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By R. P. Humphrey Jr.
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SCIENTIFIC FARMING OF TODAY REQUIRES TRAINING.

National FFA Week February 20-27

Birmingham Awaits Arrival of FFA Officers

The Magic City of Birmingham will open its doors to about 85 of Alabama's top-ranking Future Farmers on February 25-26. The FFA group will be guests of the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, according to J. A. Beaty, manager of the agriculture department.

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

FFA state officers making the trip are: Ralph Barrett, president; Cameron Lyle, vice-president; Bryant Byrd, secretary; Kenneth Copeland, treasurer; and Douglas Rigney, reporter.

Others attending the meeting will include R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education; J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture; H. R. Culver, district supervisor; T. L. Faulkner, FFA executive secretary; E. L. McGraw, subject matter specialist and J. L. Dailey, assistant supervisor.

Group Will Tour City

The group will arrive in Birmingham by noon on February 25 and register at the FFA booth in the lobby of the Redmont Hotel, where they will be assigned rooms. That afternoon, they will make a bus tour of the city, visit Vulcan Park, and other points of interest.

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

Friday morning the Future Farmers will make an educational tour of the Progressive Farmer printing plant and the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce building. At noon Friday, the delegation will be luncheon guests of the Birmingham Agricultural Club.

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



J. C. CANNON, state supervisor, agricultural Education, and FFA adviser, was recently honored in Chicago during the Annual American Vocational Association Convention. He was presented a life membership in the AVA from members of the state staff in supervision and teacher training. Presentation was made by H. R. Culver, district supervisor.

MOULTON

Five FFA members of the Moulton chapter are candidates for the State Farmer's Degree which is the highest degree given by the State Association to any student of vocational agriculture. Clinton Hardin, Gene Coffey, Gwyn Pitt, Willard Blankinship, and Billy Bass are the prospective candidates.

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WEDOWEE

Several members of the Wedowee FFA chapter cooperatively ordered 150 fruit trees for their home orchards, according to Obery G. Lawson, FFA adviser. Ray Messer is planning an outstanding project with his trees as he plans to have a complete home orchard to furnish several different kinds of fruit for the family over a period of several months during the year.

The farm youths at Wedowee also plan to put idle acres back to work with the pine seedlings they have ordered. 11 boys ordered 1,000 pine seedlings each for the project.

In the farm shop, the FFA chapter ordered a 200 amp. welder and will use it for repairing and building farm machinery and equipment.

252 Alabama Chapters to Observe FFA Week

Future Farmers all over Alabama and all over the nation will celebrate February 20-27 as National FFA Week. Alabama chapters are making plans for conducting the most elaborate celebration in the history of FFA, the world's largest farm boy organization.

Individual FFA chapters will conduct their own local programs which will include banquets, radio broadcasts, programs at civic club meetings, contests and games, programs in school assembly, barbecue and fish fries, conduct tours, parades, torchlight ceremonies and many other unusual activities. National radio programs will be broadcast throughout the week.

Why was February 20-27 selected for National FFA Week? This is the week of George Washington's birthday and was selected because the Future Farmers of America admire him for the traits of leadership that he exhibited during his lifetime and for the principles that he lived and fought to establish and preserve. George Washington also was one of America's first scientific farmers. He introduced some of the soil conservation practices that American farmers are just beginning to put into general practice.

The George Washington Grist Mill, oldest relic of his occupancy of Mount Vernon, is leased by the FFA and kept open to the public. The FFA members chose the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week out of honor and respect for the "Father of Our Country."

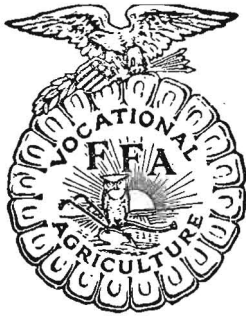
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AKRON

As the Akron Chapter of FFA worked up and adopted its annual activity program of work for this year, a desire was present to improve the citizenship and scholastic standing of its members.

According to R. L. Griffin, FFA adviser, some improvement standards were set up and a committee consisting of the chapter officers, their adviser and the high school principal was appointed to decide upon a winner and a prize to be awarded. The committee decided to select the boy in senior high school who has shown the greatest improvement scholastically during this school year. Also considered will be his cooperativeness, attitude toward work and similar characteristics.

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National FFA Week

By T. L. FAULKNER
State FFA Executive Secretary

National Future Farmers of America Week seeks to focus attention on the work of the Future Farmers of today, who will be the successful farmers of tomorrow.

This nation must have about 130,000 NEW farmers every year to replace those who die, retire, or otherwise leave the farm. These must be men with *experience* and *training* enough to become successful farmers. Generally, they must be men who have begun farming at an early age, so that by the time they are ready to marry and start a family they will be firmly established in a farming program that promises a *good* future.

Vocational Agriculture and the FFA constitute the most effective program yet developed for training boys to be good farmers and helping them to become established in the farming occupations of their choice.

In view of the nation's need for NEW farmers, it is fitting that recognition be given these young men who are preparing for careers in farming. Encouragement at this time will do much to stimulate them to harder work and greater achievement.

National FFA Week comes every year during the week of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. Although usually considered first as a great general, our first president, and an engineer, George Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, and other soil conserving methods. Probably no other man in America of his day spent more time seeking new agricultural information, either by experimentation on his own farm, or by correspondence with agricultural scientists in England. The title of America's first "scientific farmer" might be applied to Washington. It was to be more than a century after his death that many of the sound agricultural practices he advocated would find general practice.

It is out of deep respect and admiration for George Washington, the farmer in whose progressive ways they seek to follow, that Future Farmers annually observe their National FFA Week at the time of his birthday.

The FFA has 363,369 active members in about 8,500 local chapters located in farming areas throughout the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Through participating experiences in the Future Farmers of America, members learn how to take part in meetings, to follow parliamentary procedure, to speak in public, and to cooperate with their fellow students in programs for individual and community betterment. Local chapters sponsor recreational activities; conduct scrap drives, safety campaigns, home improvement campaigns, hold parent-son banquets. They have been known to organize a local chamber of commerce where none existed; to organize and manage a community fair. They frequently take on such jobs as the landscaping and beautification of school and church grounds in the community.

Many FFA activities are designed to stimulate the boys to do better work in vocational agriculture. The advancement through degrees in the organization is based largely on achievement in farming. Awards offered through the FFA for outstanding achievement in such fields as farm mechanics, electrification, soil and water management, dairy farming, and farm safety stimulate increased effort by the students. Chapters operate "pig chains" to help members get started; pool their funds to make quantity purchases of seeds, fertilizers, and other supplies. Judging contests build interest in learning the points of livestock and poultry selection; fairs and livestock shows build up enthusiasm for raising top quality products. Many chapters own one or more high quality sires for use of members and others of the community in improving the quality of their livestock. FFA members are active in dairy herd improvement associations, livestock breeders' associations, crop improvement associations and other similar organizations working for improved agriculture.



T. L. Faulkner



MEMBERS of the Frisco City Chapter display some of the chapter road signs that were to be erected for their chapter.

Twelve From Alabama Receive American Farmer Degree

TRUMAN ALLUMS
(Corner Chapter)

Truman Allums, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Allums, of Route 2, Dora, Alabama.

His first year's project program included corn, hay, brood sow, and a calf, which made him a net return of \$259.30. Truman has advanced to the next highest degree each year and has expanded his farming program along with his advancement. He has received a net worth from all projects since enrolling in FFA totaling \$1,769.35.

Truman has been very active in the activities of his local and state FFA, having held the office of treasurer and vice president of the local chapter and has served on several committees in local chapter. He was also a delegate to the State Convention one year. Truman was a member of the local quartet for two years.

He was very active in sports while in school having played basketball, baseball, and football. He was captain of the football team his senior year. He was active in other school activities too. Having held several offices in his classes and other clubs in school and taking an active part in all school activities.

Truman's activities have not been limited to the FFA and school but have extended to the community and church.

He is an active member of the Baptist Church and Sunday school. He has been secretary of Sunday school class and is now president of the class. He was a Junior Civitan and vice president of the Corner Junior Civitan Club. Truman also takes an active part in all community life.

JERRY SIMS
(Grand Bay Chapter)

Jerry B. Sims was an average student in high school and vocational agriculture

work. His project work has been very outstanding and he seems to be very much interested in farming and in advancing toward becoming established in farming.

The Sims' home is an average farm home that is kept painted and seems to be well cared for. The landscaping is appropriate and well cared for. They have most all home conveniences.

They have all necessary machinery and equipment necessary to do their farming and have housing facilities to keep their equipment protected from the weather.

JOHN FITCH
(Grand Bay Chapter)

John Fitch was one of the better students in school as far as work, scholastic achievements and accomplishments are concerned. His project work was always up to date even though he had to help with the farming operations. He has expanded this program to the extent that he now has a big farming program in operation. Since he keeps a double entry accounting system, he can tell you in a few minutes just how he stands in his whole program or in any one project.

The Fitch home is one of the better homes in this community. Since this family was selected as one of the Master Farm Families in Alabama in 1951, it had to be up to date in every respect. In the house, Mrs. Fitch has all the modern conveniences that a housewife could ask for.

Mr. Fitch has all the machinery and equipment to operate the general farm and poultry program. For his field crops, he has two tractors and all the equipment needed to do his work. His poultry houses are equipped with all labor saving devices such as water fountains, brooding units, etc.

To sum this up, you might say that they have an ideal farm home.



MEMBERS of the Hefflin Chapter celebrate the issuance of the FFA Postage Stamp in a big way. As shown above they paraded through town as part of the celebration.

GLYNN DEBTER
(Susan Moore Chapter)

Glynn Debter, a member of the Susan Moore Chapter, has made a remarkable record in vocational agriculture. Glynn also made an outstanding record in 4-H Club work prior to his entering vocational agriculture at Susan Moore high school.

On entering vocational agriculture Glynn began working even harder toward his goal of becoming established in farming. During the first year, Glynn had the following projects in his supervised farming program: 5 acres of corn; 1 beef calf; and one sow. These projects gave Glynn an income of more than \$550. During the following three years Glynn increased his supervised farming program to include many other kinds of crops and livestock. Now, after four years in the vocational agriculture program, Glynn has earned more than \$9,000. From the above, it is easy to understand that Glynn Debter is well on his way to becoming established in farming.

Glynn now owns a pick-up truck in partnership with his father. He also owns several head of purebred Hereford beef cattle, and a prize show calf.

Glynn has been very active in church, civic, and FFA work. He has been both reporter and vice president of his local chapter, and has been vice president of the District FFA Association. Glynn was one of the leaders in getting a chapter post-treating plant in operation, the cost of which exceeded \$1,600.

DARSIE ROGERS
(Notasulga Chapter)

"Once a successful farmer, always a farmer" has been the motto of Darsie Rogers, a Future Farmer of the Notasulga Chapter. He has exemplified that motto since he enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in the Fall of 1948. Further evidence of that fact is revealed in his continuously expanding farm program. He started with a small but well-rounded farm program, but as he gained experience and technical knowledge in the art of farming, his program began to grow until today he is recognized by his neighbors as one of the most progressive and successful farmers in the community. His net earnings for his four years in vocational agriculture were better than \$4,000, most of which was invested in land, livestock, and equipment. His father's 80-acre farm was not large enough for further expansion of his program, so he bought another 80 acres adjoining his father's farm in 1951 and formed a managing partnership with his dad. Since business interests occupied most of his father's time, Darsie is now operating the 160-acre farm in



J. H. WHITSON, vocational agriculture teacher at Winston County High School, has been named "Man of the Year" in Double Springs.

Mr. Whitson takes a very active part in all community enterprises and has held office in a number of civic organizations. At present he is president of the Double Springs Lions Club and county chairman of the March of Dimes. A member of the Church of Christ, he is an elder, teacher of the Young People's Sunday School Class and song leader.

The "Man of the Year" was sponsored in the contest by the Double Springs Panorama Study Club.

addition to the 96 acres of row crop he is renting from neighboring farms.

Becoming a State Farmer and attending the National Convention of Future Farmers of America in 1951 had much to do with his ambition to become established in a successful farming occupation.

As vice president during his senior year, Darsie was very active in the FFA. He was elected to serve on several important committees, which resulted in the accomplishment of many worthwhile projects.

WADE SKIDMORE
(Arab Chapter)

Wade Skidmore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Skidmore, of Rural Route 3, Arab, Alabama has been an outstanding FFA member for the past six years.

During Wade's first year of vocational agriculture, he had 1½ acres of corn, 1 acre grain sorghum, and 2 top hogs. He had a total labor income of \$75.65. During the first year he was on the social committee, showed his 2 top hogs in the hog show, and attended the state convention as a chapter delegate.

His second year, he had 1½ acres corn, 3 top hogs, 1 fat calf, 1 acre cotton, and 3 acres grain sorghum. He had a total labor income of \$270.90. This year he entered the speaking contest and won the chapter, county, quarter finals, and placed third in the district. He was also chairman of the Father-Son banquet and a delegate to the state convention.

During his last year in vocational agriculture, his program was 1 acre corn, 3 top hogs, and 3 dairy heifers with

labor income of \$490.29. He was chairman of the speaking committee and went to state finals in contest. He also served as president of the local chapter, and was toastmaster of the Father-Son, Football, and Junior-Senior banquet.

During Wade's first year out of school, he became a partnership farmer with his father. They operate the farm on a 50-50 basis. His father furnishes the machinery and they share the expenses and profit equally. Wade is responsible for at least three-fourths of the labor. Recently Wade has bought a 30 acre farm of his own and the operation is still on a 50-50 basis.

The first year out of school his partnership farming program was 11 acres corn, 13 acres hay, 3 acres grain sorghum, 21 top hogs, 6 dairy cows, and 10 beef animals. Wade's share of the labor income was \$1,211.04.

His second year out of school, the program was 43 acres corn, 20 acres hay, 5 acres grain sorghum, 7 top hogs, 11 dairy cows, 13 dairy heifers, and 30 beef animals. Wade's share of the total income was \$3,044.90.

This year his program is 49 acres corn, 5 acres grain sorghum, 11 top hogs, 14 dairy cows, 15 dairy heifers, 35 beef animals, and 1 brood sow.

Wade has been operating a grade "A" dairy for the past two years. The year previous to that, he sold his milk as grade "B".

Wade has also been an outstanding community leader. He has served as president and vice president of his Sunday School class. He has served as master of the local boy scouts for the past two years and has served two terms as president of the local farm bureau.

WILLIAM NELSON
(Fayette Chapter)

William Nelson, a young Fayette County farmer and FFA member has changed his farming program from a once a year income to enterprises that produce steady and regular incomes throughout the year.

Early in the 1940's the Nelsons purchased a good farm and by cutting part of the timber they were able to remove part of this debt within the first few years. Since there was little cash with which to start new enterprises they depended mostly on cotton to bring the income. William entered vocational agriculture in 1947 and at this time new enterprises began to spring up on the farm. William's first year projects included 1 Hereford dairy calf, 2 acres corn and ¼ acre of sorghum through which he profited \$142.66. His next year consisted of 3 acres corn and bees which produced \$143.91. William's third year included 1 H.B. calf, 3 acres corn, 13.8 acres cotton, and 3 H. hogs and showed a profit of \$881.35.

The first year after graduation from high school William really started farming full scale. His projects included 65 acres corn, 18 acres cotton, 5 acres hay, 23 H. hogs and 4 H. dairy cows. William's share of the profit was \$1,250.70. Improvement projects on the Nelson

farm are as follows: orchard of 35 trees, a barn, soil conservation work which includes terracing and meadow strips, ditching, and fence improvement. Selective cutting of timber, planting of bi-color lespedeza and pine seedlings and enlarge pasture clearing project has been done. William has converted several acres of cropland to three good separate hog pastures. They will furnish year around grazing for the hog herd.

While in Fayette County high school William was an outstanding student. In FFA he served on both the Finance and Pig Chain Committees for two years each. William often contributed his time and labor to improve the vocational agriculture program.

JOE BODDIE
(Wetumpka Chapter)

Joe Boddie started his supervised farming program at the Wetumpka high school in the fall of 1949. For his first year's project, Joe selected one dairy cow, one acre of corn, one acre of hay and ¼ acre of butter beans for truck crop. From these four projects Joe netted \$222.35. During his second year in FFA work, Joe increased his farm program to include 1 pure bred sow, won in corn production contest, 6 hogs, 1 dairy cow, 1 acre crimson clover, 1 acre water melons, 5 acres corn and 3 acres hay. From these he netted \$517.55.

His third year productive projects included 1 sow and 2 litters of pigs, 15 acres of corn, 5 acres of hay, and 2½ acres of cotton. His net profit the third year totaled \$878.65, for a total of \$1,618.65 during his three years in school.

In addition to his productive projects, Joe has carried out many improvement projects on the home farm. These include the setting of 1500 pine seedlings, pasture improvement, home improvement, and livestock improvement. Joe served his chapter in many capacities and as a reward he was awarded the FFA medal that is given to the senior each year who has made the best record in vocational agriculture and FFA work.

Joe's present farm program consists of 20 beef cattle, 3 hogs, 1 sow, 25 acres of corn, 8 acres of hay, 5 acres of cotton, 18 acres of oats, 3 acres truck crops, and 4 dairy cows.

JOE BROADWATER
(Tanner Chapter)

Joe Broadwater is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Broadwater of Route 1, Athens, Alabama. He started his farming activities in vocational agriculture with 8 acres of corn, two and a half acres of cotton, and 1 beef calf.

Since that rather small beginning, he increased the scope of his farming program to include 30 acres of corn, 20 acres of cotton, 15 acres of sweet sudan and lespedeza, 11 acres of permanent pasture, 10 acres of oats, and 10 acres of lespedeza. He has a horse, seven dairy cows, nine dairy heifers, one dairy bull, and four beef calves — all of his dairy cattle are purebred stock. He is presently producing grade A milk and selling it to the Carnation Milk Co.

As proof of his leadership abilities, Joe is past president of the Alabama FFA Association and of his local chapter. He was president of his senior class in high school, business manager of the school yearbook, captained last year's football team and is president of the "T" Club. He also lettered in baseball and captained the basketball team during his freshman year in high school.

Joe was named FFA Star Farmer of Alabama for 1950-51 for having the most outstanding FFA program of those receiving the State Farmer Degree. He has been on the chapter judging teams, served on the entertainment and refreshment committees, and taken an active part in the FFA public speaking contests. He attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. He is now a sophomore at API where he is studying dairying.

Joe says, "After completing my college training at Auburn, I'm going back home to my dairy farm and put into practice the high ideals that FFA has taught me."

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MERLIN MARTIN
(Rehobeth Chapter)

Merlin Martin of the Rehobeth FFA chapter has come a long way since his first year of vocational agriculture in 1948. His program has grown by leaps and bounds since that time. During his three years of vocational agriculture his income was \$1,520.31. At the end of his second year he became a partner in the farm with his father. During his third year his program consisted of 24 hogs, 2 acres of corn and 7 acres of cotton which netted him \$991.96.

Merlin really became interested in farming during his first year of vocational agriculture and has continued improving his program. When he finished high school, he was a young farmer who had his mind on a future in farm life. During this year his program included the following: 14 acres of cotton, 7 acres peanuts, 33 acres corn, 2½ acres dill and 50 head of hogs. His income from this program was \$1,926.65. During this year Merlin bought a tractor and made a number of improvements on the farm.

His program for 1953 was 25 acres cotton, 54 acres corn, 20 acres peanuts, 1 acre pepper, 62 head of hogs, 1 beef calf and 1 dairy cow.

Besides his farming activities Merlin is very active in church and community life. He is married to the former Ida Faye Vann and they are looking forward to a happy farm life together.

ROBERT BALLEW
(Arab Chapter)

Robert Ballew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ballew, of Union Grove, Alabama, rural route 1, has been advancing very rapidly in farming. At present he and his wife are living on a 60 acre farm which they bought a year ago.

Robert's farming program during his first year in vocational agriculture was 1 heifer, 1 brood sow, and 5 acres corn. His total labor income was \$259.57. His FFA activities the first year were as follows: speaking contest, chairman home improvement committee, and state winner in the home improvement contest. He was also sentinel of the local chapter.

His program the second year was 1 brood sow, 1 fat calf, 15 top hogs, and 9 acres corn. His total labor income was \$741.12. Again he entered the speaking contest, chairman of the social committee, chairman of the home improvement committee, and participated in the radio program contest, and hog show. He also attended the state convention as a delegate.

For his third year in vocational agriculture Robert had 30 acres corn, 1 brood sow, 3 top hogs, 10 acres cotton,

and 3 calves. During this time he was selected as the state winner in the soil-water management contest, and also received second place in the state in the farm mechanics contest. In addition he entered the speaking contest and served as chairman of the banquet committee.

This year Robert's program is 5 dairy cows, 2 brood sows, 15 acres cotton, 40 acres corn, 10 acres hay, 50 hens, and 2 beef heifers. Robert is selling grade "B" milk.

He has been active in his church. Twice he has served as president of the MYF and one year as vice president. He is president of his Sunday school class at the present time.

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What FFA Means To Me

By **KENNETH COPELAND**
Treasurer

The FFA means so much to me that it would be hard to express in words. In

the vocational classes under the direction of Mr. G. R. Powell, I have learned the true value of diversified farming. Then I decided to try out these new methods that I had been taught and follow through by buying three head of registered Jersey calves. They have been very profitable to me in the past three years because I have had two animals to show in the county, district, and state dairy shows.

In the classroom we learn to grow field crops more efficiently. By the methods learned, I put them into practice on my farm. The yield of my corn project this year was 160 bushels per acre, which was the highest FFA yield in the state.

When the time comes for me to take my place as an adult farmer, I will have a clearer understanding of what my responsibilities will be.

Due to the fact that I was elected a
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L. J. HOWELL

Country Gentleman Salutes Reform Adviser

L. J. Howell, Reform, Alabama, has a lot of faith in farm boys. And he should know, for he now holds the world's record for having taught boys vocational agriculture continuously for 35½ years in the same community.

He was born and reared as the oldest of 12 children on a 160-acre farm near Hamilton, Alabama. At 18 years, he started teaching school and taught 7 years before entering college. After graduating at Alabama Polytechnic Institute he served as high school principal for 3½ years before becoming vo-ag teacher at Reform on January 1, 1918, where he continues to teach.

With \$7,500 he solicited, \$50 of which he borrowed and donated himself, the present vocational agricultural building was constructed. The cornerstone carries his name as "agriculturist."

In 1920 he conceived the idea of evening schools for farmers. Riding a horse 16 miles one night each week for 16 weeks, he held Alabama's first evening school. Since then he has taught classes in every community in Pickens County.

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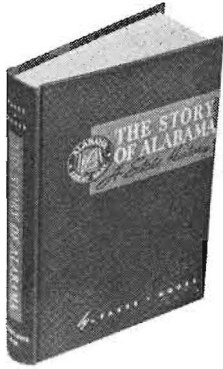
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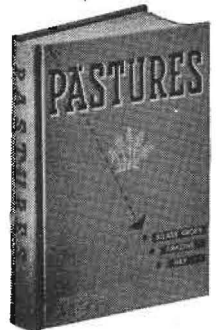
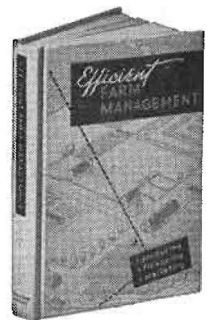
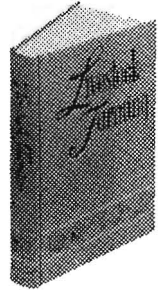
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Supervised Farming and FFA

By CAMERON LYLE
State Vice-President

The supervised farming program has long been recognized as the backbone of vocational agriculture. It is an essential foundation stone in developing outstanding FFA chapters as well as individual members. To have the most functional department of vocational agriculture, the supervised farming program and the FFA chapter are essential and dependent upon each other.

The program of work of the FFA has as its most highly evaluated objective, the supervised farming programs of the members. The four degrees of active membership are: green hand, chapter farmer, state farmer, and American farmer, are dependent to a great extent upon the supervised farming program. One cannot advance in FFA without advancing in supervised farming activities also.

Observations of FFA chapters and vocational agriculture departments show that in most cases those chapters with good supervised farming programs have good FFA chapters or vice-versa. They are so closely related that one does not function well without the other. The FFA can stimulate interest in planning farm programs, participation in contests,

and developing sound supervised farming programs in many ways. On the other hand, supervised farming offers an excellent opportunity for promoting initiative, thrift, and responsibility on the part of the student in vocational agriculture.

If we are to go forward in vocational agriculture and FFA we must realize that supervised farming programs (projects) and FFA activities must go hand in hand.

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MILLERVILLE

The Millerville FFA chapter is concentrating its efforts on school ground improvement, according to Tommy Sellers, chapter reporter. Among their projects are: getting an electric scoreboard for the basketball games, erecting a sign on the highway showing where the school is located, put up FFA road signs and plan to put up a play pole for the school play ground. L. D. Brooks is the chapter adviser.



FFA

On The MARCH

AKRON—held two regular chapter meetings; delegates attended Executive Council meeting of Hale-Greene County sub-district FFA-FHA; FFA Singing Group entertained PTA; earned \$10 by reworking and refinishing dining room table for member of community.

ALBERTVILLE—purchased 14 film strips for class use; presented radio program over WAVU; ordered 23,000 bicolor lespedeza plants

ALEXANDRIA—held first meeting; 75 members paid; had joint social with FHA, elected FFA Sweetheart.

ALICEVILLE—elected FFA Sweetheart; put on electric dehorning demonstration; had "Prevent Forest Fire" slogan contest.

ARAB—all members entering Speaking Contest; planning radio program; held joint social with FHA; elected FFA Sweetheart.

ARDMORE—initiated 18 new members; elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered 7 FFA jackets and 1 Sweetheart jacket; placed pig in pig chain; organized FFA quartet.

ARLEY—planning Father-son, Mother-daughter banquet; bought new Forney Arc Welder for shop and it is being put to everyday use by all classes.

ATHENS—organized quartet; constructed new tables for class room.

AUBURN—initiated 15 Green Hands; installing electric welder; added 20 manuals and Parliamentary Procedure books to FFA library; ordered 9,000 bi-color lespedeza plants and pine seedlings.

BAKER HILL—held two regular meetings; organized FFA quartet; published one newspaper article; ordered and received 15,000 bi-color seedlings; made application for 11,000 pine seedlings.

BEAR CREEK—held two regular meetings; purchased 18 FFA project markers; made and developed 35mm slides for class instruction.

BEAUREGARD—won 25 dollars on Sears bull contest; made award to Champion Corn Grower; painted classroom and shop; arranged shop in working areas.

BEULAH—started post treating for farmers; added 6 books to library; ordered 20 new manuals; subscribed 100 per cent to National FFA magazine.

BLOUNTSVILLE—held Christmas party with FHA; attended district meeting at Susan Moore School.

BRANTLEY—built garage for tractor and farm equipment; took as a joint project with FHA, landscaping and grassing the grounds of the new Baptist Pastorium.

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BRIDGEPORT—elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered 1 FFA jacket; promoted 24 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers.

BROOKWOOD—purchased Oxyacetylene torch and vacuum cleaner; castrated pigs in the community.

BRUNDIDGE—held committee meetings; held regular meetings; selling chances on High school T-shirts.

CAMDEN—initiated 15 Green Hands; held joint social with FHA; 3 members to enter fat calf shows; 5 members attended the "Lambert Bull Sale" in Selma.

CARLOWVILLE—initiated Green Hands; held Christmas meeting with Christmas program planned.

CARROLLTON—10 boys planting 18,000 pine seedlings; 5 boys planting 6,000 bicolor lespedeza; presented radio program over WRAG; bought tape recorder.

CEDAR BLUFF—initiated 12 Green Hands; making plans to organize quartet; 2 boys entering county public speaking contest.

CHEROKEE—officers elected for the year;

plan joint party with FHA; cooperated with farmers on hog killing at cannery.

CITRONELLE—raising 100 chicks for chicken fry; had 1,450 chicks donated to FFA members by local feed store; cooperatively bought 2,000 lbs. Rescue Grass seed; picked up \$60.00 worth of pecans.

CLIO—held two chapter meetings; selected Future Farmer of the Year; erected sign showing location of chapter bull.

COFFEEVILLE—carried out rat control campaign; held two meetings and officers meeting; elected Chapter Sweetheart.

COLUMBIANA—helped purchase a bus for school use; gave adviser an Advisers Jacket for Christmas.

CORNER—quartet sang at the Redmont Hotel for the Junior Chamber of Commerce and at the meeting of the farmers class; placed chapter sow with new member; FHA girls gave a skating party for the FFA boys.

CULLMAN—sold \$89.00 of subscriptions to Farm Journal; financed one dairy calf; enter-

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tained Rotary Club at a regular meeting; planning a string band.

DADEVILLE—host chapter for county FFA meeting; Gaines McKelvey won first place in corn growing contest; planning Christmas with FHA.

DOUGLAS—had visitors from Washington with Mr. Cannon; bought popcorn popper; applied for pine seedlings.

DOZIER—ordered lespedeza bicolor seed; 10 members ordered 10,000 pine seedlings; buying FFA stamps.

EAST BREWTON—initiated 18 Green Hands; selling Farm and Ranch magazines to raise funds; ordered 5,000 pine seedlings; organized new quartet.

FAYETTE—printed school's "FFA News"; ordered 14,000 bicolor seedlings and 8,000 pine seedlings; total membership highest in 5 years.

FIVE POINTS—put on radio program; sold two registered Hampshire pigs; placed registered Hampshire gilt in pig chain.

FORT DEPOSIT—held annual FFA party; added 36 new reference books to agricultural library.

FRISCO CITY—100 per cent membership of eligible boys in High school; helping sponsor "Keep Monroe County Green" program.

GAYLESVILLE—held two meetings; made \$112.00 on Halloween carnival.

GENEVA—held annual parents night program; elected and conferred Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees on four men of Geneva; recognized Future Farmer of the Year and Champion Corn Grower; presented Green Hand pins to 21 newly elected Green Hands.

GROVE HILL—placed 2 gilts in pig chain; elected chapter sweetheart; held 2 chapter meetings and 2 officer training periods; ordered ties, jackets and officer pins.

HACKLEBURG—sent one article to paper; held regular meeting; planning to get shop equipment from surplus store; each member to get supply of FFA stamps and department to get year's supply.

HAYNEVILLE—wrote article for school paper; ordered pine seedlings and bicolor plants; also FFA pencils and bracelets.

HATTON—held annual fish-chicken supper; finished construction of shrubbery bed; donated \$15.00 to High School on water fountain.

HEFLIN—held regular FFA meeting; elected sweetheart; held four officers meetings.

HOLLY POND—held three regular meetings; had turkey shoot to raise money for an electric welder.

JACKSON—checked shop tools; pruned

shrubbery; cooperated with FHA in putting on chapel program.

JEMISON—put on radio program; had Mother-daughter, Father-son banquet; awarded three Honorary Degree pins; placed registered gilt on pig chain.

JASPER—ordered five official jackets; held open house in new ag building—approximately 1,000 attended; gave and installed water cooler to school.

KINSTON—County Chain Store Council held banquet for Coffee County FFA and FHA; organizing quartet.

LEROY—held two regular meetings; voted to purchase camera for department; placed 2 gilts in pig chain; FFA sow brought 10 pigs.

LINCOLN—officers and adviser met at Wintertoro to make plans for a county FFA; held a joint FFA-FHA social; 10 boys ordering fruit trees for home use.

LINDEN—held 2 chapter meetings; joint social with FHA; three members received Sears FFA bulls.

LIVINGSTON—held two regular meetings and one officers meeting; ordered 19,000 lespedeza bicolor plants; elected Sweetheart; averaged \$360.00 profit per member from supervised farming program.

LYEFFION—chapter initiated 10 new members; elected FFA sweetheart.

LYNN—initiated 14 Green Hands; ordered 2 FFA jackets; five T-shirts and 10,000 pine seedlings; received \$25.00 for progress made with the Sears bull breeding program.

McKENZIE—held two chapter meetings; published two news articles; treated corn for weevils.

MAPLESVILLE—completed study of wiring; studied pasture requirements; began study of Parliamentary Procedure.

MIDLAND CITY—ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; initiated 15 Green Hands; selling rat poison and T-shirts; held two regular meetings.

MILLERVILLE—organized fire fighting team; held regular meeting; added 5 pigs to pig chain; initiated 15 new members.

MOULTON—attended county FFA meeting; ordered 34,000 bi-color seedlings; holding regular meetings twice monthly; purchased new hand tools for shop; organized a good welding shop and bought supplies for welding.

MONTEVALLO—started a string band; entertained Senator Lister Hill; enrolled 34 Green Hands; held two special meetings; made plans for FFA rodeo.

MUNFORD—building cedar chests in workshop; ordered 5,000 pine seedlings and 10,000 bicolor lespedeza plants.

NEW BROCKTON—officers and two members attended banquet sponsored by Alabama Chain stores; FFA-FHA held joint Christmas tree party.

NEW SITE—FFA and FHA chapter officers attended county meeting in Dadeville; school to be featured in Alexander City Outlook; made cabinets, lockers, bookcases, and bleachers in shop work; surveyed land, dehorned and vaccinated cattle; poured and packed asphalt on shop floor.

NEWVILLE—paid \$100.00 on a welder; discussed plans for a weiner roast with FFA girls.

OAKMAN—held FFA initiation for Green Hands; ordered 20,000 bicolor seedlings and 5,000 pine seedlings; held two meetings.

ODENVILLE—ordered 6,000 pine seedlings and 25,000 bicolor plants; assisted local farmers in determining their corn yield per acre.

OHATCHEE—chapter presented school with a U.S. flag and a staff for displaying it.

ONEONTA—ordered 40 Green Hand pins and 35 Chapter Farmer pins; initiated 20 Green Hands and 8 Chapter Farmers; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings and 26,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings.

ORRVILLE—sold magazines; initiated largest number of Green Hands in chapter history; elected FFA sweetheart; sold pecans.

OXFORD—had social; purchased new farm tractor for department; ordered 12,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY—held two meetings; host of county meeting; had FFA and FHA stew; initiated Green Hands.

PELL CITY—initiated 18 Chapter Farmers; ordered 18 Chapter Farmer pins, 14 Green Hand pins and 3 FFA jackets; held 2 meetings; ordered 16,000 pine seedlings.

PINE APPLE—sold magazines to raise funds in FFA; held one FFA meeting; plan to enter five contests this year.

PINE HILL—initiated 19 Green Hands; held joint social with FHA girls; refinished classroom tables and floors.

PLEASANT HOME—two members and adviser attended county meeting; received and placed one Sears bull; closed rat campaign.

RAMER—sponsored rat control campaign and joint dance and Christmas party with FHA; ordered 51,000 pine seedlings.

RAWLS—showed pictures concerning agriculture; held joint social with FHA; plan to buy a welding machine.

RANBURNE—initiated 11 Green Hands; feeding out 7 hogs to raise money for annual

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trip to Florida; distributed official FFA calendars; ordered 1,000 pine seedlings and 6,000 lespedeza bicolor plants.

RED BAY—held two chapter meetings; ordered 18,000 pine seedlings and 8,000 bicolor seedlings; held 2 chapter meetings and officers training course; organized brass band.

REFORM—initiated 17 Green Hands; completed all supervised practices.

RIVERTON—held three chapter meetings and one officers meeting; sold magazines to raise money for a trip; sponsored rat control campaign; replaced damaged FFA banners.

ROGERS—purchased ten new manuals; received planer and new portable grinder for shop.

ROGERSVILLE—feeding out pigs for experience and profit; several members bought official FFA jackets and shirts.

SAMSON—had FFA-FHA Christmas Party; attended county FFA meeting.

SAND ROCK—attended county meeting; had one hot dog supper; held one FFA chapter meeting and one officer meeting.

SARDIS—held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; presented two radio programs over WAVU; ordered 13 FFA jackets; purchased FFA bus; placed 4 Duroc gilts with members.

SIDNEY LANIER—ordered 12,000 bicolor lespedeza plants and 14,000 pine seedlings; held FFA meeting and ordered more rat poison; worked on scrapbook; ordered new FFA banner.

SLOCOMB—made 8 cedar chests; ordered 4 FFA jackets; plan to raise 2 members to the degree of Chapter Farmer.

SOUTHSIDE—entered 5 Duroc hogs in state fair; bought beef calf; sold 2 Duroc gilts and one boar; chapter Duroc pig chain sow farrowed 8 pigs; set date for FFA banquet during National FFA Week.

SULLIGENT—presented awards and initiated 27 Green Hands; held tractor clinic; showed 6 educational films; published 18 news articles; held joint FFA-FHA Christmas party.

SUSAN MOORE—ordered pine seedlings; sold FFA stickers for automobiles; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; purchased paraphernalia for chapter room; presented school principal with a paperweight.

SUTTLE—held officers training school; 2 members and adviser attended state FFA Forestry Camp; made plans to enlarge pig chain.

TANNER—organized FFA quartet; held 2 regular meetings; initiated 13 Green Hands; placed an official FFA manual with each member; 2 members ordered official jackets.

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THEODORE—organized quartet; held 2 regular meetings; purchased new tools for the shop; plan to buy 12 feeder pigs.

THOMASTON—held officer training school; raised Green Hands to Chapter Farmers.

THOMASVILLE—received 3 dozen T-shirts; selling Christmas cards to buy band saw; put out FFA signs at city limits; ordered president's jacket.

TOWN CREEK—initiated 22 Green Hands; plan Father-Son banquet; received 2 purebred gilts to start pig chain; purchased new equipment for shop; initiated 12 Chapter Farmers; elected chapter Honorary Farmers; bought 20 new manuals for chapter.

TUSKEGEE—held four regular meetings; presented radio program over WTUS; sold FFA boar.

VINA—placed 6 registered Hampshire gilts with FFA members; held Chapter Farmer and Green Hand ceremonies; topping 4 hogs to raise FFA funds.

VINCENT—received new shipment of FFA jackets; finishing up shop program; started shop building program and appointed a committee to purchase shop tools.

WADLEY—held initiation, 12 Green Hands, 8 Chapter Farmers; had joint social with FHA.
WALNUT GROVE—elected officers, ordered 4 official jackets; bought 6 hogs to grow out for market and a new tape recorder for chapter use; initiated 18 Green Hands.

WEDOWEE—ordered 200 amp. arc welder; held one FFA meeting; ordered 150 fruit trees; ordered 11,000 pine seedlings.

WEOUFKA—had FFA-FHA social and chicken supper; worked on the American Legion hall; held three regular FFA meetings.

WEST LIMESTONE—purchased new welding machine with money cleared in FFA store; plans are now being made to purchase a new power saw for the shop.

WETUMPKA—had hot dog dinner for members; ordered jackets for members; sold fruit trees; awarded pig to champion corn grower; presented check and certificate to American Farmer.

WICKSBURG—received Junior Duroc membership; added 14 new members; held FFA-FHA social.

WINTERBORO—placed 2 purebred gilts; initiated 33 new members.

WOODLAND—sold tickets on automatic rifle which netted \$23.00; raised \$105.00 for treasury; had chicken barbecue.

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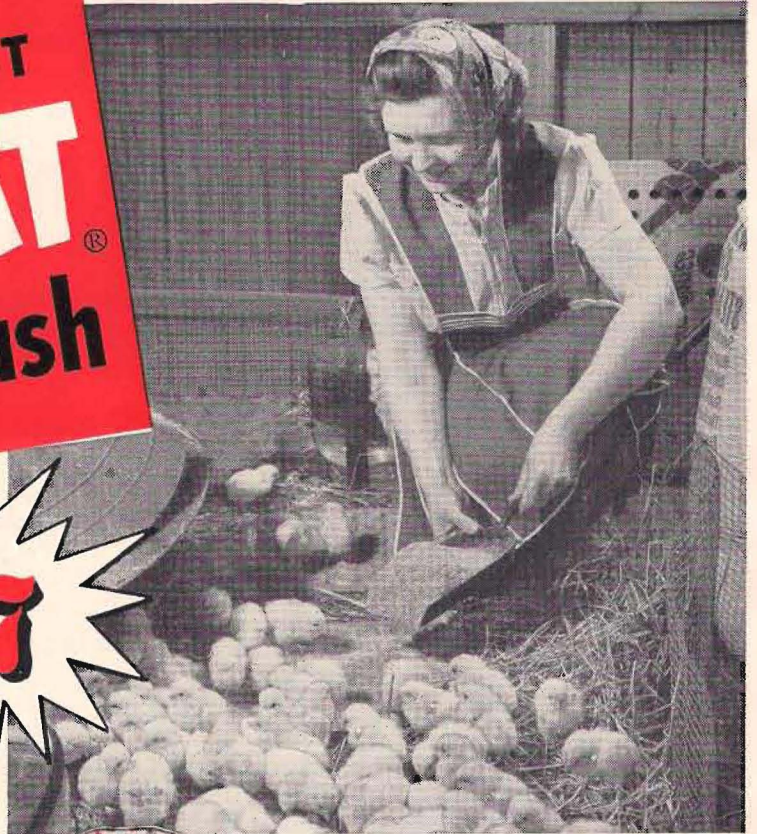
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