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# Future Farmers Salute . . .



R. E. CAMMACK

## R. E. Cammack 35 Years Service to Vo-Ag

R. E. Cammack, State Director, Vocational Education, Montgomery, has given 35 years of his life in service to Vocational Agriculture and FFA. His progressive efforts and influence have reached every corner of Alabama and throughout the nation.

Mr. Cammack has been an inspiration and a great influence to the growth and progress of FFA. He served as State Adviser from its beginning in Alabama until 1945 when he was appointed to his present position.

For several years he served as a member of the National FFA Advisory Council and holds the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

In 1943 R. E. Cammack was named by the Progressive Farmer magazine "Man of the Year" in service to agriculture in Alabama. This recognition comes only to the great agricultural leaders.

Mr. Cammack's continued interest and enthusiasm in Future Farmer work fully qualifies him for the greatest admiration and respect of all FFA members in Alabama . . . and he has it.

### National Convention Tops for Alabama

More than 10,000 Future Farmers of America members, advisers, and friends attended the 27th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-12. Alabama's record number in attendance was 76.

Alabama FFA can well be proud of many records this year on both a state and national level. The National winner in Farm and Home Electrification was Don Sanford, Jr., from Jasper, Alabama.

The Star Farmer of the South was Davis Henry from Sidney Lanier chapter. There were 13 local FFA Advisers from Alabama attending. Two Alabama men, Alexander Nunn, Editor, Progressive Farmer and J. P. Henry, father of Davis Henry, were awarded Honorary American Farmer Degrees.

Winfred Davis was a candidate for a national office. The Livestock judging

team from Riverton and Poultry team from Cullman represented Alabama. The Geneva and Riverton chapters won Gold emblem awards and the Montevallo chapter won Bronze in the National Chapter Contest. There were three members from Alabama in both the National Band and Chorus.

William D. Gunter, of Live Oak, Florida, was elected national FFA president for 1954-55. Other new officers are L. Philip Brouillette, Richford, Vermont, student secretary, and the four vice presidents: Charles W. Anken, Holland Patent, New York; Bobby Futrelle, Mt. Olive, North Carolina; Lowell Gisselbeck, Watertown, South Dakota, and Jay Wright, Alamo, Nevada.

The nation's outstanding farm boy award to Burd Schantz, 20, dairy and poultry farmer from Kutztown, Pennsylvania, when he was named to receive the \$1,000 Star Farmer of America award.

Regional Star American Farmers, who received FFA Foundation checks of \$500 each, were Davis Henry, Hope Hull, Alabama; Jay Wright, Alamo, Nevada, and Gilbert Mattes, Allen, Nebraska. The four Star Farmers were chosen from the 359 FFA members who received the American Farmer Degree, largest American Farmer class in the history of the organization.

The convention opened in the evening of October 11 with the national FFA Public Speaking contest, won by Dennis

O'Keefe of Westerville, Ohio, who talked on the goals and achievements of the FFA. Other speakers were Frank Alameda, Jr., Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, 2nd; Timothy Ballard, Issaquah, Washington, 3rd; Norman Koch, Williamsport, Penn-

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### Cover Picture

Shown on the front cover of this issue are the State FFA Officers and the American Farmer Degree candidates who attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in October.

State Officers in front row, left to right are, Garland Bond, president; Roy Boyd, vice president; Jerdan Bullard, secretary; David Wilson, treasurer; and George Johnson, reporter.

The American Farmers, left to right, in second row are Bobby Boswell, Livingston; Roy Hereford Jr., Thomaston; Ned Lee III, Grove Hill; Davis Henry, Sidney Lanier and Roy Sims, Enterprise.

Third row, left to right are Bobby Fowler, Ardmore; W. S. Perryman Jr., Pine Apple; Bill Jack Lloyd, Stevenson; Jack Lasseter, Southside; and Winfred Davis, Milltown. Not shown in picture but receiving the degree were Lavone Smith, Arab and Pete Mitchell, Beauregard.

The trip to the National FFA Convention for the American Farmer Degree candidates from Alabama and the State FFA Officers was sponsored by the Southeast Ford Tractor Company.

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American Farmers are young men who have been out of high school at least one year, who have exhibited superior qualities of leadership, are active in community affairs, and who are actually engaged in an outstanding farming operation.

It is to Alabama's 12 American Farmers of 1954 that this issue of *The Alabama Future Farmer* is dedicated with the hope that their achievements may prove an inspiration to other rural youth.

*The Future Farmer Of America*  
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He has an honest pride in his Chapter, pride in his accomplishments and pride in the success he has won. Above all he is proud to be an American.

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# TWELVE ALABAMA MEMBERS RECEIVE

## *American Farmer Degree*



Shown in back row from left to right are Bobby Fowler, Ardmore chapter; W. S. Perryman Jr., Pine Apple; Bill Jack Lloyd, Stevenson; Winfred Davis, Milltown and Roy Sims, Enterprise. Not shown in the picture but receiving the degree were Lavone Smith, Arab and Pete Mitchell, Beaugard.

Sponsoring this trip to the National FFA Convention for the Alabama American Farmers and State Officers was the Southeast Ford Tractor Company of Decatur, Georgia. Ford Tractor Dealers over a great portion of Alabama are included in this distribution territory.

## Congratulations from Your State Adviser...



J. C. CANNON

I would like to congratulate each FFA member who was awarded the American Farmer Degree at the National Convention in Kansas City. You have done an outstanding job in your farming program as well as in FFA leadership activities or you would not have been selected for this high honor. You are literally one in a thousand because only one American Farmer for each thousand members is eligible to receive this highest Degree in FFA.

The American Farmer Degree also carries an obligation. Since you have attained this position of leadership, all of us will be looking to you in the future to continue to do a good job and exercise leadership among farm people in the years to come.

We know that you will be identified with all worth-while agricultural endeavors in the future and it is our hope that you will continue to work with and assist FFA in the State in any way that you can. We are proud of you; we are proud of your fine record. We expect great things in the future and may I wish for you continued success and happiness down through the years.

J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor  
Vocational Agriculture and  
FFA Adviser

# 1954 AMERICAN FARMERS



**Bill Jack Lloyd**  
(Stevenson Chapter)

This versatile farm youth was born on a dairy farm in the Tennessee Valley. Since his father's death in 1951, Bill Jack has assumed a man's share of the duties in helping his two older brothers, Charles and Cecil, operate their 65-cow dairy farm. The milk is sold on a retail route in Stevenson.

In addition to the dairy, some steers are fed out every year. Practically all the feed used, except some wheat bran and dry molasses used in the dairy ration, is grown on the farm. A few hogs are grown but are a minor enterprise.

Bill Jack has served as president of the Stevenson FFA chapter, president of the county FFA association, president of his senior class, and vice president of the Citizenship Club. In 1952 he was selected as a representative to Boy's State. Sundays find him at church where he is president of his Sunday School class.

When Bill Jack first joined the FFA in 1949, his projects were a brood sow and eight pigs, eight market hogs, and a beef calf that was champion Angus in the county show that year. He also had home ground and shop as improvement projects.

Farm mechanics took the lead in holding the interest of this FFA'er and formed the projects in which he has been most successful. He was named state winner in the FFA Farm Mechanics Contest in Alabama for 1953. The award was made on the cumulative record of operation, care, maintenance, and construction of farm equipment and buildings while a vo-ag student.

This young farmer can maintain, adjust, and operate a harvester, cotton sprayer, cattle sprayer, mower, hay baler, combine, rake, irrigation unit and all the farm tractors. He has added to the electrical wiring in the house, shop and barn, and installed self-waterers in the livestock barn.

At his father's death, Bill Jack inherited one fourth of the 800-acre farm. He is studying Ag Science at Auburn at the present time and upon graduation will return to the farm.

Bill Jack says, "I want to work the farm over and make it one of the best in the state. I want to add more livestock to my farming program and to make it practical, I will build my pasture system to furnish year-round grazing."



**BILL JACK LLOYD**, above, is a real mechanic when it comes to servicing his tractor and farm equipment.



**Davis Henry**  
(Sidney Lanier Chapter)

A life-long interest in dairying was rewarded at the national FFA convention when Davis Henry, 20-year old Future Farmer from Hope Hull, Alabama, was named Star Farmer of the South.

The young Montgomery County dairyman, a member of the Sidney Lanier FFA chapter, milked his first cow when he was three years old. His father, J. P. Henry, started giving Davis 25 cents a week for working around the farm when he was five years old. He doubled the allowance each year until, at 9, the boy was getting \$2.00 a week. Davis saved up enough to put down a \$12.50 payment on a dairy cow.

He took advantage of every opportunity he had to increase the number of his cattle. By the time he enrolled in high school vocational agriculture in 1948 he had acquired nine registered Guernsey heifers and had \$393.75 in government bonds. After entering the FFA, he cashed the bonds to buy more cattle.

Davis was graduated from high school in the spring of 1951. By that time, his dairy herd had increased to 20 cows, 22 heifers, and 21 calves. He also had developed a herd of 45 beef cattle.

"I paid for the use of my father's equipment with my own labor," Davis wrote in his American Farmer degree application. "At the end of four years I had enough livestock and working capital to buy into a 50-50 partnership with my father."

Since graduation from high school and entering the partnership, Davis has worked on building up the herd to its present size of 182 cows, 86 heifers, and 18 calves. A new dairy barn has been constructed with all the latest labor-saving conveniences and sanitary equipment. Milk is never touched by hand as it is taken by a vacuum tank milker system directly from the cow through glass tubes to the cooler and storage tank.

Among other improvements is a trench type silo which will hold 1,500 tons of silage. Four man-made lakes furnish an abundance of water for livestock and they are well stocked with game fish for family recreation. The lakes also furnish water for supplemental irrigation on the farm.

While other pastures were parching this year due to the drouth in Alabama, Davis' cows were enjoying plenty of grazing made possible by good farming practices. When neighbors were feeding silage because pastures were not furnishing enough grazing, Davis was cutting excessive growth for hay and silage.

The value of the dairy cattle on the farm has been increased by the use of high grade bulls. The three herd bulls' dams averaged 21,475 lbs. of milk and 939 lbs. of butterfat. Dairy Herd Improvement Association tests are used to cull all low producers.

Davis has an outstanding leadership record in FFA. He has been vice president and secretary of the Sidney Lanier chapter and worked on numerous committees. He was named Star Dairy Farmer in Alabama in 1951 for his work in dairying. He has also been a member of the winning Sidney Lanier FFA Dairy Judging team and has won numerous awards in showmanship contests over the years. In four years of show-

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## CONVENTION . . . (Continued)

sylvania, 4th and Dabney Overton, Warsaw, Virginia, 5th.

For many of the Future Farmers who had arrived in Kansas City in time to register during the morning of October 11, that day also provided opportunity for specially-conducted tours to points of interest in Kansas City.

The session of Tuesday morning, October 12, saw official delegates seated, followed by Kansas City Mayor W. E. Kemp's welcoming address. Business included appointment of committees, nomination of Honorary American Farmers, the Treasurer's report by Dr. Dowell J. Howard, and the Executive Secretary's report by Dr. A. W. Tenney.

Included in the Executive Secretary's report was information that FFA membership reached a new high of 371,592 last year, and that the members, as of January 1, 1954, had \$87,848,382.23 invested in farming. There are now 8,793 local chapters of the FFA.

Hywel Jones and William Wannop, who represented the Young Farmers Club of Great Britain in the FFA foreign exchange program, and Billy Gunter, who went to Britain last summer, were interviewed on the stage by Frank Atwood, farm radio editor of station WTIC, Hartford, Connecticut.

The principal address of the morning was given by A. D. P. Heeney, Canadian Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Heeney discussed Canadian agriculture and pointed out the common interests that his country shares with the United States.

Tuesday afternoon was the big moment for the 359 FFA members who had been elected to receive the American Farmer degree. The American Farmer ceremony, always impressive, preceded the roll call when each candidate walked across the convention stage to receive his certificate, gold key, and FFA Foundation check for \$50.

Other activities during the afternoon included presentation of Honorary American Farmer degrees to a group of men who had made outstanding contributions to the FFA organization. W. A. Roberts, president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company and 1954-55 Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the FFA Foundation, delivered an address.

Awards in the National Chapter Contest were presented Tuesday afternoon, too. Fifty-two FFA chapters received the coveted "Gold Emblem" rating. Silver emblem awards went to 28 chapters, and Bronze Emblem to 19.

Presentation of Star American Farmer awards provided the first attraction Tuesday night. Star State Farmers bore State flags to the platform to provide a colorful background for the award pre-

sentation. Stirring music by the national FFA band, and the national FFA chorus added drama to the occasion, and the incessant flashing of newspaper photographers' bulbs gave evidence of the importance that is attached to these awards.

A sparkling program of entertainment provided by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company topped off the evening to leave Tuesday as the best attended and most remembered day of the 1954 convention.

Highlight of the Wednesday morning session was a pageant dramatizing the FFA Creed. Business action by the delegates, and an address by Dr. S. M. Brownell, U. S. Commissioner of Education, rounded out the morning.

Wednesday evening was "Donor Night" at the convention. Ninety-five

representatives of donors to the FFA Foundation were called to the platform and introduced. National FFA Adviser Dr. W. T. Spanton reviewed the 10-year history of the Foundation. Special plaques were presented to six men for their service as chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Foundation. In the order of their service, they were: Frank W. Jenks, vice president, International Harvester Company; John H. Kraft, former Chairman of the Board, Kraft Foods Company; Raymond C. Firestone, executive vice president, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company; Roger M. Kyes, vice president, General Motors Corporation; Chester H. Lang, vice president, General Electric Company, and W. A. Roberts, president, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company.

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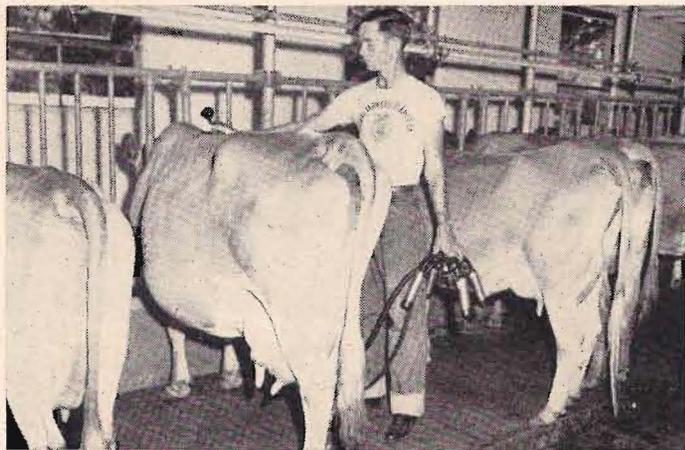
on farms of the South - year after year!.

## AMERICAN FARMERS . . . (Continued)

ing his dairy cattle, he received \$1,215 in awards which he has invested in his farming program.

In addition to his part of the dairy herd, Davis has eight beef heifers, 2 horses, 90 laying hens, 210 acres of oats, 80 acres of Johnson grass, 90 acres of Dallis grass, 18 acres of Sudan grass, 50 acres of wheat, 281 acres of improved pasture consisting of clovers, Johnson grass and Dallis grass, 18 acres of soybeans, 52 acres of Hegair. The home farm contains 440 acres, and they rent an additional 289 acres.

Mr. Henry has almost become the silent partner in their agreement, leaving most of the responsibility of running the dairy up to Davis. In the agreement Davis uses his labor to offset the value of land and equipment not paid for when he merged into partnership with his father.



PICTURED ABOVE is Davis Henry with his herd of cattle at milking time.



**Lavone Smith**  
(Arab Chapter)

Lavone Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Arab, Alabama, Rt. 3, has been one of the outstanding Future Farmer members of the Arab Chapter.

Lavone is an only child and the only farmer on his farm since he started taking vocational agriculture. His father does not farm.

His vo-ag teacher, O. R. Dennis, says: "It is with great pleasure that I recommend Lavone Smith for the American Farmers Degree, because he is the most outstanding young farmer and rural leader that I have ever seen. I think Lavone should have due consideration for one of the Star Farmer Awards."

Lavone's farming program during his first year in vocational agriculture was 1 brood sow, 10 top hogs, 3 acres corn, 1 registered Jersey bull, and 2 registered Jersey cows. The first year's program was financed by his cotton crop of the previous year. For his first year in vocational agriculture, Lavone had a total labor income of \$797.88.

During his second year he increased his corn to 35 acres, brood sows to 5 head, top hogs 10 head, dairy cows 7 head, and 2 bulls. He had a labor income of \$2,600.38.

During his last school year, Lavone had 12 brood sows,

1 boar, 43 top hogs, 2 bulls, 7 dairy heifers, 8 dairy cows, and 35 acres corn. From this program he derived a labor income of \$4,032.72. For his three years in vocational agriculture he had a labor income of \$7,430.98.

Lavone's program continues to expand after graduating from high school. Since his main interest is dairying, he has increased his cows to 14 head. He also had 6 heifers, 2 bulls, 30 top hogs, 6 brood sows, 26 acres corn, and 2 acres alfalfa hay.

Lavone has completed a grade "A" barn and has all the necessary equipment installed on it. Since October 1953 his milk has been grade "A" and his labor income from his cows has increased considerably. At present, Lavone has 14 dairy cows, 6 dairy heifers, 2 dairy bulls, 35 top hogs, 4 brood sows, 1 boar, 20 acres corn, 2 acres hay and 6 acres oats.

Lavone's cattle are all registered Jerseys and he has continued to follow a line of improved breeding. He has shown cows and heifers for four years and he has never failed to place in the money in either the County, District, or State Fair shows. Two years ago he won the State Showmanship Award at the state fair.



LAVONE SMITH, at left, shows two of his prize dairy cows to O. R. Dennis, vo-ag teacher, Arab, at right.

**Roy Hereford, Jr.**  
(Thomaston Chapter)



Roy Hereford, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hereford of Faunsdale, Alabama. He started his farming program in vocational agriculture in 1949 with one dairy calf and one pig. From this small beginning he now has 25 beef cattle, 5 dairy cows, and 10 acres of oats for grazing and for grain.

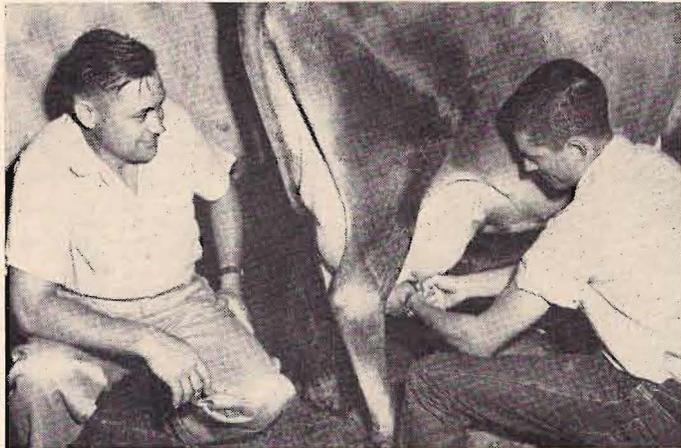
Roy is one-third partner with his father and mother in the Hereford Haven Farm. This farm includes 1,000 acres of land, 150 head beef cattle and 100 head of grade dairy cattle.

In 1950, Roy was secretary of his local FFA chapter. He was active in many other activities of the chapter, such as: public speaking, member of local quartet, won soil and water management award and was a member of the state win-

ning Dairy Cattle Judging team. His team won several out-of-state trips and won a trip to Toronto, Canada in 1952. His vo-ag teacher is J. L. Pritchett.

Roy was not only active in FFA but was a three letter man in the T Club, served as secretary and as president of the local Beta Club, and was vice president of the County Beta Club. He was editor of their school paper and held several class offices.

At present, Roy is attending college at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He is taking a course in Agricultural Science which will enable him to do a better job of farming when he gets back to the Hereford Haven Farm.



SHOWN ABOVE is J. L. Pritchett, vo-ag teacher, Thomaston, visiting with Roy Hereford Jr., at milking time.



**Percer Mitchell**  
(Beauregard Chapter)

Percer (Pete) Mitchell first became interested in farming when he was in Junior High School. During these years he had raised a number of beef calves. The profit received was put into a registered dairy heifer from Tennessee.

When Pete was in the eighth grade, he and his brother were selling milk from their dad's herd. They furnished the labor and their dad furnished the cows. At that time they were selling grade B milk.

Upon entering FFA and vocational agriculture Pete took eight heifers from Dairyland Farms to raise. At maturity, four of these heifers were returned to Dairyland Farms and four were his to keep. When these heifers began to freshen, along with his registered heifer, he formed a partnership with his father and brother, and built a grade A dairy barn. The barn and equipment were paid for by the sale of milk.

After paying for the dairy barn and equipment, they bought five Holstein heifers. By the time the five Holstein heifers had freshened, they had increased the herd by raising other calves from the cows.

In 1951 they bought ten mature cows. This brought the herd number up to sixty.

They first used artificial breeding, but found it unsuccessful at that time, so they raised a purebred Guernsey bull and a registered Holstein bull for breeding purposes.

At the same time they were building up the herd, they were building a permanent pasture. One year Pete won a

registered Jersey heifer for first prize in a winter grazing contest in Lee County.

They now have permanent winter grazing and permanent summer grazing to supply the herd with plenty of green grass and clover the year 'round. Their herd now numbers 72.

Last year Pete won a Kroger Scholarship to Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He is presently enrolled in Agricultural Science and is taking as many dairy courses as possible. He lives at home and drives to classes each day.

Pete says: "When I graduate from college, I look forward to returning full time to the farm and applying my knowledge there." His vo-ag teacher is J. A. White.



PETE MITCHELL proudly shows one of his dairy calves that will be added to his herd of cattle in the future.



**Ned Lee III**  
(Grove Hill Chapter)

Ned Lee has rapidly become established in farming by expanding his Supervised Farming Program from year to year, and has realized a nice profit which he has wisely invested. He has always been especially interested in growing livestock and he knows that to grow livestock profitably he must have good pastures for grazing. He also knows that quality animals are necessary for success.

Ned started in the cattle business with one heifer and has built up his herd to 16 head of cattle. He started out with one pig and at the present time he has over 40 head, many of which are ready for market. During his first year of agriculture he had 5 productive projects which have been increased to 47 for the 4 years. He now has 15 head of beef cattle and 1 dairy cow.

It is his plan to stay on the farm and he has a well planned program for this year with an increase in corn acres and livestock. At present Ned has \$1,860.00 invested in livestock, and is expecting a nice return on his investment. The litter size

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**CORRECTION . . .** The FFA band pictured above is from the Evergreen chapter instead of the Greensboro chapter as listed in the last issue of the Alabama Future Farmer.

## Salute to Flag Changed

According to a recent bill passed by Congress, the official salute to the American Flag has been amended and the words "Under God" are inserted after the words "one Nation." The pledge now reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

All local chapters should make this change in their ceremony immediately.



# FFA

## On The MARCH

**AKRON**—held two regular chapter meetings; have an active membership of 128 per cent of the vo-ag boys.

**ALICEVILLE**—elected and training officers; enlarging pig chain; added 10 books to FFA library; put on radio program; elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered jackets, decals, etc.; three news articles in papers.

**ARLEY**—treated posts in chapter post-treating plant; let out several pigs in pig chain; had executive meeting and planned yearly program.

**ASHFORD**—held one meeting; announced Corn Growing Champion; collected final dues; visited cage-layer farm; talked about entries in FFA contests.

**ASHVILLE**—held new officers training school; have 32 Green Hands to be initiated; entertained FHA girls at weiner roast.

**ATHENS**—initiated 5 Green Hands; livestock class took field trip.

**AUBURN**—held 2 meetings; planned initiation; built a walkway for school; entered exhibit in Lee County Fair and won second place; sent judging team to Chattahoochee Valley Exposition; began pruning shrubbery on campus.

**BAKER HILL**—held one regular FFA meeting; chapter participated in Hog Show at Columbus Fair; received three cedar chests to be assembled in shop.

**BEULAH**—initiated 20 Green Hand members; installed new officers.

**BLUE SPRINGS**—elected officers; initiated 6 Green Hands; attended Hog Show in Louisville.

**BRANTLEY**—harvested corn project and averaged 70 bushels per acre; harvested and sold bale of cotton from project; chapter given Ford pick-up by Stone Motor Company of Luverne; all ag students are FFA members; planned farm projects for next year.

**BRILLIANT**—elected officers; organized string band; showed film; painted and reworked shop; installing hot air heating system.

**BRUNDIDGE**—held 2 regular meetings; selling Christmas cards; plan to sell ads for FFA Calendars; completed working up Activity Program; presented Constitution to Student Council.

**BUTLER**—held two regular chapter meetings and one County meeting; organized County organization; elected one honorary member; showed one fat calf at Mississippi State Fair; held ice cream supper for all FFA members; activities committee planning program for each month; making plans for initiating Green Hands; operating supply store.

**CAMP HILL**—initiated 10 Green Hands; mailed dues and Activity Program to Executive Secretary; assisting in re-modeling canning plant building—converting it to lunch room; president has appointed program, social and special chapel program committees; social committee met and planned joint social with FHA; voted to purchase some new equipment for chapter meetings.

**CARLOWVILLE**—attended South Alabama Fair; cooperated with high school in putting on Halloween Carnival; selling ice cream to raise funds; held two chapter meetings; repaired stove for lunch room.

**CASTLEBERRY**—eight boys to join pig chain; new officers elected; boys entering corn growing contest are reporting good yields.

**CLANTON**—initiated 26 Green Hands; purchased popcorn machine for concession stand; sold calendar advertisements as a project to raise money for chapter treasury; sent Curtis Baker to National FFA Convention to sing in choir; purchased bus for chapter trips.

**CLAYTON**—made cedar chests; sold chances on cedar chests and cleared \$57.80; initiated 19 Green Hands; 100 per cent membership.

**CLIO**—held two meetings; ran concession stand at ball games; received money from Homecoming election; plan to put gas in vocational department; treated posts in oil drum; held one joint meeting with FHA.

**COFFEE SPRINGS**—held initiation for nine Green Hands; organized quartet; purchased tape recorder; made plans to erect road signs; nine pigs added to pig chain; held three regular meetings.

**COFFEEVILLE**—held two meetings and one social; collected dues; made program of work; held officer training school; made \$43.00 on drink stand at football games.

**COLUMBIANA**—held two chapter meetings; 100 per cent ag students at FFA meetings; two members showed dairy cattle in dairy show; refinished two science tables; planned activity program; mailed in names and dues of 68 members; held four meetings; cleared \$240.00 on concessions at football games.

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**CULLMAN**—elected county vice president; gave money to help boys who went to Kansas City; paying county dues; selling Christmas Cards; organizing a quartet and string band; adviser and hog judging team went to Kansas City; initiated 28 Green Hands; one apprentice teacher at school.

**CURRY**—elected officers for 1954-55; initiated 25 Green Hands; raised 21 members to Chapter Farmers; dairy judging team participated at State Fair; member won trip to International Dairy Show in Chicago; held tractor clinic, Mr. Riddick in charge.

**DADEVILLE**—two members showed hogs at State Fair; livestock judging team entered contest at Columbus; had joint FFA-FHA party; planning program for county FFA-FHA meeting.

**DANVILLE**—made trip to Alabama State Fair; host to county FFA meeting; sent candidate to National Convention; held Green Hand initiation.

**DOUGLAS**—initiated 31 Green Hands; sold FFA calf; elected officers; bought FFA jackets and jewelry; organized string band with a fiddle added this year; held regular meeting with new officers presiding.

**EAST BREWTON**—selected chapter champion corn grower; entered float in Homecoming parade; ordered cedar chest and FFA jacket; initiated 34 members; organized new FFA quartet; elected FFA Sweetheart.

**EAST LIMESTONE**—held chicken barbecue; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent subscribing to National Future Farmer Magazine; completed chapter Activity Program; ordered chapter farmer buttons; reworked lockers in shop.

**ECLECTIC**—hold two regular meetings each month; selling ice cream; elected officers and appointed committee members; planned joint weiner roast with FHA.

**ELKMONT**—plan to organize FFA Chapter soon—new department.

**ENTERPRISE**—elected new secretary; gave \$25 to Roy Sims to help pay expenses to National Convention; held two meetings; ordered five jackets; set up program of work; initiated 19 Green Hands and presented them pins; 100 per cent boys in agriculture are members of FFA.

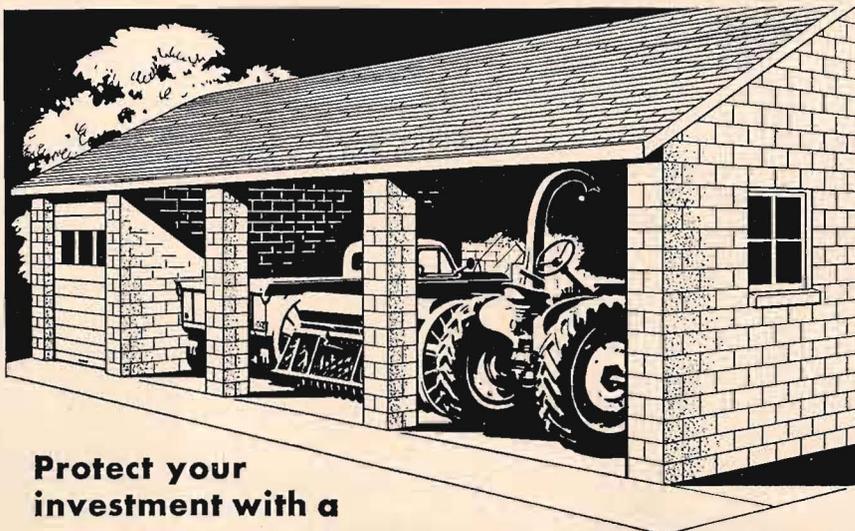
**EXCEL**—held officers training meeting; planned initiation of 14 Green Hands; ordered new shop equipment; rewired shop for 220 volts; ordered FFA jackets; sponsored soil testing service and weed killer program; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; ordered new treasurer and secretary books.

**FLOMATON**—elected new officers; had exhibit at AlaFla fair, entered a book case and won third place; 23 Green Hands to be initiated.

**FRISCO CITY**—elected officers; 39 members on roll; first annual meeting will be setting up standing committees; major goals will be given to the group in form of activity program which will be presented to each member.

**FORT DEPOSIT**—placed 3 pigs in pig chain; feeding out one show calf; planted turnip patch as demonstration plot; sold candy and peanuts at football games; repaired fence around pasture and plan to get two steers to feed out.

**GAYLESVILLE**—initiated 15 Green Hands;  
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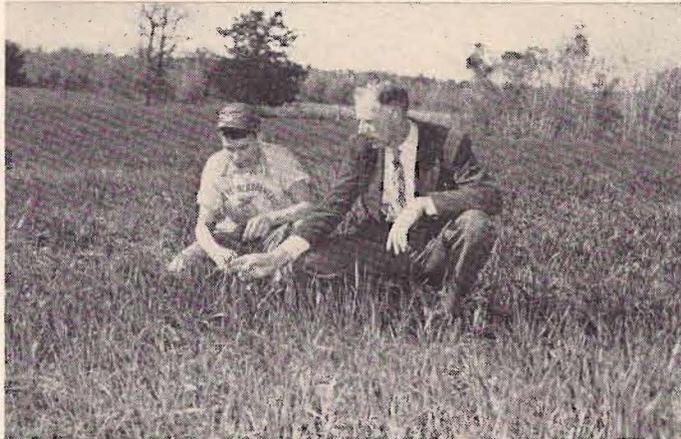
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has increased since he became interested in better hogs and started with a registered gilt from the FFA pig chain.

His improvement projects: his home, home ground, home garden, pine seedlings, farm tools, farm shop, legumes, orchard, swine herd, beef herd, pasture, poultry flock, soil conservation, and agriculture library.

Ned is respected by his neighbors and considered a young farmer that uses modern practices in production of crops and livestock. He does the vaccination, castration, and worming of all the cattle and hogs on the farm. He is pointed out in his community as an outstanding future farmer that is interested in his program and not afraid of work.

He loves the soil and uses good practices to increase its productivity and fertility. He is now enrolled in the Young Farmer Class at the Grove Hill vocational agricultural department. Ned's vo-ag teacher is J. R. Lindsey.



J. R. LINDSEY, at right, vo-ag teacher at Grove Hill, visits with Ned Lee to inspect his farming program.



**Winfred Davis**  
(Milltown Chapter)

Earl Thomas, vo-ag teacher, Milltown, has this to say about Winfred Davis: I first knew Winfred Davis in 1944 as a lad in grammar school. His leadership in the classroom and on the playground was very obvious to the teachers and students. This friendly leadership won for him many friends and acquaintances. Even in grammar school he was very active in all the sports and other activities of school.

At an early age he began assuming home responsibilities and planning improvements of the home and grounds. He also improved feeding and care of livestock and poultry. This improvement was made possible by producing the necessary feeds. The growing of these feeds was planned according to the needs of livestock and poultry.

Upon entering vocational agricultural classes his livestock projects and entire farming program was broadened by plans worked out by his instructor and parents. To complete these plans, improved farm machinery was purchased. This included a tractor and tractor equipment. This equipment made possible a larger farm program. Each year the livestock and row crops were increased through the use of this equipment. The constant use of this equipment developed skills which he

demonstrated in several Tractor Derbies. This brought in prize money each time.

The finer qualities of his life have been shown in his active part in the church and community activities. Neighboring communities have recognized his ability and they constantly call for his services.

His scholastic record and leadership was recognized by the school two consecutive years by presenting him with a loving cup. He was class president, local FFA president two years, and also State FFA President. He represented the school and state FFA quite a number of times on radio, trips, basketball and speaking tours.



EARL THOMAS, vo-ag teacher, Milltown, at left, discusses with Winfred Davis his farming program.



**Bobby Boswell**  
(Livingston Chapter)

Bobby Boswell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boswell, Route 1, Livingston, Alabama. His first year's project program was beef cattle production, and watermelons which made him a net return of \$1,776.59.

Bobby advanced to the next highest degree each year and has expanded his farming program along with his advancement. He has earned from all his projects since joining FFA, a total of \$3,729.30.

Bobby has been very active in the activities of his local and state FFA. He has held the office of reporter, president, and vice president of the local chapter and has served on several committees. He was a delegate to the State FFA Convention one year.

Bobby was District Star Farmer for the year 1951-52. He was chapter and county winner in the public speaking contest for three years and spoke in the semi-final contest of the state in 1952-53. He was second place district winner in the FFA quiz contest one year.

He was very active in sports and other activities while in school such as baseball and football. He was a member of the Beta Club honor society for two years. He was vice president for the student council during his senior year. He had several offices in his classes and other clubs in school and took an active part in all school activities.

T. A. Markham, his vo-ag teacher says that Bobby's activi-

ties have not been limited to the FFA and school, but have extended to the community and church. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School. He has helped in various community projects and drives such as Red Cross and March of Dimes. He is one of the better young farmers and leaders in his community. He has driven a school bus for two years and takes an active part in community life.



PICTURED ABOVE are T. A. Markham, local adviser, Livingston, and Bobby Boswell inspecting one of his watermelon projects.



**Jack Lasseter**  
(Southside Chapter)

Jack Lasseter has been an outstanding FFA member of the Southside Chapter for the past six years. His farming program for 1954 was 30 acres of corn, 26 acres of cotton, 4 acres of alfalfa, 56 acres of pasture, 3 acres of sericea, 12 hogs, 4 beef calves and 150 chickens.

Jack first enrolled in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1948. His first year projects were 4 acres of corn, ¼ acre of melons, and 1 beef calf.

His second year he had 15 acres of corn, 1 sow and pigs, and ¼ acre of sweetpotatoes.

His last year in school was 12 acres of corn, 5 acres of cotton, 1 sow, ½ acre of apples, and beans.

The first year out of school Jack had 40 acres of corn, 7 acres of hay, and 1 beef calf.

Last year Jack's projects included 20 acres of corn, 7 acres of hay, 2 acres of cotton, 50 hens, and 2 beef calves.

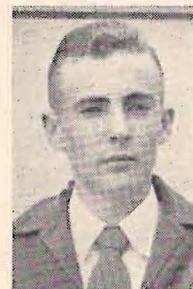
His net earnings for 3 years in school and 2 years out of school were \$2,868.18.

Improvement projects completed by Jack during these years are as follows: built a post-treating plant and treated several hundred posts, built new pasture fences on the farm, constructed terraces, home improvement, pasture improvement, and rewired his barn.

As proof of his leadership abilities, Jack is past secretary of the Alabama FFA Association. He was President of his county FFA organization the same year. Jack was President of his soph. class, business manager of the high school annual, played football, basketball, and softball. He has been active in community and church activities. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and is now serving as song leader at Church.

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**Roy Sims**  
(Enterprise Chapter)



J. W. Reeder, vo-ag teacher, Enterprise, has this to say about Roy Sims.

I have always found him to be honest, dependable, and hard working. He has been very active in school, community, and church activities. He has always been cooperative and willing to do more than his part in every undertaking that he has done.

During his senior year in high school Roy was selected the "Outstanding Senior FFA Member" in our school. This award is based on his FFA work, supervised farming program, scholastic achievement, and participation in other school activities.

Roy's supervised farming program has grown each year from the time he entered vocational agriculture. One of the most noticeable improvements has been in dairying and in pasture improvement.

Before he finished high school, his father started working away from the farm and Roy took over the operation of the entire farm. During this time the dairying operation has increased in size and many acres of improved pasture have been added to the farm. Roy's personal herd has also grown in scope during his period of FFA work.

Along with the dairy operation, Roy worked and supervised his general farming program as well as his father's part.

When Roy decided to further his study in agriculture by entering college, he planned the farming operations so that a farm helper could help carry on his farming program. When Roy comes home on week ends, he checks on all activities and makes necessary plans for the next week.



ROY SIMS above after he had finished milking his herd of cattle.

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had Halloween Carnival with FHA and cleared \$130.

**GENEVA**—initiated 22 Green Hands; presented PTA program; Charles Pritchett attended National Convention; received Gold Emblem in the National Chapter Contest; planned chapter program of work; teaching Parliamentary Procedure to student council; bred chapter gilt.

**GERALDINE**—held two regular meetings; voted to buy and sell Christmas cards; held chapter corn judging contest; initiated 39 Green Hands; added three books to library; castrated 10 pigs; put on 15 minute program over radio station WAVU.

**GLENCOE**—selling Birthday calendars to raise money; participated in county program to send two FFA members and one vo-ag teacher to National Convention in Kansas City; sent one report to local school paper; held one meeting.

**GOODWATER**—held two meetings; appointed program of work committee; accepted new program of work; helped organize county organization; two members elected to serve as county organization officers; collected dues; had two articles published in Enterprise Chronicle and two in Alexander City Outlook; started improvement of vocational shop.

**GREENSBORO**—sponsored trip to National Convention for adviser, T. C. Smith; made counter for dark room; helped PTA with Halloween party to raise money for new lunch room; sold concessions at ball games; one member showed nine sheep at State Fair.

**GREENVILLE**—initiated 23 Green Hands; entered livestock in county fair; had FFA booth in county fair; got blue ribbon on the booth, white faced bull, and dairy heifer.

**GROVE HILL**—elected new chapter officers and held two officer training periods; placed six gilts in pig chain; planned chapter Activity Program and annual Father-Son night; initiated 15 Green Hands; adviser, American Farmer, and State FFA Forestry winner attended National Convention; had report from State Officers on trip to National Convention.

**HACKLEBURG**—have 100 per cent membership of ag boys in FFA; sent article to newspaper; planning chapel program; 13 members planted winter grazing crops; practicing FFA String Band and Quartet.

**HALEYVILLE**—committees appointed by president; boys busy working up projects; participated in Homecoming by entering float in parade.

**HANDLEY**—21 members attended State Fair in Birmingham; third year members constructed oxyacetylene welding cart; 30 members paid dues; held two regular meetings; placed one Hampshire pig in pig chain.

**HATTON**—initiated 22 Green Hands; held annual fish supper; discussed and elected contestants for Miss FFA Sweetheart; made contribution to Boy Scouts drive; operating concession stand.

**HAYNEVILLE**—held officer training school for officers; bought official secretary meeting room station marker and sentinel plaque; sold 26 National Future Farmer subscriptions; had joint party with FHA; selling FFA pencils and peanuts to raise funds for chapter.

**HEADLAND**—plan meeting of officers; Jr. III class joined FFA 100 per cent, total of 51 members; held officers training school; added 7 books to library; ordered approximately 15,000 pine seedlings; all members entering one or more FFA contests.

**HEFLIN**—elected FFA Sweetheart; sold over \$325 worth of calendars; collected dues from old members; bought four new FFA signs.

**HIGHLAND HOME**—held one regular meeting; planned program of work for year, also Green Hand initiation; studying safety in the farm shop.

**HUBBERTVILLE**—elected FFA Sweetheart; collected dues from 45 members; painted signs for local farmers; initiated 14 Green Hands; ordered four jackets; treated three truck loads of fence posts.

**IDER**—elected officers; entered hogs in Chattanooga Fair; making plans for local FFA fair; placed five gilts in pig chain; preparing to initiate 32 Green Hands.

**INVERNESS**—had weiner roast and hay ride to boost acquaintance between the new FFA and FHA members; judging team judged in Columbus; attended South Alabama Fair in Montgomery; sold 32 ads in four days for calendars with no time off from school.

**ISABELLA**—held regular meeting; initiated 22 new members; sent in dues for 58 members; purchased public address system; put on chapel program; pig chain still in operation; plan to enter all FFA contests.

**JASPER**—held regular meetings; exhibited improved practice exhibit at State Fair; had 20 news articles published; held tractor clinic; ordered 10 official FFA jackets; finance committee banked \$600.

**JEMISON**—initiated Green Hands; went on trip to Alabama State Fair; built new body for FFA truck; ordered 13 FFA jackets; organized



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quartet; studied parliamentary procedure; put on chapel program.

**KATE DUNCAN SMITH**—held two regular meetings; elected Jimmy Key as vice president; plan for a party and initiation of 17 new members; four boys have pigs ready to begin feeding for county hog show.

**KINSTON**—had regular Green Hand initiation for 16 members; 11 boys and adviser, F. W. Wood, attended Alabama Fair at Montgomery; building 100 rat bait boxes for County Health Department in the vo-ag shop.

**LaFAYETTE**—held two regular meetings and four officers meetings; had livestock judging team at Columbus fair; got new equipment for shop; placed one more pig in pig chain; started chapter scrapbook.

**LEIGHTON**—painted outside of ag building; initiated 29 new members; had meeting and elected officers; sent news article to local paper.

**LEROY**—completed Activity Program for year; put one sow in chapter pig chain; received FFA road signs to erect in community; selling magazine subscriptions to make money for chapter; have highest membership in chapter history, 71.

**LIBERTY**—initiated 13 Green Hands; had weiner roast; have 48 boys in High School and 45 are FFA members; all boys in Jr. III class joined FFA; held two regular meetings; several members received FFA jackets.

**LINCOLN**—ordering pine seedlings; plan for initiation; delegate gave report on Forestry Camp; bought Arc Welder; added 12 books to FFA library; organized quartet; met to plan county association.

**LUVERNE**—25 new members; chapter sow farrowed 19 pigs; program of work completed; members starting work on contests.

**LYNN**—plan to buy 8,000 pine seedlings; boys are going to demonstrate Parliamentary Procedure at next PTA meeting; held initiation with chicken fry afterward.

**McKENZIE**—held two meetings; six members bought FFA rings; all Green Hands can recite the creed; plan to buy a saw for the shop.

**MAPLESVILLE**—organized quartet; elected officers; holding Sweetheart contest; bought new drill for shop; painted activity bus; just received 16 mm motion picture projector; contributed to member whose house burned.

**MARBURY**—held meeting with 60 present; 40 members of FFA and FHA attended State Fair in Birmingham; ran concession stand for two games and cleared about \$67; FFA and FHA had joint social.

**MIDLAND CITY**—held two regular meetings; selling Christmas cards and rat poison; elected officers; held joint Halloween Carnival with FHA; elected FFA Sweetheart.

**MILLTOWN**—judging team tied for 1st place in livestock judging at the Chattahoochee Valley Exposition; Jim Buford had hogs at State Fair and Chattahoochee Valley Exposition; corn judging team was Grand Champion at Pfister Associated Growers.

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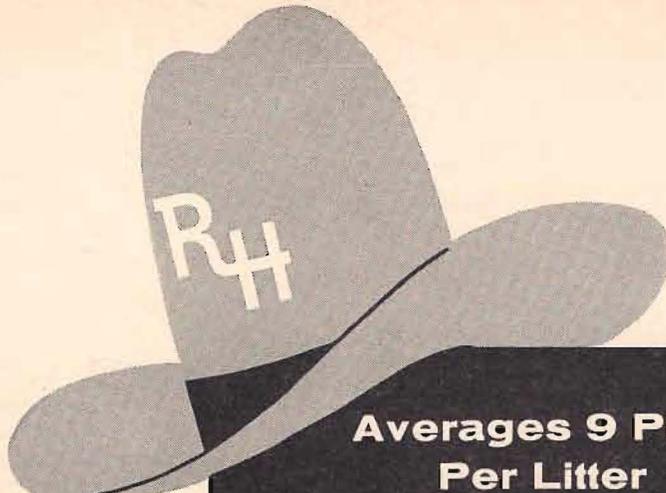
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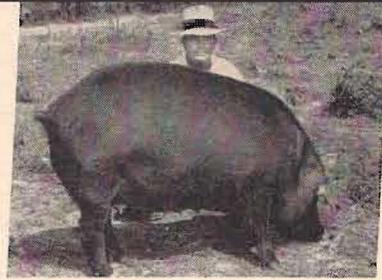
We hope this will encourage them to remain a member of our Chapter as long as they are eligible. It should certainly give them a feeling of interest in the FFA for years to come.

Sincerely,  
J. Reed Thompson, Adviser  
Clanton FFA Chapter



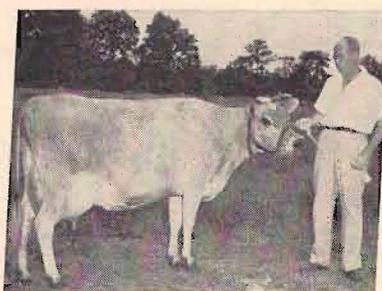
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**W. S. Perryman, Jr.**  
(Pine Apple Chapter)

Bill Perryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Perryman of Oak Hill, Alabama has been an outstanding FFA member for the past 5 years.

During Bill's first year in vocational agriculture he had 10 acres of cotton, 14 acres of corn, 3 head of brood cows, and 1 calf. He had a total labor income of \$3,232.23. During his second year of FFA work Bill had increased his brood cows to 7 head, his corn to 20 acres, 10 acres of white dutch clover, 10 acres of oats from which he netted \$1,276.90. His third year productive projects included 5 acres of cotton, 2 steers, 8 brood cows, and established 10 acres more of white dutch clover and Dallis grass.

The first year after completing high school Bill purchased from his father a 477-acre beef cattle farm which includes 300 acres of pasture, 50 acres in cultivation and 122 acres in woods. He has increased his livestock program to 40 brood cows, 12 steers and 2 herd bulls.

Bill has been very active in church, civic, and FFA work. He was president of his local chapter for 3 years, member of the Beta Club, also basketball and baseball teams earning 4 letters in these sports.

Everyone that knows Bill says that he is a fine young man and will be a successful farmer.



**Bobby Fowler**  
(Ardmore Chapter)

Bobby Fowler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fowler of Route 2, Ardmore, Tennessee. He started his farming activities in vocational agriculture in 1949 with a sow, 100 broilers, 1 acre of corn and 1½ acres of cotton.

Since that rather small beginning Bobby now has 7 head of beef cattle, 5 head of dairy cows, is half interest of 15 dairy cows, 4 acres of alfalfa, 25 acres of corn, 13 acres of cotton, 5 acres of grain sorghum, 20 head of meat hogs, 200 laying hens, and 25 acres of lespedeza and soybeans for hay. He has a tractor and equipment, which is to be used in partnership with his Dad on their 244 acres that are being farmed this year.

As proof of his leadership abilities, Bobby was treasurer of his local FFA chapter for one year. He has cared for the Sears Bull belonging to the Ardmore chapter and he plans to buy him later to be used as a herd sire. He was a member of Teen Time Club, "A" Club, and National Beta Club. He was also co-captain of the football team during the 1953 season.

Bobby was named Chapter Star Farmer in 1950-51 and 1951-52 for having the most outstanding program of his chapter. He received his State Farmers degree in 1952. His teacher of vocational agriculture is F. J. Corneilson.

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There are 252 FFA chapters in Alabama with over 12,000 active members. Each chapter develops an "Activity Program" during the first few weeks of the school year. All members of the chapter are assigned on a committee for the purpose of assisting with the planning and carrying out of various parts of the Chapter's activities.

What are some of these activities? Some of them are fund raising projects to finance other chapter functions, selling refreshments at concession stands during ball games, selling magazines and many others. Some chapters maintain forestry demonstration plots, pastures, experimental field crops, livestock, canning plants, and post peelers and treating plants. Therefore, FFA boys learn by actual experience as well as by studying in the class room. Many FFA contests and awards programs are conducted by all chapters. Most every member participates in these contests.