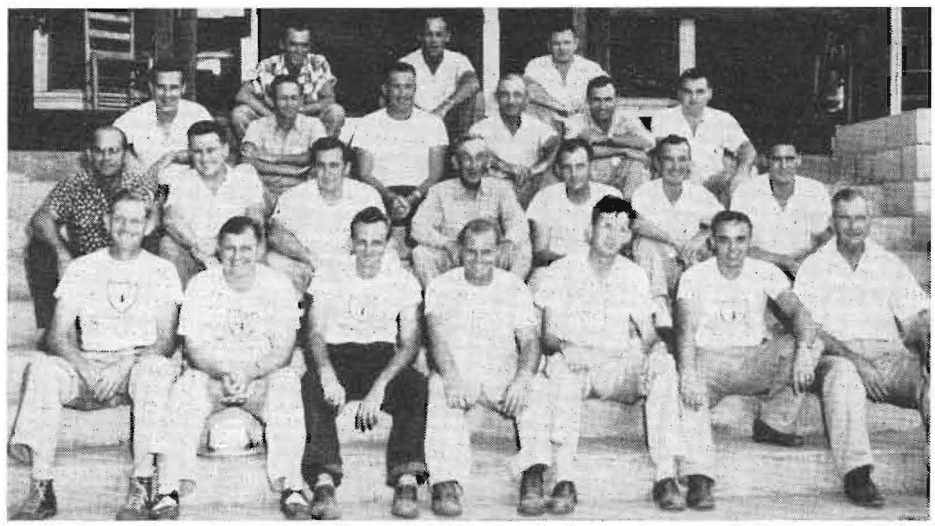
Other contests in which all boys in each cabin participated were: basketball, softball, volley ball, and tug of war.

J. M. Stauffer, State Forester, said the camp was administered by the Alabama Division of Forestry and that it is sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and its member mills in Alabama. They are: Gulf States Paper Corp., Tuscaloosa; Hollingsworth Whitney Co., Mobile; Southern Kraft Division of International Paper Co., Mobile; and Coosa River Newsprint Co., Coosa Pines.

Vo-Ag Teachers Attend

Nine teachers of vocational agriculture in the state also attended the camp. They were: J. D. Duke, Smith Station; M. C. Oliver, Cotaco; J. H. Lockhart, Danville; J. L. Parish, Geneva; J. D. Granger, Red Level; Ernest Dyess, Suttle; E. C. Henson, Citronelle; E. F. Winter, Lyeffion; and C. W. Killough, Linden.

THE GREENSBORO FFA String Band visits the FFA boys at the Forestry Camp and entertains them during one of the night sessions. Their local adviser is T. C. Smith.



SHOWN ABOVE are the instructors for the 8th Annual FFA Forestry Camp. Their names are given in the write-up on the opposite page.

HERE ARE the winners of various contests held during the Annual Forestry Camp. Their names appear in the write-up at left.

FFA Contest and Awards Won by Chapters the Past Year

ALBERTVILLE CHAPTER – 4th place Dairy Cattle Judging.

ALICEVILLE CHAPTER – 1st place Speaking Contest; 3rd place Forestry Contest; 1st place Star Reporter.

ARAB CHAPTER – 1st place Soil and Water Management; 2nd place Farm Safety; Future Farmer of the Year.

ARDMORE CHAPTER – 1st place Dairy Cattle Judging.

ASHFORD CHAPTER – 3rd place Speaking Contest.

ASHLAND CHAPTER – 1st place Home Improvement.

BAKER HILL CHAPTER – 3rd place FFA Quiz.

BEAUREGARD CHAPTER – 3rd place Home Improvement.

BEULAH CHAPTER – State FFA Secretary – 1953-54.

BOAZ CHAPTER – State FFA Treasurer – 1953-54; District Star Farmer.

BRIDGEPORT CHAPTER – 2nd place Speaking Contest.

CAMP HILL CHAPTER – District Star Farmer.

CARROLLTON CHAPTER – 3rd place Electrification.

CITRONELLE CHAPTER – District Star Farmer.

CORNER CHAPTER – State FFA President – 1953-54.

COTTONWOOD CHAPTER – 5th place Electrification.

CULLMAN CHAPTER – 4th place Hog Judging.

DADEVILLE CHAPTER – 3rd place Quartet.

DOUGLAS CHAPTER – 4th place Star Reporter.

EAST BREWTON CHAPTER – 1st place Quartet.

EAST LIMESTONE CHAPTER – District Star Farmer.

ECLECTIC CHAPTER – State FFA Vice-President – 1953-54.

EUFAULA CHAPTER – 1st place String Band.

FAYETTE CHAPTER – 4th place Forestry Contest.

FLOMATON CHAPTER – 4th place Speaking Contest; 3rd place String Band; 2nd place Radio Program.

GENEVA CHAPTER – Gold Emblem Chapter Contest; State Star Farmer; 2nd place Farm Mechanics; 2nd place Home Improvement.

GOODWATER CHAPTER – 2nd place Hog Judging.

GREENSBORO CHAPTER – 4th place String Band; 1st place Radio Program; 5th place FFA Quiz.

GROVE HILL CHAPTER – 4th place FFA Quiz; 1st place Electrification; 2nd place Forestry Contest.

HOLLY POND CHAPTER – 3rd place Beef Cattle Judging; 3rd place Star Dairy Farmer.

JASPER CHAPTER – 2nd place Beef Cattle Judging; 2nd place Electrification.

LINDEN CHAPTER – 3rd place Star Reporter.

LUVERNE CHAPTER – 3rd place Hog Judging.

McADORY CHAPTER – 4th place Electrification.

MARION CHAPTER – 1st place Beef Cattle Judging.

MILLRY CHAPTER – State FFA Reporter – 1953-54; 4th place Soil and Water Management; 4th place Farm Safety.

MILLTOWN CHAPTER – 4th place Beef Cattle Judging.

MONTEVALLO CHAPTER – Silver Emblem Chapter Contest.

ORRVILLE CHAPTER – 1st place Star Dairy Farmer.

OZARK CHAPTER – 3rd place Farm Safety.

PALMETTO CHAPTER – 2nd place Soil and Water Management.

PELL CITY CHAPTER – Bronze Emblem Chapter Contest; 3rd place Dairy Cattle Judging; 4th place Star Dairy Farmer; 2nd place Star Reporter.

PINE APPLE CHAPTER – 2nd place Dairy Cattle Judging.

RAMER CHAPTER – 4th place Radio Program.

REFORM CHAPTER – 4th place Quartet.

RIVERTON CHAPTER – Gold Emblem Chapter Contest; 1st place Farm Safety; 1st place Hog Judging.

ROCKFORD CHAPTER – 3rd place Farm Mechanics.

STEVENSON CHAPTER – 1st place Farm Mechanics.

STRAUGHN CHAPTER – 2nd place Star Dairy Farmer.

SULLIGENT CHAPTER – 3rd place Soil and Water Management.

SUTTLE CHAPTER – 1st place Forestry Contest.

TANNER CHAPTER – 2nd place Quartet; 4th place Farm Mechanics.

THOMASVILLE CHAPTER – 5th place Home Improvement.

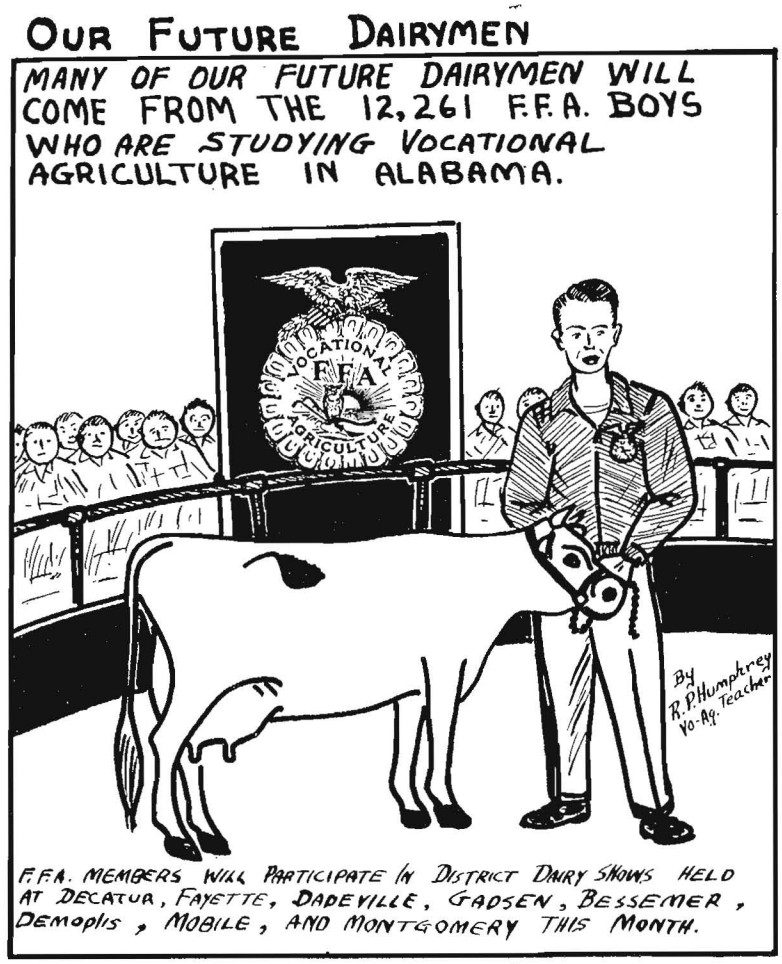
TOWN CREEK CHAPTER – 2nd place FFA Quiz.

VERNON CHAPTER – Bronze Emblem Chapter Contest.

WALNUT GROVE CHAPTER – 1st place FFA Quiz.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER – Silver Emblem Chapter Contest; 4th place Home Improvement.

WINFIELD CHAPTER – 2nd place String Band; 3rd place Radio Program.



DeKalb County Chapters Praised by Local Editor

by J. A. DOWNER
(Reprint from DeKalb Times, June 10, 1953)

Before us is the June-July issue of The Alabama Future Farmer. This publication is the official state organ of The Future Farmers of America, FFA for short. An interesting feature of this particular issue is a list of FFA Chapters in Alabama, ranked according to membership.

A DeKalb County FFA Chapter, Geraldine, is the number one group in all Alabama, from a membership standpoint. Geraldine has 117 members, 11 ahead of the chapter in second position, which is Heflin with 106 members.

We scanned the list of chapters, arranged according to membership rank, to see how other DeKalb County chapters rank. Tied for 22nd place are the Crossville and Ider chapters with 71 members each. In 73rd place is Valley Head with 56 members – and there are 252 chapters in the state. Sylvania ranks 103rd place with 52 members. Ranking 184th is Collinsville with 37 members, and tied for 195th place are Fort Payne (DeKalb High) and Fyffe with 35 members each.

The total FFA membership in Alabama is 12,261. Of this total DeKalb County has 474 members. Average membership for the state's 67 counties is 183. We haven't the time to check to see whether our county is the top county in the state in FFA membership, but it would be safe to say that we're near the top, if not actually there.

We're not as familiar as we should be with the aims and objects of the FFA movement. But we judge that it is made up of young fellows who are farm-reared and who plan to make a career of farming. When we reflect upon our dependence on the soil and those who till it, it is hard to imagine an organization more important to our future well being than the Future Farmers of America. So, blessings on you fellows – you couldn't have a worthier ambition than to stay on the land and work it.

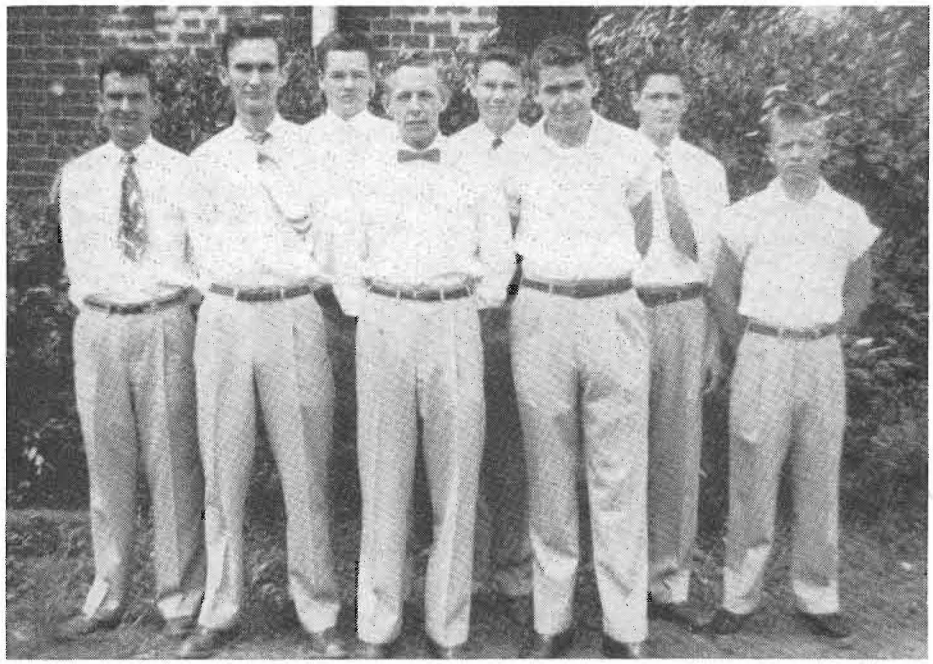
———FFA———

Letter to Editor

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

I am enclosing a check for $17.00 for 68 1-year subscriptions to the National Future Farmer Magazine. We have the magazine going into the home of every FFA member.

Yours truly,
J. J. Lewis, Adviser
Blountsville FFA



SHOWN ABOVE are members of the FFA chapter of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind. This is the only chapter of FFA for the deaf in the United States. There are 26 active members of this chapter and indications are that there will be more soon.

These FFA boys come from all parts of Alabama and live at the school for 9 months and at home the other 3 months. These members have many farming interests.

The members shown above are interested in wool and sheep production. They recently visited a woolen mill in Talladega and the manager gave them each enough cloth to make a pair of pants and also employed a tailor to make them. They are shown above with the new pants from the woolen mills.

They are (from left to right, front row): Jim Evans, Allen Brewer, Kenneth Johnson, Charles Estes; back row (same order): Johnnie McClendon, Odis Tucker, L. G. Tucker, and Lonnie Ford.

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FFA Roundup...

CHEROKEE COUNTY

Cherokee County FFA organization held a meeting recently at the Centre vocational agriculture department building with all five of the county FFA chapters represented.

Heading the order of business to come before the group was the electing of officers for the coming year. The following county officers were elected: Connis Ross Parris, president, from the Cedar Bluff chapter; Charles Young, vice president, Centre; Sonny Lewis, secretary, Gaylesville; J. W. Bailey, treasurer, Sand Rock; Edward Arrington, reporter, Spring Garden; and A. C. Teague, vocational agriculture teacher at Cedar Bluff High School, county adviser.

The county group also set up a program of work and appointed the following committees: A program of work committee, athletic committee, soil conservation committee, field day committee, and contest committee.

Advisers for the various committees were the following vocational agriculture teachers: D. P. Whitten, Centre, field day; S. E. Pate, Sand Rock, program of work; Jack Elrod, Gaylesville, contest; J. C. Hollis, Spring Garden, conservation; and A. C. Teague, Cedar Bluff, athletic committee.

SULLIGENT

With the new enrollment of 55 students in vocational agriculture, it is expected that FFA will have a good year at Sulligent High School, according to Bobby Harris, FFA Reporter. The FFA membership is climbing each year and the goal of the chapter is to have more FFA members than Vo-Ag students, states Bobby.

The watermelon cutting which is always held the first week of school by the FFA chapter at Sulligent was held the night of September 3, under the lights of the vocational building. The FHA girls were on hand to enjoy the first get-together of FFA and FHA this year.

ONEONTA

The Oneonta FFA chapter has erected three road signs urging the public to help prevent forest fires and keep Blount County green. These signs were placed on highways leading to Oneonta.

Improving and protecting forest lands in the Oneonta area is one of the goals set by the chapter, according to Thomas Mann, FFA Adviser. He states that during the past year the Future Farmers have set out 7,000 pine seedlings, constructed fire lanes around 20 acres of woodland, killed undesirable hardwood trees on 20 acres and sold 97 car tags bearing the inscription: "Prevent Forest Fires — Keep Alabama Green."

COLD SPRINGS

The gate was held wide open at the Denny Purdue farm recently to receive a choice bred gilt given to the Cold Springs FFA chapter by the Sears Roebuck Foundation for the beginning link of a purebred pig chain in the Cold Springs school area.

Donald, Mr. Purdue's oldest son, is an active Future Farmer and is taking care of the foundation gilt for the chapter.

The boys in the Cold Springs chapter are expecting great things of this newcomer in the community through the improvement of the quality of swine being produced in the community during the years ahead.

After the gilt farrows in September and weans her pigs, the female pigs will be given to deserving chapter members who are interested in swine production. Every boy who receives a gilt pig from the chapter will return one choice gilt pig to the chapter to be given to another FFA member or disposed of as the chapter considers best.

SAND ROCK

After making an educational and recreational tour to Miami, Florida in July, Future Farmers at Sand Rock are now plunging into their program of work for this school year, states Irby Puckett, chapter reporter.

Among the activities already held are an officers' training school, regular officer meeting, elected school store managers and appointed committees for socials, finance, and to plan the chapter's program of work.

Assisting the boys with the above activities is S. E. Pate, FFA Adviser at Sand Rock High School.

TOWN CREEK

New vigor was added to the Town Creek FFA Chapter recently when 22 Green Hands were added to the chapter membership. These boys are taking their first year of vocational agriculture and will contribute much to the activities of Town Creek Future Farmers during their coming years.

FFA Reporter, Henry I. Smith, states that the chapter is adding to the treasury by selling concessions at ball games.

Other activities already being planned for this year, according to John L. Yates, FFA Adviser, are: the chapter program of work for this year, Father-Son banquet, a pig chain, and several members are planning new pasture projects.

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Regional FFA Speaking Held in Alabama

Alabama was host to the Southern Region FFA public speaking contest September 8th. Four winning FFA speakers representing 12 Southern states met at the Autauga County High School in Prattville and competed for the honor of representing the Southern Region in the national contest which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, during the National FFA Convention.

Presiding at the event was Cameron Lyle, Eclectic, vice-president of Alabama FFA Association. Zane Turner, principal, Autauga High School, officially welcomed the guests to Prattville. J. C. Cannon, state supervisor of vocational agriculture in Alabama, introduced the guests.

Winners of this contest were as follows: 1st. Phillip S. Anderson, Jr., from Marked Tree, Arkansas, "The Benevolent Monster"; 2nd. Dean Joseph Poucher, Columbia, South Carolina, "A Matter of Life or Death"; 3rd. Kenneth Musgrove from Newton, Georgia, "Soil Health — A Moral Responsibility"; and 4th. Jerry Brock, Groveton, Texas, "The Agricultural Phase of the Point Four Plan."

Judges for the contest were: Dr. J. C. Blair, Chairman, Director of Negro Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery; E. H. Wilson, Director of Agriculture, Alabama State Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery; and J. F. Ingram, State Supervisor, Vocational Industrial Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery.

Timekeeper was B. P. Dilworth, and consultant was T. L. Faulkner, Auburn.

The Prattville FFA Chapter was in charge of arrangements. Their FFA Adviser is H. Y. Grooms.

—FFA—

FFA Forestry Contest

State Winner.....JOHN WILLIAM POE
Suttle

Project Accomplishments:
- Planted 11,000 seedlings
- Pruned 6 acres
- Thinned 9 acres
- Selectively cut 5 acres
- Products harvested:
  - 3,800 bd. ft. sawlogs
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Grove Hill

Third Place.....CHARLES ABSTON
Aliceville

Fourth Place.....JIMMY YOUNG
Fayette

SHOWN ABOVE (at right) is M. Thornton, local adviser for the Montevallo chapter with one of the local members and some officers of the Alabama Flying Farmers Association. The Montevallo chapter recently was host to a meeting of the Flying Farmers. Members of the local FFA chapter were taken for a plane ride during the day.

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Alabama Polytechnic Institute will be getting its share of last year's State FFA Officers when freshmen enroll at the Village of the Plains this fall. At present three of last year's top FFA'ers are slated to begin their college work at API, all studying some phase of agriculture. Another will get off some work at a Junior college while the fifth is somewhat in doubt at the present time.

Last year's president, Winfred Davis, Milltown, will study agricultural engineering. Millard Latham, Palmetto, former vice-president, will also take some phase of agriculture at Auburn and Roy Sims, former reporter will take up agricultural science at the state agricultural college.

Charles Wall, ex-treasurer from Hayden, plans to do some work at Snead Junior College, Boaz, before moving into his field of specialization.

The plans of Bob Molette, Orrville, last year's secretary, are not known.

These farm youths are emphasizing their belief "in the future of farming" by advanced study in the field of agriculture and will no doubt find their places some day among our farm leaders.

Tractor Derby Held At Reform

The FFA Tractor Derby held at Reform was witnessed by about 300 spectators who saw that a great deal of skill is required to properly handle a tractor. Nineteen farm youths were trying for top tractor driving honors. Each had to drive a tractor pulling a two-wheel trailer down a difficult course and then back into a simulated garage with about three inches of clearance on each side.

L. J. Howell, vocational agriculture teacher at Reform, was general chairman of the day's activities. The Tractor Derby was sponsored by the Standard Oil Company with their agricultural representative E. L. Riddick on hand to hold the contest.

Champion tractor driver named at the derby was Billy Don Robinson, from the Millport FFA Chapter. Second place honors went to Don Howell, Hamilton and third place winner was Jimmy Seay, Millport. The first place winner was awarded a cup with the other winners receiving a plaque.

Before the derby for the FFA members, the boys got quite a laugh at seeing their FFA advisers compete with their tractor driving skill.

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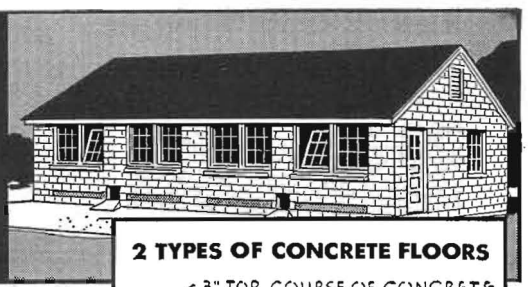

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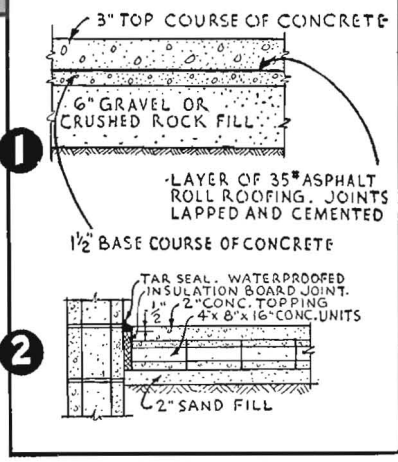

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Grandpa Simpkins was sort of absent-minded, so his wife wasn't too surprised when he came in from a walk to the post-office and announced that he guessed he'd lost his umbrella. "When did you first miss it?" Grandma wanted to know.

"Just now," replied Grandpa. "It stopped raining and I reached up to put it down and it wasn't there."

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The tongue, being in a wet place, is likely to slip when going fast.

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A tourist in Kentucky called to an old resident: "Hey, uncle, how far is it to Lexington?"

"I dunno, mister, it used to be about 25 miles, but the way things has gone up around here it may be near 40 by now."

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A Scotchman upon entering a harness shop asked for a single spur.

"What use is one spur?" asked the clerk.

"Well," replied Sandy, "If I can get one side of the horse to go, the other side will have to come with it."

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McPherson: "I thought your son was to be an ear specialist – now he tells me he's studying dentistry, what changed his mind?"

Sandy: "I dunno, Mack, all I ever said was, 'people have 32 teeth and only 2 ears'."

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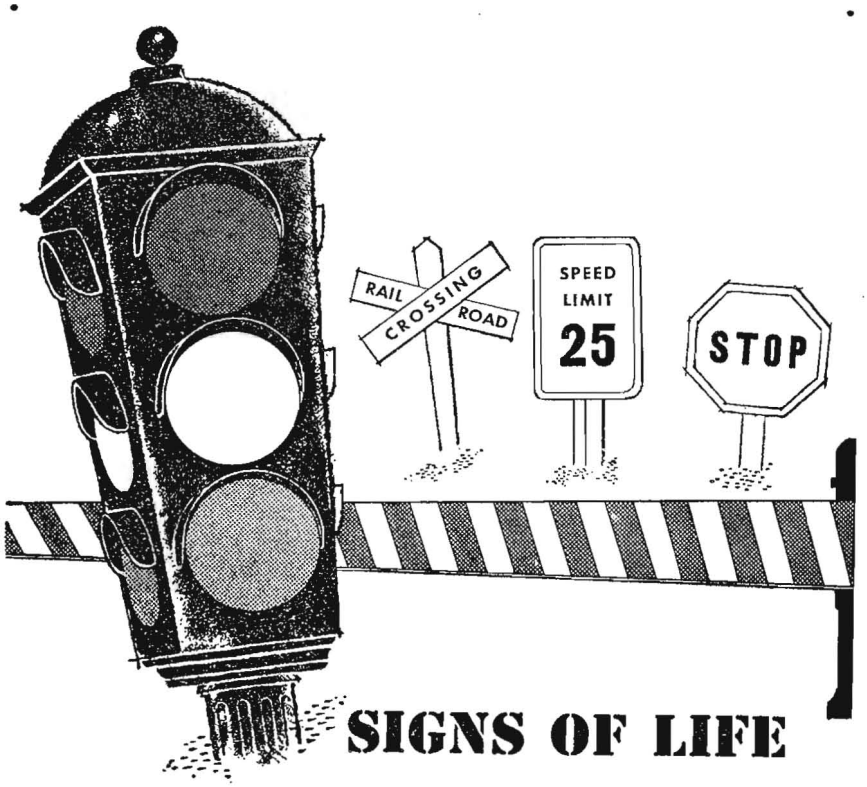
PICTURED ABOVE is the Champion County exhibit at the Fayette District show. They were all members from the Winfield chapter. From left to right they are Joe Byars, Lex Webster, Hubert Hocutt, James Byars, Dale Harbin and W. B. Webster. Their local adviser is W. D. Hunt.



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AKRON—three members and adviser attended State Convention; planned summer outing and schedule for officer training class; ordered new FFA Handbooks, membership badges, and welcome signs for highway; held officers training meeting.

ALBERTVILLE—held two chapter meetings; elected officers; studying Dairy Judging; cleaned and repainted seven farm tractors in shop; repaired and painted two tractor trailers; entered five Sears gilts in hog show at State fair; working on sale of advertising to raise funds to purchase shop saw; bave coke machine to use in raising funds.

ARAB—held regular summer meeting; have 29 new members in first year class; began Saturday Dairy Judging classes; have been working on Community Picnic area; held officers training meeting; organized quartet; ordered 35 FFA Manuals.

ARLEY—started membership drive; planning bus trip to State Fair; have opened up post treating plant; had one staff meeting; assisting in improvement of ball park; made one fishing expedition during summer; Jerry Kilpatrick is making progress with his 20,000 broiler project.

BEAR CREEK — 20 new members; held 2 chapter meetings; purchased officers pins for all officers; purchased one Ansco Viking and one Argus C-3 35mm. camera.

BLOUNTSVILLE—33 Green Hand members of Jr. III class paid dues; every eligible FFA member in school has paid dues for 1953-54; chapter gave FFA-FHA weiner roast for Jr. III members, about 125 people attended; installed public address system in stadium; earned $180 from concession stand since school started; purchased 26 wall charts for class room instruction.

BRIDGEPORT—plans are being made for local FFA hog show, to add variety to the show, prize layers and turkeys belonging to local members will be exhibited; looking forward to a successful year of FFA work. Mr. Freeman, adviser, reports that 27 new members are to be initiated; anticipating participation in Jackson County FFA organization, Bridgeport will furnish the treasurer for the county organization during the coming year.

CAMDEN — two members attended forestry camp; planned for meeting to include future members.

CARLOWVILLE—two members and adviser attended FFA Convention; 2 members received State Farmer Degree; mowed vocational grounds; Joe Small elected to attend Forestry Camp.

CARROLLTON—ordered official FFA manuals, secretary and treasurers book, and parliamentary procedure books; had an entry in the Reform Tractor Derby.

CITRONELLE — getting calves ready for Dairy Show; fallowed land for fall grazing crops at school; made plans for feed and chickens to be raised at school for FFA banquet; planned program for next meeting.

CLEVELAND—initiated 20 Green Hands; entering contest at Bessemer Livestock Festival; raised $54.00 in Scrap Iron Drive; planning trip to Florida during cotton picking vacation; planned program for next meeting.

PICTURED ABOVE (at left) is Hubert Hocutt of the Winfield chapter with his Jr. champion of the Jersey district dairy show held at Fayette. At right is Dale Harbin with his Senior champion in the same show.

CLIO—held chapter meeting; elected officers; Charles Long received a pig from the Sears pig chain; Hamp Kicklighter, Bobby Strickland and R. J. Chandler repainted the welcome sign on the county line, changing it from white with green letters to blue with orange letters and orange border; Hamp Kicklighter and R. J. Chandler cleaned the school grounds and building; several members used the school shop this month for building pick-up bodies, welding, etc.; sponsored square dances to make money for the chapter; had wire recorder repaired.

CORNER—held guidance meeting; made plans and elected Queen for Bessemer Corn Festival; president of State FFA who is a member of our chapter spoke before Birmingham Civitan Club; the dairy judging team was selected to judge dairy cattle at Bessemer.

DADEVILLE—two members entered Tractor Derby; Donald Caldwell and Joe Strickland represented Tallapoosa County at the State Forestry Camp.

DOUBLE SPRINGS—held one regular meeting; elected officers for 1953-54; FFA Dairy Judging Team won first place in Winston County purebred dairy cattle show; will enter district contest at Decatur; Donald Fraizer won showmanship award in County Dairy Show, will compete in district contest; already have 31 boys in FFA.

DOUGLAS—received radial saw, water pump and lathe; put in 4 electrical outlets; received new electrical panel; held open house at the shop, Coca-Cola, Nehi and Dr. Pepper bottling companies furnished drinks; planned initiation.

FIVE POINTS — participated in LaFayette softball league for summer recreation activities; getting three Hampshire pigs ready for state fair in Birmingham and Chattahoochie Exposition; planning booth for Chattahoochie Exposition; sold two registered Hampshire pigs; member bought one registered Jersey cow and a three-month-old heifer.

FORT DEPOSIT—painted classroom and shop tables; planned to become member of Duroc Breeders Association; plan to get additional filmstrips for classroom use; plan to plant crimson clover on FFA pasture; repaired shop tools.

GAYLESVILLE—elected new officers; had watermelon slicing; set date for initiation; sent member to forestry camp; set up program of work; elected secretary to serve in county meeting.

GENEVA—Charles Pritchett, chapter mem-

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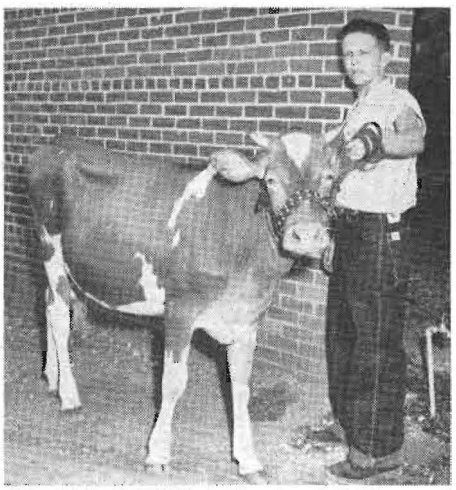
ber, selected to play in the National FFA Band in Kansas City in October; three chapter members participated in the tractor derby at the REA Fair in Hartford; held one chapter meeting; members made a two-day camping trip to the gulf; cooperated in conducting a story hour for children at the city library; published three news articles; Franklin Galloway and adviser, J. L. Parish, attended the Forestry Camp; submitted chapter report of accomplishments and scrapbook in National Chapter Contest; began officers training course.

GREENVILLE—held regular meeting; selected boy to enter FFA Tractor Derby; discussed the better corn crops for this year.

GURLEY—held initiation for 13 new members; held officers training meeting; had watermelon cutting; held concession at football



SHOWN ABOVE is Stanley McAdams of the Millport chapter who won first place in FFA Showmanship at the Fayette Dairy Show.

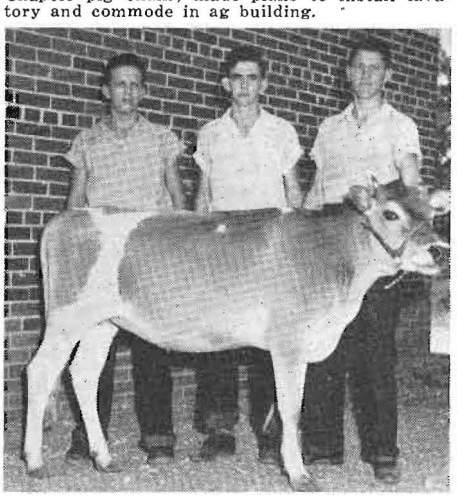
game; gave pins to Green Hands; plan to issue pins to Chapter Farmers.

HACKLEBURG—collecting dues the second day of school; setting up goals for the Reporter; training new officers; wired the shop side of the building; had joint FFA-FHA get-acquainted party; sent one article to newspaper; helped get new football stadium ready for first game; planning quartet and string band; 100 per cent Ag students paid members.

HOLLY POND—several members enjoyed a deep sea fishing trip in Panama City; chapter held one regular meeting; plans made to raise money to buy an electric welder for the shop; dairy judging team won first place in county and will represent Cullman County in the District contest.

JEMISON—held officers meeting to plan the activities for 1953-54; assisted other chapters in exhibit for county fair.

LEROY—held officers meeting and discussed duties of each; ordered FFA manuals and supplies; have 4 gilts and one sow to place in Chapter pig chain; made plans to install lavatory and commode in ag building.



HERE is the Champion FFA Judging team of the Fayette Dairy Show. They are from the Millport chapter and are (from left to right) Stanley McAdams, Floyd Leonard and Dan Richards.

LINDEN—held tractor derby; adviser attended Forestry Camp; Carl Hill won 2nd place at Tractor Derby; band played at Fiddlers Convention.

PISGAH — ordered 20 official manuals; attended county FFA meeting; held regular meeting; selling candy and drinks; ordered band saw for shop; held county FFA meeting; held regular chapter meetings; made two tables for home ec department; played softball in county league; made plans for FFA hog show at school; made trip to Chattanooga to ball game; held officers training class.

PLEASANT HOME—bought 15 manuals; official treasurers and secretarys book purchased and two roadside signs and a 3 x 6 meeting room banner; registered five pigs in "pig chain."

RIVERTON—had five chapter meetings; 21 Green Hands initiated; served 127 members and guests at the annual chicken supper; joint FFA party; gave chapter program; had five officer meetings visited projects of several members.

ROGERSVILLE—helped build a 22 x 96 ft. barn which will be used to show livestock at the Annual School and Community Fair; elected new officers; several boys plan to show their livestock.

SAND ROCK — held two chapter meetings;

STANDING in the above picture is J. L. Parish, Geneva FFA Adviser. Others (from left to right, inspecting their chapter FFA scrapbook and program accomplishments for the past year are J. E. Johnson, D. H. Ward, Jim Johnson, Jr., J. L. Mulkey and Bob Sidwell.

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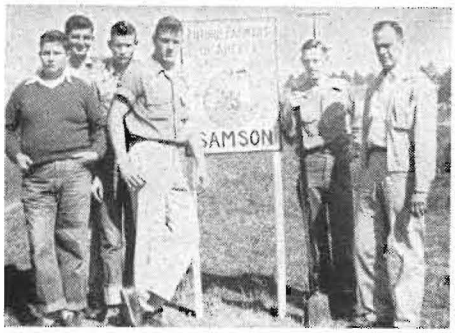
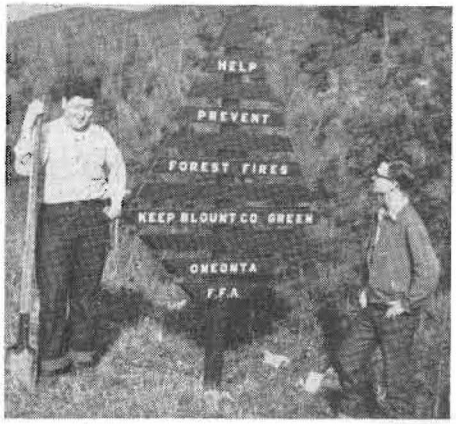


SAMSON FFA members erect road signs.

held joint FFA and FHA picnic; elected county treasurer; planned ice cream supper September 5; ordered FFA rings and officers pins; ordered official FFA jackets.

SOUTHSIDE—plan to enter 5 Duroc pigs in the show at Birmingham sponsored by Sears Roebuck; one member is going to enter three calves in the Dairy Show at Gadsden; made annual summer trip and saw the Purina Experimental Farm in St. Louis and many other points of interest; one boy had a pig chain gilt to farrow 12 pigs; looking for pigs in September from Duroc sow at school.

SULLIGENT—three members and adviser attended State Convention; Billy Ray Frye and adviser, S. J. Gibbs, attended Birmingham News Barbecue for County Fat Stock Show winners, Billy Ray received $100 to purchase next year's calf; Charles Gilmer spoke at the Birmingham News Barbecue; Herbert Scott won area tractor Derby; Herman Stanford won 3rd place and $70 in State Soil & Water Management contest; Bob Weeks made state farmer; 3 members entered County Dairy Show and won $41.60 prize money; opened school supply store August 31.



THE ONEONTA members are promoting Forest Fire Prevention in their community.

SUSAN MOORE—held two meetings; placed chapter sow with new member; gave away three gilts of the FFA pig chain to members; agreement made to sell the boar pigs; entered a girl in the Queen Bess contest at Bessemer; plan to show 9 cows in the Bessemer Corn and Livestock Show; will initiate members in September.

TOWN CREEK—elected 22 Green Hands; holding officers training school September 10-11 at Wheeler Dam; held two regular meetings; won second place in the State Quiz contest; selling concessions at ball games; setting up activity program for year; plan to have Father-Son banquet; starting a pig chain; several members planning new pasture projects.

CECIL BOBO of the Hubbertville chapter is shown along with a sign he has just erected, "A Future Farmer Lives Here." All 52 FFA members of the Hubbertville chapter are erecting these signs at their homes. They were given to the boys by the Citizens Bank of Fayette, Alabama.

VERNON—have 16 new members to initiate as Green Hands; adviser is drawing series of educational cartoons to appear in state newspapers on Vo-Ag and FFA work in Alabama.

VINA—had joint watermelon cutting with FHA, 100 members attended; chapter bought 620 Kodak camera for use in chapter; collecting FFA dues.

WATERLOO—held two meetings; committee worked on activity program; erected sign for Sears Hereford bull; planning FFA-FHA exhibit at State Fair; initiated 19 Green Hands; started work on FFA brood house for poultry as one means of raising finance; several members attended opening of shop at T. M. Rogers school; had joint social with FHA; requested local postmaster to order a supply of FFA postal stamps; planning radio program for October to open sale of the FFA postal stamps.

WEDOWEE—Tonny Messer and Harold Bates are entering tractor derby at LaFayette; painted cabinet for classroom; built boxes to file reference material; castrated two bulls; wormed 4 hogs; lined off football field; placed one pig in pig chain; registered one pig in chain.

WICKSBURG—held one meeting; made preparation to send one member, Sonny Gilmore, to FFA Forestry Camp; started community shop.

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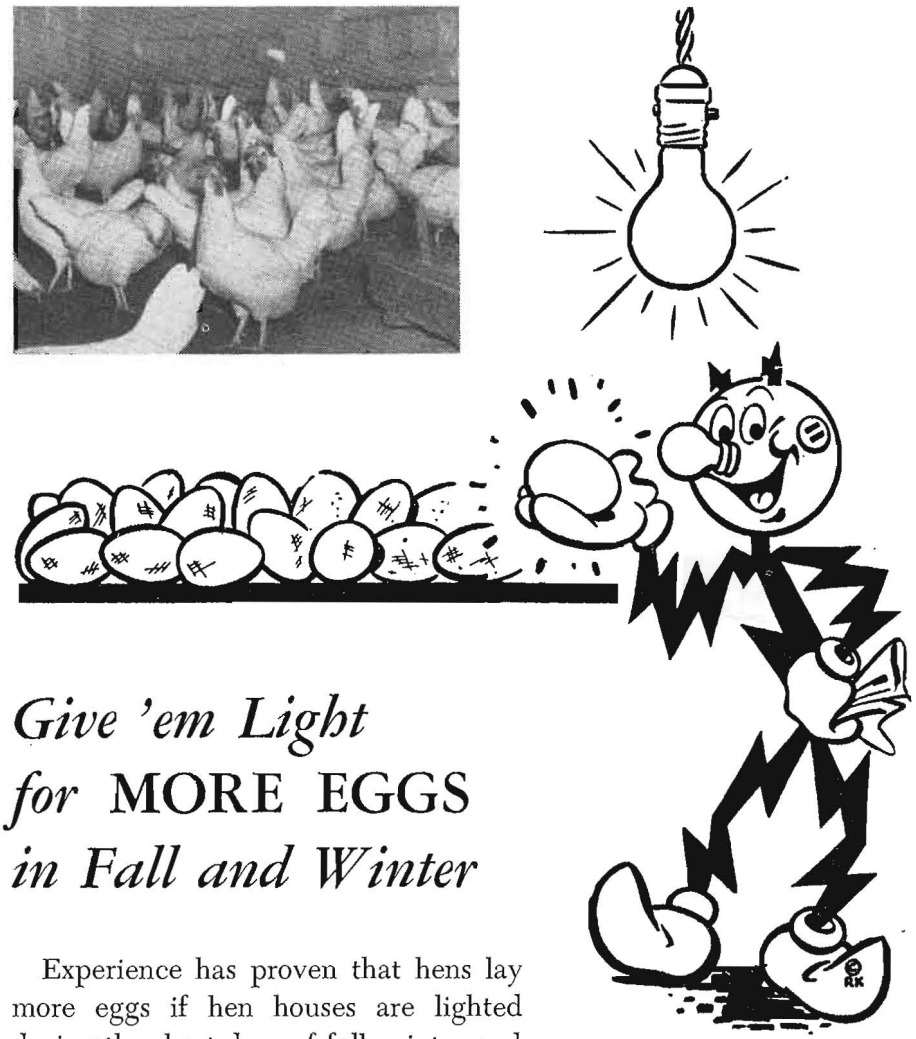

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