

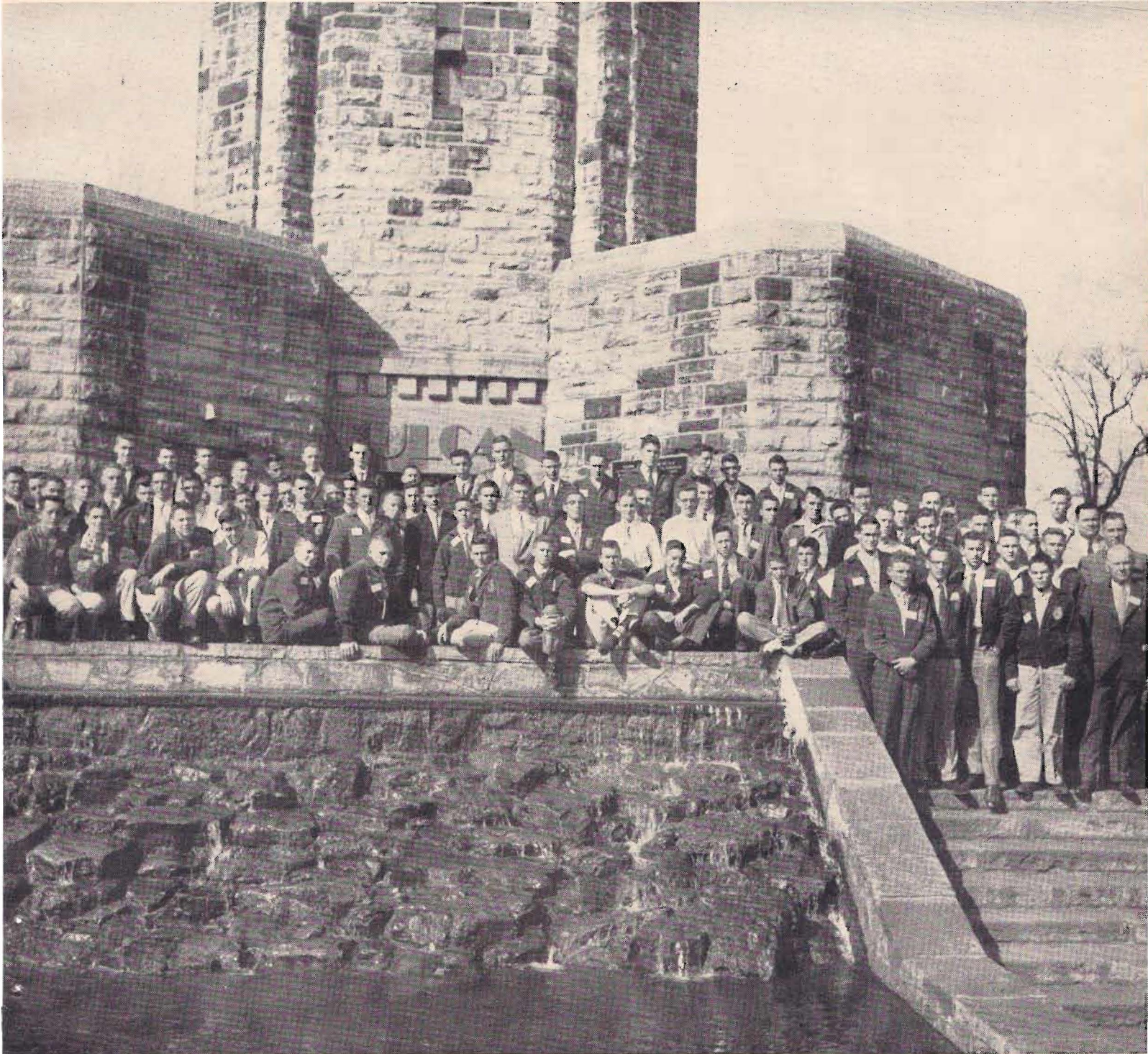


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County FFA presidents and state officers see Vulcan, atop Red Mountain, while visiting Birmingham as guests of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural Committee.



**NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS VISIT**—Braving a freezing wind, national officers, their traveling party and members of the welcoming committee are shown as they arrived at Birmingham Municipal Airport February 12. Left to right are David H. Boyne, national president; Charles W. Ritter, national vice president; Walker Earl James, national vice president; Hunt Zumwalt, national student secretary; John Schultheis, national vice president; Harlan Rigney, national vice president; Ralph Barrett, Alabama FFA president; R. E. Cammack, director of vocational education, Montgomery; J. C. Cannon, Alabama supervisor, vocational agriculture; and T. L. Faulkner, Alabama FFA executive secretary.

## National FFA Officers Visit Alabama

By THOMAS F. HILL

Southern hospitality is all that it was supposed to be, and Southern cooking is wonderful, but Southern weather?

"It isn't so hot," chorused a group of national officers of the Future Farmers of America as they arrived at Birmingham's Municipal Airport on February 12th and were greeted by a still-below-freezing wind.

National President David H. Boyne, 19, of Marlette, Mich., who headed the group, is from a section of the state where brisk weather is normal.

"It was 25 degrees when I left home," he said at the airport. "I thought when we headed South, we would get warm weather. It must be at least 25 here now."

Young Boyne and the other FFA officers were on a cross-country aerial jaunt to make friends for farmers and farming, both future and present-day.

Special emphasis was placed on improving industry-agriculture relations.

The future farmers got busy on this phase shortly after arriving in the Magic City. They were whisked out to the Tennessee Coal and Iron Division of U. S. Steel, where they were met by TCI President A. V. Wiebel.

With the group was Charles W. Ritter Jr., 19, of Amory, Miss., Southern region vice president; Hunter Zumwalt, 19, Artesia, N. M., student secretary; John Schultheis, 19, Colton, Wash., Pacific region vice president; Walker Earl James, Middlebury, Vt., North Atlantic Region vice president; and Harlan Rigney, 20, Red Oak, Ill., central region vice president.

The group was met at the airport by Ralph Barrett, State President, Alabama FFA Assn.

With young Barrett were R. E. Cammack, state director of vocational education, Montgomery; J. C. Cannon, state supervisor, vocational agriculture, and T. L. Faulkner, executive secretary, Alabama FFA Assn., Auburn.

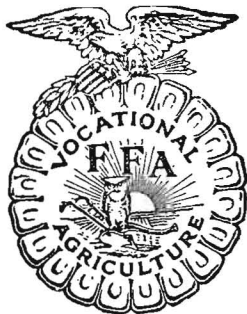
Coming to Birmingham with the FFA officers were A. W. Tenney, national FFA executive secretary; R. E. Naugher, program specialist, agricultural education department; and John Farrar, FFA director of public relations, all of Washington.

An annual event, the goodwill tour started Feb. 3. This is the first year the officers have come South.

The tour so far had included Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington, Del., New

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## Congratulations, FFA Graduates

OPPORTUNITIES for you graduating FFA members will be limited only by your vision of what your future may become, your abilities and how you use them, your character and determination.

You are now starting out on one of the most exciting adventures you will ever have. You will discover that earning a living can be fun. — But, if you want to get the most out of life, you will have to organize your thinking. You will need to use foresight in acquiring those skills which will be most valuable to you later. You will have to plan your life well and then follow your plan.

Having a definite occupation or goal in mind will give you a running start over others who have not thought about their future. Fortunately, some of the graduating FFA members know already what they want to do. They are now making definite plans to follow that course.

You FFA boys are now completing an important phase of your life. You are the cream of the crop. It is good to know that many of you believe in the Future of Farming as stated in the FFA Creed. It is good to know that most of you will either be a farmer, or you will specialize in some phase of agriculture for your life's work.

It isn't expected that all FFA members will be farmers. A good percentage of you will farm, however. It isn't expected that all FFA members will go to college and it isn't necessary that everyone go to college. Whether or not a person goes to college depends to a great extent on the individual himself. It depends on his likes and dislikes. It also depends on his goals and his ability to reach these goals. It is very important for you who do go to college to have a definite goal or a definite career in mind. You should have a broad understanding about the different courses offered in college and what they will prepare you to do.

## We Salute The FFA

Birmingham and Alabama were privileged yesterday to play host all too briefly to the national officers of the Future Farmers of America now touring the country by air.

We say all too briefly because we regret more of our people could not have a chance to meet them, hear them and get the lift their self-confidence and enthusiasm never fail to give.

These young men are outstanding, of course, or they never could have been elected to national office in their organization but they are typical too in many ways of the nearly 400,000 young men they represent on farms in every state in the Union.

To be around them is reassuring. To hear them is inspiring. It makes one proud of America's youth in general. They leave a warm, confident feeling that our country's future will be in good hands when they take over.

More power to a program which develops the quality of citizenship they so well represent. — *Editorial from The Birmingham Post-Herald.*

## Vulcan Views National Officers

Ole Vulc just looked into the faces of seven American boys, heard them tell about some simple things like learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve. So simple. Yet so solid, so true and so sincere!

These young men — all strapping fellows, clear of eye, poised, confi-

# State FFA Convention

THE ANNUAL State FFA Convention dates have been set by the executive committee for June 9, 10, and 11. It will again be held in Auburn.

Each chapter will have one delegate and others to attend will be candidates for State Farmer Degree, state officer candidates, local advisors, award winners, and those participating in contests and other programs at the convention.

dent, but modest, and full of fun and life — were the Future Farmers of America in Birmingham to look over our town.

They were David Boyne of Marlette, Mich.; Hunt Zumwalt of Artesia, N. M.; Walker Earl James of Orwell, Vt.; Harlan Rigney of Red Oak, Ill.; Charles W. Ritter Jr. of Amory, Miss.; John Schultheis of Colton, Wash.; and our own Ralph Barrett of Corner School House.

These young men are leaders among the 363,369 Future Farmers of America on our land. They represent a group on which you can pin a lot of faith — the farm boys and girls of America. And more than that, they represent the best qualities of American youth.

I looked at 'em and felt better about tomorrow. — VULCAN, in the *Birmingham News*.



RIVERTON WINS AGAIN—Miss Jeanette Neely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Neely, was crowned Queen of the Tri-State Future Farmers Association recently at a dinner of the group in Chattanooga. She was the third Riverton entry to win the title since 1950.

## Graduates, Select Your Occupation

Many FFA graduates have already chosen farming as their life's occupation. Others will select occupations closely related to farming. The list below should be helpful in making a final decision.

### ON THE FARM OCCUPATIONS

1. General Farmer
2. Dairy Farmer
3. Fruit Farmer
4. Livestock Farmer
5. Poultry Farmer
6. Truck Farmer

### OTHER AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Agricultural Chemist</li> <li>8. Agricultural Economist</li> <li>9. Agricultural Engineer</li> <li>10. Agricultural Engineer (Electric Power Companies)</li> <li>11. Agricultural Statistician</li> <li>12. Agronomist</li> <li>13. Auctioneer</li> <li>14. Beekeeper</li> <li>15. Buyer (Groceries, Produce, Meats, etc.)</li> <li>16. Conservation Aid</li> <li>17. County Agricultural Agent</li> <li>18. County Supervisor (Farmers Home Administration)</li> <li>19. Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) Supervisor</li> <li>20. District Manager for Chain Grocery Stores</li> <li>21. Entomologist</li> <li>22. Extension Specialist</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23. Farm Journalist</li> <li>24. Farm Agent for Banks, Railroad, Radio, Etc.</li> <li>25. Farmer Cooperatives</li> <li>26. Feed Salesman</li> <li>27. Feed Store Manager</li> <li>28. Feed Store Clerk</li> <li>29. Field Man for Creamery</li> <li>30. Florist</li> <li>31. 4-H Club Agent</li> <li>32. Gardeners and Grounds Keepers</li> <li>33. Greenhouse Manager</li> <li>34. Hardware Merchant</li> <li>35. Hatchery Manager</li> <li>36. Inseminator</li> <li>37. Land Appraiser</li> <li>38. Landscape Architect</li> <li>39. Livestock Buyer</li> <li>40. Marketing Specialist</li> <li>41. Nurseryman</li> <li>42. Office Assistant in PMA Offices</li> <li>43. Principal Clerk in PMA Offices</li> <li>44. Rural Representatives for Electric Power Companies</li> <li>45. Sanitarian</li> <li>46. Soil Conservationist</li> <li>47. Soil Scientist</li> <li>48. Tree Surgeon</li> <li>49. Veterinarian</li> <li>50. Vocational Agriculture Teacher and FFA Adviser</li> </ol> |
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## Pike County Chapters Presented Tractors

Two more Pike County FFA Chapters have received tractors as a gift from local dealers which brings the county up to 100 per cent with all chapters in the county now owning a new John Deere tractor and equipment.

The latest chapters to receive the tractors were Troy and Brundidge. The Goshen chapter received theirs earlier from the Luverne Implement Company. The Perkins Implement Company presented the tractors to Troy and Brundidge.

The implement dealers plan to pick up the tractors and equipment each year and replace them with new tractors and equipment.

In making the presentations, the implement companies said that mechanized farming of today requires training and that the service, satisfactory use and life of farm machinery depends upon the proper operation and maintenance of the machinery. By presenting tractors and equipment to the vo-ag departments, the Vo-Ag instructors will be able to give this much-needed training to our young men who are interested in agriculture.

It is believed that Pike County is the only county in the United States to be presented three tractors for use in the vo-ag department. Vocational agriculture teachers who will supervise the use of the tractors are: W. H. Kinard, Troy; W. K. Roberson, Brundidge and J. A. Ray, Goshen.

## Sulligent FFA Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Twenty-five years of FFA progress passed in review at Sulligent on March 11 when the local chapter observed its 25th Anniversary with a banquet. On hand for the occasion were about 200 FFA members and their fathers which included the first officers of the chapter and two of their fathers. Many county and state officials were present to take part in the celebration.

The banquet program for the night of March 11th was presented in the form of a story which began in 1927 when a young man just out of Auburn drove into Sulligent and announced he was the new agriculture teacher. He was S. J. Gibbs, who is still teaching at Sulligent High School.

Mr. Gibbs picked up the name of "Farmer" during his early years at Sulligent and is called by that name today by students and townspeople alike.

Of course the local farmers at that time eyed the new teacher with suspicion. One local farmer made the remark to a group sitting around one of the town's pot-bellied stoves; "That young man can't teach us nothing about farming, he has been used to hydrant water all his life."

Shortly after that though one of the county's finest cows got sick. After everything else had been tried and failed, farmers remembered Gibbs and his new ideas. He was called in. He examined the sick cow with more than a dozen farmers watching sullenly from a safe distance.

"Milk fever," Gibbs said, trying to sound professional and sure of himself. He prescribed a treatment, it was followed and the cow was soon well.

After the sick cow incident, farmers began to listen more attentively to the young agriculture leader.

Two years after Mr. Gibbs first arrived in Sulligent the first FFA Chapter was organized. All the first officers still live at Sulligent. They are: Brooks Mad-



HERE ARE the first officers of the Sulligent FFA Chapter. From left to right: S. J. Gibbs, adviser; Claude Stokes, Secretary and present Mayor of Sulligent; Byron Trimm, vice president and former school teacher, now farming; Brooks Maddox, president and present Ford dealer and cattle farmer at Sulligent.

dox, president, now a well-known automobile dealer and cattle farmer; Byron Trimm, vice president, former school teacher and present farmer; and Claude Stokes, secretary-treasurer, and presently mayor of Sulligent.

As part of the flashback program, the old officers took over and read minutes of the first meetings. They also told of some of the early socials and other events that took place during the early days of FFA at Sulligent.

As the story was told, you could see agriculture progress in Lamar County taking shape. FFA members recalled the first sack of tankage bought by an FFA member, the first feed brought to the crusher, and the first commercial orchard.

Lakon Pennington, 1954 president, presided over the meeting.

After the officers of the first chapter told how Mr. Gibbs organized the FFA Chapter, Harold Otts, FFA member, told of some of the activities of the chapter. Jimmy Mixon paid tribute to the donors and sponsors of FFA projects.

Herbert Scott read from the honor roll the names of Sulligent FFA members who gave their lives for their country during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Other FFA'ers on the program included a novelty presentation by Corky Buckley. Larry Flynn described the community service done by the FFA chap-

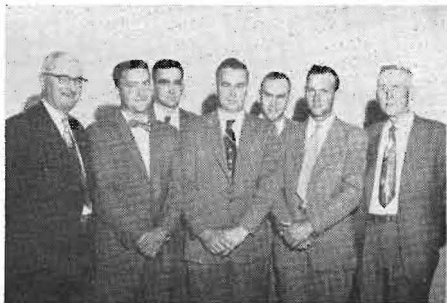
ter and George Clifton described some of the accomplishments of scientific agriculture.

The winning public speaker at Sulligent, Billy Crutchfield, spoke on the job ahead for FFA.

Charles Ritter Jr., national vice president from Amory, Miss., closed out the program. He praised Mr. Gibbs for his leadership of the youth of Lamar County and for helping farmers adopt scientific farming practices.

"Farming today," Ritter said, "is a job for a specialist, a scientist, an economist, and a man with a whale of a lot of horse sense."

"Farming no longer is the occupation of a person who can't find anything else to do."



FFA FAMILY—all boys were FFA members at Sulligent while in high school and the father was a member of the adult class. From left to right: S. J. Gibbs, adviser, Bill, Ted, Velmon, Dennis, Que and their father S. G. Boyett.



FROM left to right: Lakon Pennington, president of Sulligent FFA Chapter and master of ceremonies at the banquet; Wallace Stanford, vice president; S. J. Gibbs, adviser; and Charles Ritter, Jr., National vice president from Amory, Mississippi.

# Letter to the Editor

Mr. T. L. Faulkner  
Editor: "The Alabama Future Farmer"  
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

I received your February-March edition of "The Alabama Future Farmer" and read it with a great deal of interest. This is certainly a wonderful publication, and I know that the boys appreciate receiving such a fine magazine.

I would like to add my congratulations to you and all of the other fine people in the State of Alabama connected with the wonderful organization, Future Farmers of America. I note that the week of February 20-27 has been set aside as National FFA Week. To my way of thinking, this is one of the finest organizations in America. We are happy to play a small part in making your magazine available to the FFA members in the State of Alabama.

Keep up the good work, and I know that the FFA Organization will continue to grow.

Very truly yours,  
ALABAMA FLOUR MILLS

C. I. Carter, Manager  
Formula Feeds Department

Thanks, Mr. Carter. Those kind words are appreciated I am sure by our FFA members everywhere. Your interest and cooperation is a great encouragement to these outstanding young men. T. L. F.

## Riverton's Prize Winners

Students in the agriculture and home economics classes at Riverton High School have developed a high degree of skill and proficiency in sweeping honors and winning contests, not only in Alabama, but in competition with Tennessee and Georgia.

In fact, they have become so good that, if they don't watch out, they will be ruled out as "professionals."

The most recent in a long series of victories in recent years was the award Thursday night at Chattanooga of the Tri-State FFA crown to winsome Jeanette Neely, over a field of 45 other contestants from Alabama, Tennessee and North Georgia.

In the past five years, in which Riverton has entered this contest, three Riverton girls have won top honor as "Queen," while two others were runners-up in the other years.

Each year, major state, district and national honors are won by Riverton boys and girls in stock judging, in exhibiting their calves and hogs, in FFA contests, in general skills in farm work and on farm projects.

Much is due to the high caliber of the students, but a very generous portion of the credit also belongs to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wigley, their teachers, who are experts in their lines and in knowledge of animal husbandry and home economics. — *Editorial from The Huntsville Times.*



WAYMON PAUL (center) is being congratulated by J. J. Collins, Geneva County Superintendent of Education. Rep. George Andrews, guest speaker at the Geneva High School program, looks on. The youth is Chapter Corn Growing Champion. Symbolic is the FFA emblem (in background) which depicts a cross-section of an ear of corn.

## Geneva Has Gala Affair

Parents and other guests came to Geneva High School recently to watch the Future Farmers of America in action. They saw:

Three businessmen initiated as honorary members of the group, a corn growing champion and a "Chapter Farmer of the Year" honored. And they heard:

Representative George Andrews of Union Springs paint a glowing picture about the future of farming and living in Alabama — "One of the few states in the Union that could almost build a fence around itself and live with its natural resources."

Joel E. Johnson presented honorary chapter pins to Robert Sidwell, manager of Radio Station WGEA; Cecil B. Johnson, Geneva businessman and manager of Johnson Farms; and Wilbur Pridgen, mayor of Geneva.

Probate Judge R. S. Ward, a fourth man elected to honorary membership, was absent due to illness. Appropriate citations were read concerning each with regard to the support and service they render the Geneva chapter.

Waymon Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs.



M. J. BEARD, local adviser (at right), and members erect Forest Fire highway signs.

Lester Paul, Samson, Route 2, was presented a key and certificate as the champion corn grower. He produced a high of 70 bushels per acre; an average of 38 bushels on a 10-acre field. This presentation was made by J. J. Collins, county superintendent of education.

Chapter Farmer of the Year honors were won by Charles Pritchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pritchett, Geneva. D. H. Ward, Geneva, made the award.

Runners-up in this contest were Waymon Paul and Max Ausley.

Roland McCall was in charge of a brief ceremony that saw 18 boys receive the "Green Hand" pin, first degree of recognition for a member of FFA.

Representative Andrews directed most of his remarks toward members of the FFA.

"I hope you young men will follow through with your ambition to be farmers. . . . I hope you stay in Alabama . . . in Geneva County."

Andrews sought to assure the Future Farmers that they could find "no better place" than Geneva County.

"Alabama," he pointed out, "has more natural resources than any state in these United States."

—FFA—

# FFA ROUND-UP

## CORNER

The Corner FFA chapter cooperated with other agencies recently and helped put on a forestry demonstration, according to Rex Frederick, chapter reporter.

Also assisting was Mr. J. W. Lindsey, superintendent of forestry for Alabama By-Products. The demonstration was held on land owned by Allen Busby.

All necessary equipment was furnished by the Alabama By-Products. The group marked off an acre of land and did the necessary trimming. They also thinned out all the trees not needed.

Mr. Lindsey talked to the Future Farmers about the proper procedure for thinning and trimming. The FFA members kept a record of all trees cut and trees left.

## THOMASTON

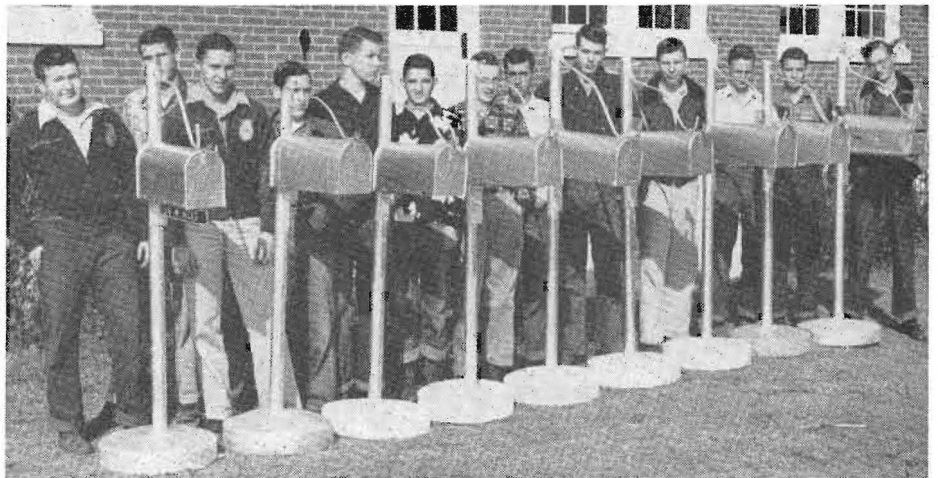
Walter Cannon, FFA reporter for the Thomaston Chapter, says that several members of their chapter are making plans for plenty of quail in future years. He reported eight members set one-eighth-acre strips of bicolor lespedeza

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PICTURED ABOVE are the officers of the Jasper chapter as they display their paraphernalia and equipment. From left to right they are: president Charles F. Banks; vice-president Buell Butts; secretary Ronnie Dunham; treasurer Bobby Robinson; reporter Donald E. Sanford, Jr.; and sentinel Jimmy Neal.



SHOWN ABOVE are members of the Hartford chapter with the beautiful mailbox posts they built in their vocational agriculture farm mechanics shop.



SHOWN ABOVE is local adviser and teacher of Vo-Ag. W. B. Thrash supervising FFA members in the use of new power equipment installed in their school workshop at Orrville.

## Pell City Chapter Report For February

By EDISON GRAHAM  
Reporter

Eugene Parker set out 20 Blue Berries and 10 figs.

Edison Graham won both chapter and county Public Speaking contests.

Quartet, made up of Amos Smith, Larry Haynes, George Johnson and Raymond Bowman won county finals.

Members set 25,000 pine seedlings. Made 14 dibbles in shop to be used in setting the seedlings.

Showed movie of National FFA Convention.

Beef, Dairy and Hog judging teams practicing.

George Johnson working on his Forestry program. Pruning, thinning, cutting, plowing firelanes, setting seedlings. Has done a good job.

Peter Funderburg has done the best job of setting pine seedlings in this area. Set 2,000 loblolly seedlings and 2,000 bicolor seedlings. Plowed fire lanes around and blocked it out with his own tractor.

Two FFA meetings in February.

Made 40 pictures of FFA activities.

Placed exhibit in downtown show window of model tractors, charts, FFA paraphernalia, etc.

Column in local newspaper each week.

FHA girls made candy for all FFA members, or rather made up 15 pounds of sugar into candy for FFA members. The girls said the boys sure were sugary.

Gerald Smith and Johnny Smith set 2,000 loblolly pine seedlings each.

Paul Smith doing well in the Farm Mechanics contest. Has really gone to town this year.

We had R. N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Railroad, as our guest on a preliminary forestry survey.

Cleaned up and set about 15 shrubs on school grounds.

Peter Funderburg pruned 17 apple trees.

George Johnson placed 200 N.H. Reds in his shop-made brooder.

Ray Tucker's cover crops are green oats, rye, wheat and crimson clover. His pasture showing up well.

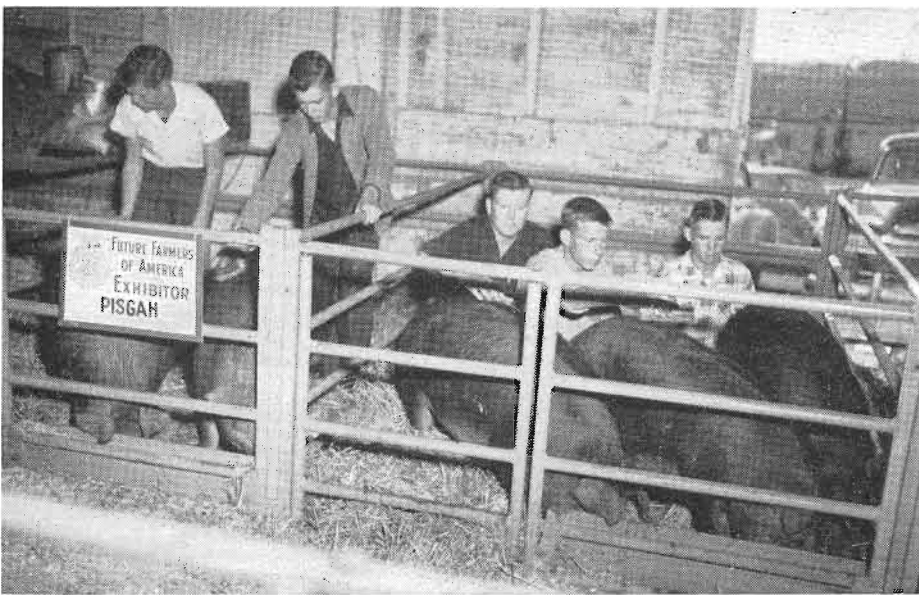
Gerald Smith pruned his home orchard — 23 peaches, apples, grapes and plums.

Steve Milam lost part of his forestry project to the fire last week.

Jack Golden set 1,000 pine seedlings.

Pat Morris constructed a table saw by using a mandel, building the table and buying the saw blade. The total saw cost \$4.30 to construct as he used an automobile axle that had been discarded.

Buster Funderburg set 1,000 loblolly pine seedlings on 1½ acres.



SHOWN ABOVE are members of the Pisgah chapter with their winning hog exhibits during the Hog Show in Birmingham last Fall.

### NATIONAL OFFICERS (Cont'd)

They were entertained that night at a dinner at The Club as guests of The Progressive Farmer.

York City, Louisville, Ky., and Atlanta.

The group left by plane Saturday morning for Houston.

Other stops on the tour include Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, and back to Washington.

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## ATTENTION FARMERS and FUTURE FARMERS

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Auburn's 3-year experiments show \$795.00 per acre possible from an acre of cucumbers for Pickles. What other crop can equal this for revenue? Ask for copy of instructions when you sign our contract.

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 Montgomery — Tuesday, April 27  
 Birmingham — Thursday & Friday, April 29 and 30  
 Dothan — Tuesday, May 11

—FFA—

## Can You Read?

By BRYANT BYRD  
 State FFA Secretary

Of course you can read, but do you read enough? There are many of us in the FFA who do not. When you read, it will help to increase your vocabulary. You can study other subjects, such as English; prepositions, clauses, and verbs may be picked out while reading. Another advantage of reading is that you will always have a companion.

You say that one reason for not reading is not having enough interesting books. A very good way to get books you have not read is to exchange with your friends. This way you can read many more books at less expense.

I would like to encourage every chapter in Alabama that does not already have a Chapter Library to start one today. To begin with, it will probably be small, but as time passes, the library will increase in size and the interest of the members will also be increased. It would be good to have books of different types and on various subjects such as sports, mysteries, short stories and some magazines.

Reading broadens the mind. Each individual is responsible for his own intellect and this intellect is prodded along by the experiences recorded by intellectual minds. A library will bring these recordings to us and we can profit by experiences of others and can compare our own ideas with those we read . . . not necessarily having to always agree.

Let us begin to exchange our books and magazines with others and begin a library or increase the one we have.

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each. These young farmers expect each strip of seedlings to make enough seed to feed one covey of quail.

### ALICEVILLE

The Aliceville FFA Chapter is furthering the interest of forestry in Pickens County. Recently they were visited by Boyd Arnold, conservation forester for the International Paper Company of Mobile. Mr. Arnold showed the first year vocational agriculture students a film entitled "Birth of a Southern Pine."

After the film, a field trip was made to the forest belonging to Mrs. J. G. Rice. During the trip it was explained how to improve a forest by cutting the crooked, diseased and other undesirable trees.

The Future Farmers also put on a radio program on Forestry. Oliver Phillips Jr., announced the program. Other boys who took part are Lamar Lawrence,

## API Professor Wins Doctorate

Dr. John E. Deloney, associate professor of agricultural education at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has received notice from Teachers' College, Columbia University, that he has been granted the doctor of education degree from that institution.

His project report for his degree dealt with "Proposals for Further Development of the Audio-Visual Program in the School of Education at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute."

Maurice Cochrell, Billy Hildreth, Rayford Poole and Alton Allen.

In addition to studying forestry in class, the farm youths took a field trip to a local fire tower where Knox Davis, County Forester, explained the system of fighting forest fires and gave other points on forest production.



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# FFA

## On The MARCH

**AKRON**—held parliamentary drill in regular meetings; set out 10,000 pine seedlings.

**ALBERTVILLE**—have 9 boys with 32 head of hogs on feed for Fat Hog Show; put on radio program over local station WAVU; built 8 mailbox posts.

**ALEXANDRIA**—held regular meeting; had joint valentine party with FHA; reworking school campus.

**ALICEVILLE**—setting 25,000 pine seedlings and 5,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; presented FFA Sweetheart with jacket; put on radio program; had full page ad in county paper.

**ARLEY**—working on plan to improve scholarship; final payment made on Forney welder; helped with chicken supper sponsored by athletic association.

**ASHLAND**—held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; bought 2 hogs for chapter; ordered pecan trees for ag boys.

**ATHENS**—held chapter public speaking contest; reporter attended district meeting; building tool cabinets and repairing equipment in shop.

**BAKER HILL**—held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; had pictures in Haleyville Advertiser; put up several FFA signs; held chapel program.

**BEAUREGARD**—organized string band and quartet; planted 14,000 pine seedlings and 5,000 lespedeza bicolor plants.

**BILLINGSLEY**—set out 11,500 pine seedlings; secured 2 pigs to feed out on FFA school plot.

**BOAZ**—had radio program; studied beef, dairy and hog judging for district contest; landscaped Snead college administration building.

**BROOKWOOD**—set out 20,000 pine seedlings and 23,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; had joint social with FHA; planned initiation for new members.

**BRUNDIDGE**—held 2 regular meetings; received 10,000 pine seedlings; making plans for annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

**BUTLER**—built paint cabinet; remodeling tool room and getting tools outlined on panel; rewiring department; planning talent show with FHA; speaking and quiz contest eliminations.

**CAMDEN**—completed plans for banquet; one member to enter Fat Calf show; 7 members advanced to Chapter Farmers.

**CAMP HILL**—member won first place in Tallapoosa County FFA Public Speaking Contest; elected FFA Sweetheart; Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree conferred on Mr. Owen Dees, principal of Camp Hill High School.

**CARBON HILL**—placed two registered Duroc gilts with FFA boys; ordered one FFA jacket.

**CARLOWVILLE**—planted 25,000 bicolor lespedeza plants and 7,000 pine seedlings.

**CARROLLTON**—published news article; set out 18,000 pine seedlings and 7,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; ordered 3 official FFA jackets and 3 official "FFA" shirts.

**CEDAR BLUFF**—200 attended the annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; setting out 3,000 bicolor lespedeza plants.

**CHEROKEE**—attended district teachers meeting with reporter Bobby Belue taking notes with Mr. Carnes; planning beautification program for Campus around new vo-ag building.

**CLAYTON**—put out 5,000 bicolor lespedeza plants and 3,000 pine seedlings; paid balance on gas heating system installed in vo-ag department; made plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

**CLIO**—selected chapter Sweetheart and presented her with a Sweetheart jacket; initiated 8 Chapter Farmers and presented pins; took in 3 new members.

**COFFEEVILLE**—planted 8,000 pine seedlings and 16,000 bicolor seedlings; plan Father-Son banquet; two officers' meetings.

**COLUMBIANA**—purchased Chapter president an official jacket; elected two honorary members and purchased paper weights for them.

**CORNER**—initiated 10 Green Hands; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; presented one radio program over WVOK.

**CURRY**—received and issued 20,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; planted 1,000 pine seedlings; purchased jointer for shop; made plans for Parent-Son banquet; elected 5 honorary members.

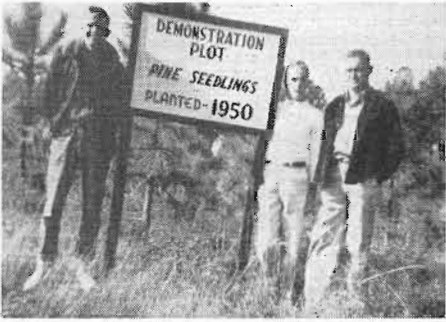
**DADEVILLE**—held Sweetheart contest; planning to enter FFA Contests; Chapter president presided at county FFA Contest.

**EAST BREWTON**—completed magazine sales; purchased camera and flash attachment; made definite plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

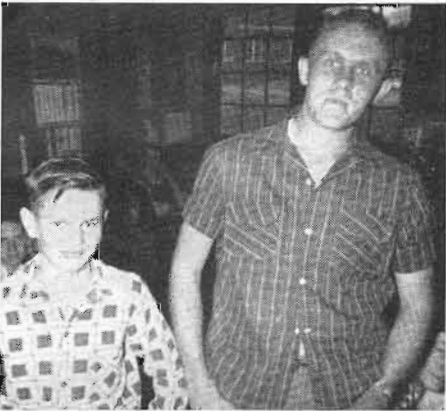
**EAST LIMESTONE**—ordered 10,000 bicolor plants and Green Hand and Chapter Farmer



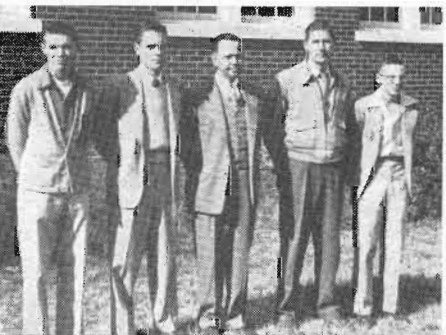
EDSON GRAHAM, reporter, and George Johnson, assistant reporter, of Pell City prepare FFA news.



F. H. COWEN (right), local adviser of the Grand Bay Chapter, and members are shown in chapter pine seedling demonstration plot.



SMALLEST and largest members of the Pell City FFA Chapter. Jack Willis (left), 96 lb., and Terry Turner (right) 227 lb.



SHOWN ABOVE is Clio's best athlete, Miles Adams, along with Coach Lee, B. C. Botts, principal; R. J. Chandler, local adviser; and James Davis, local president.

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pins; working on State Farmer Degree applications.

**ECLECTIC**—distributed 17,000 bicolor lespezeza plants and 100 FFA calendars through the cooperation of the Eclectic Bank; gave 12 Green Hand pins and 19 Chapter pins to members.

**ELBA**—put out 23,000 pine seedlings and 68,000 bicolor lespezeza plants; ordered and planted 2,600 strawberry plants and over 100 fruit trees; ordered pins for 30 Green Hands and 17 Chapter Farmers; placed 7 more purebred pigs in pig chain.

**ENTERPRISE**—replaced chapter room equipment; put chapter bull with another boy; planted 11 strips of bicolor lespezeza; set out 11,500 pine trees; initiated 11 Chapter Farmers.

**FAYETTE**—initiated 26 Green Hands; Chapter Farmers to be initiated; 16,000 bicolor lespezeza plants and 8,000 pine seedlings planted; put up fourteen 30" by 42" FFA calendars.

**FIVE POINTS**—plans are being made to buy an electric welder and departmentalize our farm shop; set 8,000 pine seedlings; had valentine party with FHA; sold four registered Hampshires for \$292.50.

**FORT DEPOSIT**—planted 15,000 bicolor lespezeza plants; put on chapel program during National FFA Week; plan to put on talent program in high school.

**GENEVA**—100% chapter membership en-

tered Public Speaking Contest; attended county FFA-FHA meeting in Slocomb; received 12,000 lespezeza bicolor plants and 13,000 pine seedlings.

**GERALDINE**—members secured 12,000 bicolor lespezeza plants; ordered 15 new manuals; held 2 meetings; presented radio programs.

**GORGAS**—planted 20,000 pine seedlings and received 44,000 bicolor lespezeza plants; planned to get 5 sheep for chapter project; repairing and painting farm machinery.

**GROVE HILL**—bought a new electric arc welding machine and oxy-acetylene welder for shop; received 10,000 pine seedlings and 8,000 bicolor lespezeza plants.

**GUIN**—bought 12 new axes for forest work and new black-out shades for chapter room; sold rat poison.

**GURLEY**—ordered 3,000 pine seedlings; placed two pigs in pig chain; each member has made plans for supervised projects for the coming year.

**HACKLEBURG**—set out 5,000 bicolor lespezeza plants; reporter attended district meeting; sent one article to newspaper; preparing chapel program.

**HALEYVILLE**—received 8,000 pine seedlings and 6,000 bicolor lespezeza plants; had officers' pictures made and put in local paper for National FFA Week; wrote two articles for local paper.

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KEN EATMAN (center), Aliceville's Champion Corn Grower, receives pin from Earl Gardner, local adviser, while Ken's father (right) looks on. Other prizes included \$25 in cash and a Guernsey heifer.

HATTON—ordering camera for department; received 15,000 bicolor seedlings.

HAYNEVILLE—awarded chapter and county corn growing contest winners; planning FFA chapel program.

HEADLAND—FFA calendars were presented the chapter; Mr. Yeager, vo-ag teacher, presented member a certificate and medal for county champion corn grower.

HEFLIN—sold subscriptions for a magazine to raise money to help pay for the lighting system to be installed in the vo-ag building. We are to have the first adequately lighted classroom in Cleburne County; game warden of the Talladega National Forest spoke to the chapter about keeping fires down in our forest, and about the hunting and fishing laws.

HOLLY POND—painted classroom; brought corn and money to help finish paying for an electric welder for the shop.

HUBBERTVILLE—completed road sign project; treated 650 posts in plant; received 5,000 bicolor seedlings and ordered 7,000 pines.

JACKSON—improved shop; reworked shop tables; planted 17,000 pine seedlings.

JACKSONVILLE—ordered 18,000 pine seedlings and 16,000 bicolor plants; will present

radio program during National FFA Week; five members ordered FFA jackets and T-shirts.

JASPER—purchased Delta bandsaw, a Delta Unisaw and an automatic thickness planer for shop; planned FFA banquet; planted 13,000 longleaf pine seedlings.

JEMISON—ordered 8,000 pine seedlings; started work on Safety Campaign; made plans for FFA-FHA party; started selling magazines to raise funds for chapter.

KINSTON—raised 13 Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer; 7,000 pine seedlings and 18,000 bicolor lespedeza plants set out by local members.

LEROY—purchased camera for chapter use; selling seed to raise money for chapter; set date for Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; members ordered 16,000 pine seedlings.

LOCUST FORK—initiated 18 Green Hands; topping out 2 hogs that will be ready to sell soon; 6 members ordered 1,000 pine seedlings each and 8 members ordered 10,000 bicolor seedlings.

LOUISVILLE—made plans for Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; contributed to march of dimes; held 2 regular meetings; made plans for improving shop; aided in soil testing program.

LYEFFION—the chapter sponsored a tuber-



PAT CASEY, of Wicksburg, with his pure-bred Duroc sow and pigs which have already made him \$162 profit from two litters and still has seven fine pigs on hand.

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TERRY PARTLOW, of Odenville, is shown with part of the 221 packages of frozen food grown and placed in their family freezer locker.

culosis test for cows; added a bandsaw to shop; repainted the FFA Welcome signs.

LYNN—FFA and FHA are planning a weiner roast at Brushy Lake; set out 3,500 pine seedlings and 25,000 bicolor lespedeza plants.

McADORY—set 7,000 pine seedlings and 6,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; 30 members in Rat Control Program; 5 members constructed hot beds for planting in mid-February to secure plans for truck crop projects.

McKENZIE—held two regular meetings; clover planted last fall is making rapid growth.

MELLOW VALLEY—held regular meeting; joint social with FHA; placed 2 gilts in pig chain; set 4,000 pine seedlings and 2,000 lespedeza bicolor plants.

MIDLAND CITY—held two regular meetings; sponsored Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; sold rat poison and T-shirts; set out 9,000 pine seedlings.

MILLRY—erected new signs at entrance of town; placed 1 pig in pig chain; planted pine seedlings and bicolor plants.

MONTEVALLO—landscaped two homes; selling subscriptions to local paper to raise funds; set 12 shade trees on vo-ag grounds; building set of steps to school lunchroom.

MOULTON—have ordered cooperatively 116 fruit trees, 34 grapes, and 1,500 strawberries; issued 36,000 bicolor seedlings to members; Jr. III boys making book cases in shop; purchased a new Ansco Viking camera for chapter; elected 4 Honorary members; ordering signs for mailboxes: "A Future Farmer Lives Here."

NEW HOPE—four chain pigs placed with members; planning Father-Son banquet; completing Rat Killing Campaign.

NEW SITE—held monthly meeting; elected FFA Sweetheart.

NEWVILLE—had joint weiner roast with FHA; built 18 lockers in bath house; visited livestock auction at Abbeville.

NORTHPORT—set out 40,000 pine seedlings and 20,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; received a Sears bull; building mail box posts.

NOTASULGA—sponsored Rat Killing campaign using 150 lb. of Warfarin; ordered 500 fruit trees cooperatively.

OAKMAN—placed 1 gilt in pig chain; started scrap iron drive; wired outlets in school building; pruned orchard as demonstration.

ODENVILLE—received 25,000 bicolor plants and 10,000 pine seedlings; in the shop the boys have made brooders, ax handles, hammer handles, chicken feeders and various other things.

OHATCHEE—ordered 2,000 pine seedlings; awarded 3 chapter degrees; awarded 1 pig to chapter member; ran 3,000 feet of terrace lines.

ONEONTA—elected three honorary chapter farmers; sponsored march of dimes drive in



HUGH DON MYERS, Oakman member, is shown with his flock of sheep which brought him a gross income of \$512 last year.

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school and collected \$34.00; 2 members bought registered Jersey heifers, making a total of 18 in the chapter; set out 26,000 bicolor lespedeza plants and 11,000 pine seedlings.

ORRVILLE—put out 25,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; started a calf chain; held regular semi-monthly meetings; finished building barbecue pit.

OZARK—received 19,000 pine seedlings; ordered 12,000 certified tomato plants; sold "Keep Alabama Green" car tags.

PELL CITY—received 10,000 pine trees and 14,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; studied orchard care; installed new motor in power saw; members learn to use electric welder; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings.

PINE APPLE—held 2 meetings; bought FFA pigs for barbecue; held FFA dance.

PINE HILL—ordered 14,000 pine seedlings and set out 5,000 lespedeza bicolor plants; selling nursery plants and landscaping homes.

PISGAH—all members building FFA mailbox posts; four chapter Sears gilts brought 49 pigs; installed new flag pole on campus.

PLEASANT HOME—two news articles in local paper; erected two roadside signs on highway; placed two more gilts in Pig Chain.

RED BAY—planted 6,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; raised 20 Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer; planning joint party with FHA; purchased three hogs for chapter hog project; offering course in arc welding to chapter members; added literature to chapter library; ordered 60 fruit trees.

REFORM—completed initiation of 17 Green Hands; set out 7,000 pine seedlings; ordered new banner for chapter hall; planning Father-Son banquet; ordering new official manual for each member.

RIVERTON—set out 6,000 pine seedlings and 4,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; entered FFA bull in breeding contest.

SAMSON—received Hampshire gilt from Sears Roebuck Foundation for a pig chain; ordered 11,000 pine seedlings; made cooperative nursery order of 168 trees.

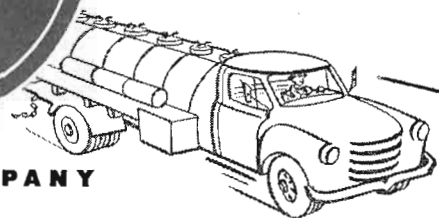
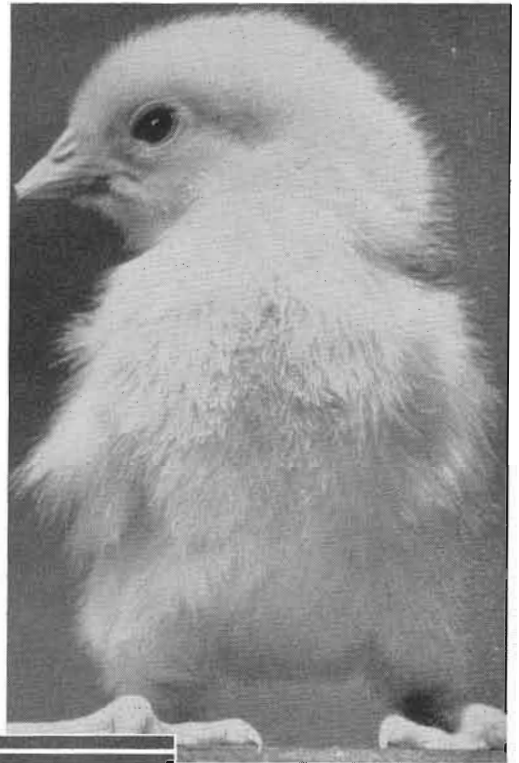
SAND ROCK—held two chapter meetings; bought a fruit sprayer for community service



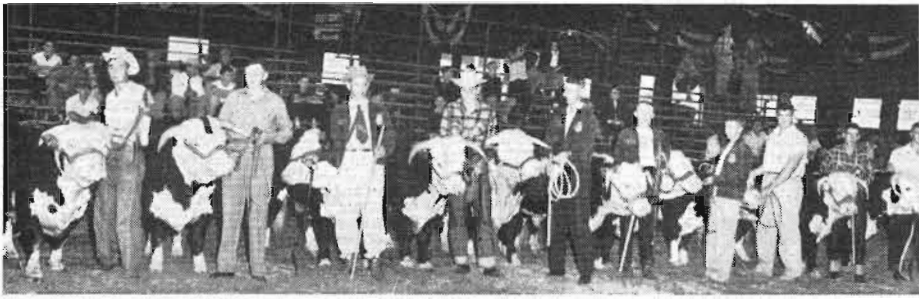
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and an FFA camera; sold two pigs from pig chain.

**SIDNEY LANIER**—received bicolor lespedeza plants; sold greeting cards; ordered subscriptions to sell magazines; planned barbecue; worked on show calf.

**SLOCOMB**—plan to have banquet with FHA; will add 2 hogs to pig chain; rewired shop; made \$90 selling chances on Cedar Chest; ordered 75 fruit trees.

**SMITH'S STATION**—worked in shop; planted 10,000 pine trees; erected flag pole.

**SOUTHSIDE**—plan combined Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet with FHA; set out 1,000 bicolor lespedeza plants; sold 4 registered Duroc hogs; presented 14 Chapter Degree pins to second year members.

**SPRING GARDEN**—held Father-Son banquet; growing out seven pigs for market; built Sears Bull sign; set out 16,000 pine seedlings and plan to set out 4,000 bicolor plants; 4 members to show Fat Calves.

**SULLIGENT**—planted 20,000 bicolor and 23,000 pine seedlings; published 5 news articles in January; constructing 5 cedar chests; made 2 cooperative fruit tree orders.

**SUSAN MOORE**—placed another gilt in pig chain; treated farm timbers for people in community; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; repaired several pieces of shop equipment.

**SUTTLE**—selling chances on Cedar Chest; buying camera for chapter; planted 1,000 pine seedlings on FFA land and 17,000 planted by members; boys got 10,000 bicolor lespedeza plants.

**SYLVANIA**—initiated 12 Green Hands; raised 9 Green Hands to Chapter Farmer.

**TANNER**—held social with FHA; rearranged shop and tool rooms; put on assembly programs.

**THEODORE**—erected 3 road signs; purchased Sweetheart jacket; moved into new agriculture room.

**THOMASTON**—held one regular meeting; ordered pine seedlings; plan to buy a heifer to put in lab; 8 boys established bicolor seedling strips.

**THOMASVILLE**—held electricity clinic; set out pine trees; purchased flash camera.

**TOWN CREEK**—received and planted 42,000 bicolor seedlings; selecting beef, hog and dairy judging teams; attended county meeting; ordered FFA jackets.

**TUSKEGEE**—placed FFA banner in classroom; landscaped vo-ag building; presented President with FFA Jacket.

**VALLEY HEAD**—club set out 16,000 pine seedlings; planning cotton club; 5 members bought purebred gilts.

**VINA**—bought Hampshire purebred boar for use in FFA pig chain; ordered shrubbery to landscape new auditorium.

**VINCENT**—bought new shop equipment, approximately \$650, have received the welder and started studying it; had several films on arc welding; initiated 4 new members; installed a whole new wiring system in shop and classroom.

**WALNUT GROVE**—held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; Senior II class pruning several orchards for farmers.

**WEDOWEE**—held one FFA meeting; planned social; ordered 12,500 pine seedlings; castrated 4 pigs; received arc welder and hope to get it installed soon.

**WEST LIMESTONE**—obtained 27,000 bicolor seedlings and 70 pounds of seed, also 25,000 pine seedlings.

**WEST POINT**—new members made mailbox posts; making plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

**WETUMPKA**—held parents-son barbecue; awarded Honorary Degree to local farmer; set out 27,000 pine seedlings.

**WICKSBURG**—15 new cedar chests under construction; planning joint social; set out pine trees.

**WINTERBORO**—placed one purebred gilt; planted 1,000 pine seedlings; planted 7,000 lespedeza bicolor plants; bought electric arc welder for shop.

**WOODLAND**—poured 2,600 sq. ft. of walks; set out 60 pieces of shrubbery; planned to get started on pig chain.



A. G. DRIGGERS (right), local adviser at Louisville, and members erect Welcome signs at city line.

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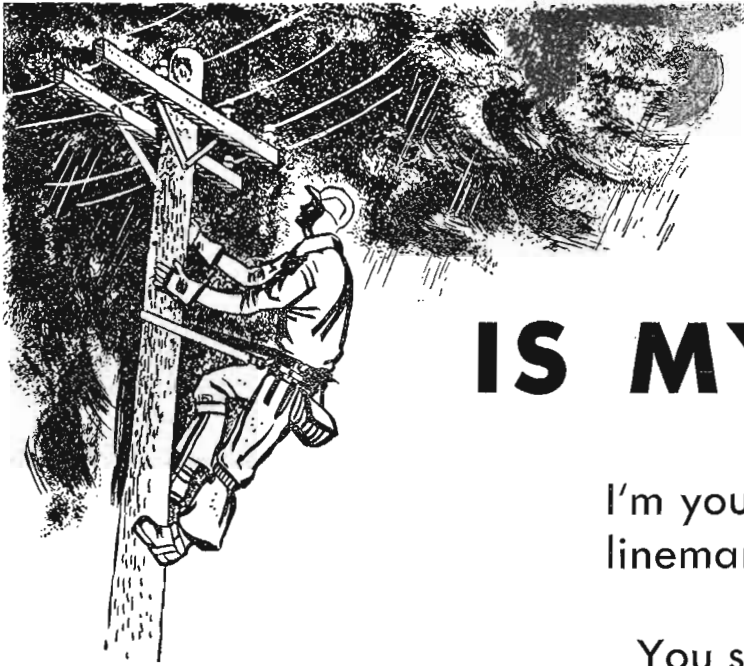
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**What is C-87?**

C-87 is a special combination, of ingredients including fish solubles, riboflavin supplement, niacin, calcium pantothenate and other high powered ingredients that step up feeding efficiency, lowers feed costs and aids in the general health and thriftiness of your flock. Only RED HAT Feeds contain it.



Like the poultry raisers above, you'll find IT PAYS to feed out your growing birds on RED HAT GROWING MASH with C-87. This scientifically balanced ration contains all the animal and vegetable proteins, minerals, vitamins and all the other nutrients growing birds need to develop into big, *sound bodied, fully matured, long laying pullets.*

In tests conducted by a leading University Agricultural School, birds grown out this way layed 78% more eggs than those left to

forage for themselves. The pullets were stronger and more completely developed. There were fewer blow-outs and other casualties which rob you of your profits.

This spring do as thousands of progressive poultry raisers are doing. Put your birds on RED HAT Growing Mash at 7 weeks of age. Continue to feed it until your pullets are in 30% egg production. You'll find IT PAYS. Remember, only RED HAT gives you C-87. So always ask your dealer for it by name.

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