Kenneth Copeland, "Future Farmer of the Year" in Alabama

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Convention Set For June 9, 10 and 11

245 To Receive State Farmer Degree

Alabama FFA members are looking forward to their twenty-fifth State Convention to be held in Auburn June 9, 10 and 11. Around 1,000 members and advisers will attend the convention. These boys will be representing 252 active chapters in the state with a total membership of 12,263.

Charles Ritter Jr., national FFA vice president for the Southern Region, will speak during the Convention program Wednesday evening.

Some of the highlights of the convention will be Livestock Judging, making the Star Farmer awards and the State Farmer Degrees. Finals will be held for String Band, FFA Quiz, Radio Program Demonstration, Quartet and Public Speaking Contests. Many other contest and achievement winners will be awarded prizes during the Thursday morning program.

Attendance at the convention will be limited to the following: Advisers, one delegate from each chapter, State Farmer applicants, semi-final speaking and quartet winners, state officer applicants, winners in district contest eliminations, talent program members, and State winners of all other FFA contests and awards.

ALABAMA STATE FFA CONVENTION PROGRAM 1954

Wednesday, June 9

a.m.
8:00 Registration—Langdon Hall
9:00 Interview State Officer Candidates by Districts (224 Thach Hall)
11:30-1:00 Lunch—Magnolia Hall

p.m.
1:00 Livestock Judging
2:00 Final Interview of Officer Candidates by Executive Committee
2:30 String Band Finals
4:00 Roll Call of Chapters and Seating of Delegates
5:00 Meeting of all Local Advisers (Langdon Hall)
5:15-6:45 Dinner—Magnolia Hall

Wednesday Evening

7:15 First General Session
Opening Ceremony
Invocation
Address of Welcome, Dr. D. W. Mullins, Executive Vice-President, A.P.I.

Star Farmer Ceremony
Address: Charles Ritter Jr., National Vice-President, Rt. 2, Amory, Miss.

Charles Ritter Jr., National FFA vice-president.

Charles W. Ritter, Jr., 20, of Amory, Mississippi, national Future Farmers of America vice president for the Southern Region, will address members of the Alabama FFA at the organization's state convention in Auburn June 9th to 11th.

Charles served as state president of the Mississippi Association in 1951-52. He has also been president of the Collegiate FFA Chapter at Mississippi State College.

The Mississippi youth was one of the national officers who recently took a good tour to make friends for farmers and farming. They visited Washington, Birmingham and many other important cities throughout the nation.

He dropped out of school during the spring because of the duties of his National FFA office but expects to resume his college work this fall.

Charles farms 145 acres in partnership with his parents. Their principal farm income is from cotton and truck crops, with a few poultry, livestock and orchard products sold each year.

Red Level Chapter Has Cotton and Peanut Contest

FFA members at Red Level are competing in a cotton and peanut growing contest this year. It is sponsored by the Peoples Bank of Red Level.

Cash prizes will be given to first and second place winners in both contests.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage vocational agriculture students to follow good practices in making higher yields.

Accurate records will be kept on all students' projects. J. D. Granger, chapter adviser, will supervise the projects.
Alabama's Total Membership 12,263
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Boaz Member Most Outstanding for 1953

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Kenneth lives on a 50-acre farm with his parents and one younger brother. He is engaged in general farming with emphasis on a small grade B dairy.

The Future Farmer of the Year is selected from FFA members in the State as being most typical of the aims of the organization. Kenneth has been just that.

He has advanced from a small beginning to an outstanding supervised farming program in vocational agriculture. He has been a leader in his community and FFA.

At present he holds the office of president of the Boaz chapter and State Treasurer. Last year he was named District Star Farmer at the State FFA Convention in Auburn. He has attended the National FFA Convention and is a showman of both dairy cattle and hogs.

Last fall, Kenneth moved into the spotlight again as Alabama’s FFA Champion Corn Grower. He produced 160.25 bushels of corn per acre, the highest yield reported in the State.

Some of the school and community activities have included several offices of the Beta Club, Junior Steward of his church, president of Methodist Youth Fellowship, president of the Marshall County Calf Club, and others.

According to Gordon Powell, Kenneth’s adviser, the Copeland’s were growing cotton and corn when Kenneth first started taking vocational agriculture. The young farmer pushed efforts to add livestock. He owns one-fourth of all the land and equipment, and shares the proceeds and expenses accordingly. This is in addition to the projects he owns privately.

Kenneth’s first venture into farming on his own came when he bought 12 chickens. He was about five years old at the time. After selling them he used the money to buy a scrub calf. He raised the calf and when she calved, sold her for $100. He used the money to buy a registered Jersey heifer and to further his project program. His registered cattle now include three cows and three calves, plus four heifer calves he owns in partnership.

In addition to the dairy, hogs now have an important place on the farm. Kenneth owns a registered Duroc boar himself and owns three Duroc sows in partnership with his dad.

The Future Farmer planted 14 acres of cotton last year and had 10 acres of corn.

Dairy herd and pasture have been the most popular improvement projects. Kenneth believes in buying as little feed as possible and growing the rest. Temporary fencing is furnished by an electric fence.

Kenneth began his study of vocational agriculture at Boaz High School in 1950. His first projects included one beef calf, one dairy calf, four acres of corn and a hog. Profits for the year totaled $897.75.

Taking advantage of information gathered in vocational agriculture classes and guidance from Mr. Powell, Kenneth continued to expand his projects. His net worth of $8,804.42 has been built up by careful investment of profits from his projects over the years. He has never bought a cow but buys calves instead and grows out the cow.

Education won’t stop for this Future Farmer when he graduates at Boaz High School this Spring. He will continue his study of agriculture at Auburn. After graduation, he plans to continue diversified farming with emphasis on livestock and poultry. This will include a dairy and the raising of registered Jerseys.

Kenneth’s current projects which he owns entirely include three registered Jersey cows, three calves and one registered Duroc boar. Projects owned in partnership with his dad include 20 acres of cotton, 45 acres of corn, four heifer calves, three brood sows and ten pigs. They have rented 33 additional acres in order to have more cropland for the current year.

KENNETH COPELAND (at left) and Gordon Powell, his local FFA Adviser (at right). You can bet whatever they are discussing is about farming.

Kennen Copeland is shown with one of the newest arrivals on the farm, a registered Jersey calf. He started his farming program with a scrub calf years ago, therefore a calf on the farm receives first class attention.

< ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Sidney Lanier Member Wins At Montgomery

A prize Hereford calf owned by a Sidney Lanier FFA member was named Grand Champion of the 32nd Annual Montgomery Fat Stock Show and Sale held at the Union Stockyards on April 27.

The top winner, named “Sonny,” was owned by Joe Ross of Snowden. The 17-year-old Future Farmer also won the Montgomery County Stock Show with the same animal the night before. This was his second year to show calves. His steer, one of the finest Herefords to be shown in Montgomery for some time, weighed 1110 pounds.

Young Ross was some $843 richer after the grand champion was auctioned off by Tom McCord.

The 14-month-old Hereford steer was bought by Delchamps for 76 cents a pound.

W. C. Locke, Ross’ FFA adviser, was all smiles when Judge Charles Farquhar Sr. pointed to the Hereford as the Grand Champion.

In addition to the show money won, the grand champion award brought with it a $50 cash prize to Ross from the Alabama Hereford Association and another $50 cash prize from the American Hereford Association.

Orrville Starts Dairy Chain

One of the Orrville slogans is: “More Milk, Better Health.”

In keeping with this slogan, W. B. Thrash, chapter adviser, said that the chapter has started a dairy calf chain. The Pegues Dairies gave the chapter one heifer calf. She is to be fed by the Dallas Seed and Feed Company until some member of the chapter who has no project takes her. She will be bred to a registered bull.

Her first calf will be passed on to another FFA member, if it is a heifer. If it is a bull, the calf will be sold and the money go to the Orrville FFA Chapter treasury.

Northport Members Test Soil For Fertilizer Needs

Fifteen FFA members at Northport High School have stopped guessing about the kind and amounts of fertilizer to be used on their projects. They are taking steps to get exact information as to the requirements of their soil.

L. W. White, chapter adviser, says that last winter the Tuscaloosa County youths took soil samples in their project areas and sent them to Auburn to have them tested for their fertilizer requirements. This way they will know exactly how much fertilizer and what kind of fertilizer to use.

The chapter is also conducting a mailbox improvement program with 20 members completing mailbox posts for their homes.

Cherokee Members Win At Gadsden Show

FFA members from Cherokee County romped off with all top prizes in the Eighth Annual Northeast Alabama Fat Stock Show sponsored by the Gadsden Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Thornton, Centre FFA member, showed the Hereford which took the Grand Championship at the stock show held at the Gadsden livestock coliseum on April 15.

Thornton also won the trophy for showmanship awarded by the Gadsden Jaycees. His chapter adviser at Cherokee County High School is D. P. Whitten.

The Grand Champion was sold to the Gadsden Chamber of Commerce and brought Robert 70 cents per pound.

The county exhibit was won by Cherokee County FFA members. Future Farmers from Centre and Spring Garden chapters had animals in the exhibit.

There was a total of 26 entries in the show with nine grading prime, seven choice, and three commercial.

Future Farmers at Cedar Bluff plan to keep all members fully informed about FFA according to chapter reporter Glen Loveless. They are subscribing 100 per cent to the National Future Farmer magazine and all members will receive an official FFA manual. The chapter also gave each Green Hand a pin and gave the officers pins corresponding to their office.

The FFA’ers are getting some experience in hog production with the two porkers they are feeding out on the school lunchroom scraps, says A. C. Teague, chapter adviser.

Cedar Bluff
Future Farmers Enjoy Barbecue, Prizes At Southeast District Meet

Future Farmers attending the Southeast district FFA contest eliminations held at Brundidge enjoyed a barbecue at noon courtesy of Bob Godwin, owner of Winwood Farm, where the livestock judging contests were held.

In addition, four FFA members left the contest much richer in knowledge from their experience of participating in the livestock judging contests and with a nice prize each for making the highest individual scores.

Two Sidney Lanier FFA members, Morris Deas and Jimmy Frizzell, tied for first place with perfect scores while leading their team to a top position in the hog judging contest. One was awarded a spotted Poland China gilt and the other a Duroc gilt. Both hogs were donated by Travis and Earl Folmar, Goshen hog breeders.

Gordon Clark, Elba Future Farmer, won a polled Shorthorn heifer after making the highest individual score in the beef judging contest. The calf was presented by R. L. (Bob) Godwin, president of the Brundidge Milling Company and owner of Winwood Farm.

Individual high scorer in the dairy judging contest was Gerry McWaters, from the Coffee Springs chapter. He was presented a registered Jersey heifer by A. K. Arnold, Sanitary Dairy, Dothan.

The national organization of Future Farmers of America is the largest farm boy organization in the world.

Suttle Expands Pig Chain

The Suttle FFA Chapter has added a registered bred Hampshire gilt to their pig chain program. They already have a Duroc and O.I.C. pig chain in operation.

The New Hampshire gilt has been placed with Reginald Bennett. He will care for the gilt till she farrows and then will return 25 per cent of the pigs to the chapter at weaning age.

Pigs in the chain are placed with other FFA members in the chapter in an effort to establish better hogs in the community and Perry County.

E. L. Dyess chapter adviser, states that Hampshires have become one of the most desirable breed of hogs for commercial pork production.

The Hampshire gilt was placed with the Suttle chapter by the Sears, Roebuck Foundation.

Munford Members Plant Wildlife Food Crops

Six boys of the Munford FFA chapter are cooperating with the State Department of Conservation and the Soil Conservation Service by planting wildlife border strips of bicolor lespedeza. These plants produce food and cover for quail and occupy strips of land bordering fields and woodland.

S. J. Alverson, vo-ag teacher at Munford, says that 10,000 plants were furnished the chapter. He named the following boys as making the plantings: Thomas Pitts, J. W. Faulkner, Tommy Jenkins, Frank Bannister, Robert Adams, and Joe Pinson.

Rockford FFA Enjoys Fishing Trip

Sixteen members of the FFA Chapter at Coosa County High School at Rockford recently enjoyed a fishing trip to Panama City, Florida. Trading their mules and tractors for the rocking and rolling of a sea-going boat, the Future Farmers spent two days on the coast. They left Rockford on Friday and returned two days later.

Although deep sea fishing was not at its best, the boys enjoyed their ride in the Gulf and their sun bathing on the beach.
Roberts Elected Chairman Of Sponsoring Committee

Washington, D. C. — William A. Roberts, president of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been named to serve as the 1954-55 chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Sponsoring Committee is composed of donors to the Foundation. Its primary purpose is to solicit contributions from business and industrial firms, organizations, and individuals to provide funds used by the Foundation in its award program for outstanding Future Farmers of America and New Farmers of America members.

Mr. Roberts succeeds Chester H. Lang, vice president of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York. Under Mr. Lang’s leadership last year sufficient funds were obtained to permit the Foundation to operate on a budget of $131,560 for 1954. Of that amount, $7,000 is scheduled for administrative expenses, $131,550 for FFA awards, and $13,010 for NFA awards.

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Plans are being made for the annual Rodeo staged by the Montevallo FFA boys. It is expected that the Rodeo will be held during early May and at the farm of Robert O’Neal, one of the FFA boys who lives just north from Montevallo on the Siluria road. Prizes will be given for roping and riding and showing the various animals. Local men with a real cowboy background will be on hand to help the boys with the show.

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SAMSON

Joe Grant, Samson FFA member and third year vocational agriculture student at Samson High School, has been doing some outstanding work with his improvement projects. Some of his outstanding work was done in home improvement. The young farmer landscaped their home which included setting of trees and shrubs and arranging them for the best effect. Other improvement projects are orchard improvement, planted 2,000 bicolor lespedeza seedlings, and put out 1,000 cedar trees.

Joe’s productive projects have included beef calves, corn and cotton.

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SHOWN ABOVE is “Blackie,” the 1014-pound Angus steer which was named Grand Champion of the Birmingham Stock Show. At right is Morris Dean Patterson, Riverton FFA member who showed the Champion steer and at left is J. D. Wigley, Riverton FFA Adviser.

Riverton Boy Shows Champ

A Riverton FFA member walked off with the Grand Champion Rosette and his pockets jingling with money at the 12th annual Birmingham Stock Show held on April 29-30.

He was Morris Dean Patterson, who exhibited a 1014-pound Angus calf named “Blackie.”

Patterson’s Grand Champion steer later sold to Baggett Transportation Co., Birmingham, for $1.65 per pound, or a total price of $1673.10.

In winning the Grand Champion honor, Patterson reached a goal he had been striving for for the past five years. And it was his last chance. He is 20 years old and next year will be past the 21-year age limit for exhibitors.

The top ribbon was presented to Patterson by M. B. Penn, chairman of the Livingston Chapter, who reached a goal he had been striving for for the past five years. And it was his last chance. He is 20 years old and next year will be past the 21-year age limit for exhibitors.

The top ribbon was presented to Patterson by M. B. Penn, chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

The Future Farmer plans to use the money to add equipment to his farm machinery repair shop in Riverton.

In the showmanship contest at the Birmingham show, John Besh, secretary of the Livingston chapter, won first place.

Another Livingston Future Farmer, David Sims, chapter reporter, won second place in the showmanship contest.

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Odenville Planting Pine And Leperdeza Seedlings

According to Ralph Compton, FFA reporter, members of the Odenville FFA chapter have started the new year by ordering 6,000 pine seedlings and 25,000 bicolor lespedeza plants. The pine seedlings will put idle acres back to work producing timber and the bicolour will be planted to furnish quail food during periods of low food supply and to aid in soil conservation.

D. J. Bartlett, Vo-Ag teacher, says that many shop jobs have been completed this year with others in progress now. Some of the jobs include making milking stools, hammer handles, axe handles, welding and others.
Mixon Wins Lamar County Stock Show

Jack Mixon, Sulligent FFA member and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mixon of Beaverton, exhibited the champion in the Lamar County Fat Stock Show. This was the first stock show Jack ever entered. He attended the county show last year and decided he would compete in this year’s Lamar County show. Jack is 20 years old and a senior at Sulligent High School. The Birmingham News will present him with a check for $100 for next year’s calf.

Blackbelt Future Farmers Hold Field Day

More than 200 FFA members from Suttle, Orrville, Carlowville, Plantersville, Marion, Greensboro and Eutaw, attended a field day program held at the Blackbelt Experiment Station April 5.

Among highlights of the day’s program were the judging of dairy and beef cattle, field events, and a tour of the station.

Suttle High School won the championship for the day with a total of 18½ points with first place in dairy judging, the 400-yard relay, and the running broad jump. The Marion chapter took second place honors with a total of 10½ points, and was followed by Orrville with a total of 8 points.

Opp Has Outstanding Pig Chain Sow

Donald Robbins, Opp FFA member, has set an outstanding record with the Duroc sow he received as a gift from the chapter-operated pig chain.

The sow farrowed 11 pigs her first litter, raising nine. Three were sold for breeding stock at eight weeks of age, one of which weighed 52 pounds. The remaining six weighed 1125 pounds at five months of age or an average of 187 pounds each.

The second litter consisted of 13 pigs. Eleven of these were raised to market weight. At the present time Donald has sold nine that weighed a total of 1950 pounds or an average of 217 pounds at 5½ months old. He has two more ready for market that will weigh approximately 450 pounds total. This will bring the litter total weight to about 2400 pounds.

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Clarke Calf Show

Leon Dykes of the Jackson FFA chapter showed the Grand Champion steer in the Clarke County Fat Calf Show held at the Grove Hill Stockyards. Leon's prize polled Hereford weighed 775 pounds and was bought by Gordon Hearn of Jackson for $35.25 or a total of $273.19. In addition, Leon was awarded prize money of $56.60 for a grand total of $325.79. The grand champion was a purebred Hereford.

Not only did Ned Lee of the Grove Hill chapter show the Reserve Champion, a grade Angus, but he bred and raised it. This calf, weighing 825 pounds, was bought by the Bedssole-Fendley Dry Goods Company of Jackson at 32.

Gorgas Chapter Begins Sheep Project

Gorgas FFA members plan to do something about the growing interest in sheep production in Alabama. As one of their chapter projects, they plan to get five sheep to acquaint themselves with the fundamentals of sheep production. Supervising the project will be Holland Legg, chapter adviser.

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Bay Minette Chapter Starts Dairy Chain

The Bay Minette FFA Chapter of Baldwin County High School is now drawing up plans for the beginning of a dairy chain program. According to B. H. Nall, vocational agriculture teacher, the purpose of the program is to stimulate interest in dairying in North Baldwin County with the intention of developing larger families of the Jersey breed and helping to improve the dairy industry.

Nall said the chain will lengthen slowly, since only the first heifer will be given back to the FFA. This heifer in turn will be given to another deserving FFA boy who is interested in dairying or improving the blood of the home milk cow.

Every interested boy who eventually joins the dairy chain will not only keep accurate records on his project, but also will make a detailed study of the regulations and requirements for the registration and transfer of papers in the Breed Association.

The Rotary Club made the first contribution to the chain by presenting Isaac Milsted, a first-year FFA boy, with a purebred Jersey calf.

The annual forestry camp for FFA is to be held August 1-7.

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TOWN CREEK

One project undertaken by the FFA boys at Town Creek this year was to beautify the school grounds. They have planted 10 trees, consisting of native oaks and maples, around the high school building as an initial step in their project.

According to J. L. Yates, chapter adviser, the FFA'ers worked out the landscaping plans for the campus. The Future Farmers plan to set out more trees and shrubbery around the different school buildings later.
Riverton FFA Takes Top Awards At Madison County Calf Show

Two Riverton FFA members walked away with both top honor awards at the Madison County Fat Calf Show on April 13th.

Charlie Joe Strong won the Grand Championship with a Hereford which was believed to be the largest calf ever shown in a county fat calf show, weighing 1375 pounds.

Reserve championship honors went to John Richards. He showed a 900-pound Hereford heifer calf. John also took first place in the showmanship contest.

Riverton FFA members took five out of six winning places in breed championships.

A parade, led by the Huntsville band, school buses loaded with county FFA members and followed by Butler High School Band, preceded the show.

There were 39 animals in the show and 33 were graded prime and choice.

Sardis FFA Members Specialize In Hogs

Farming activities for FFA members at Sardis High School are centering around hog production with the market remaining relatively good and show time coming on with prize money to be awarded. FFA adviser M. P. Kinney says that Sardis Future Farmers plan to enter a total of 20 hogs in the Sand Mountain Hog Show this year. The chapter placed four Duroc gilts with members in the chapter pig chain recently in a step to improve the breed of hogs in the Sardis community.

At a recent Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet given by the Sardis FFA and FHA chapters, 210 students, parents and other guests were present. The banquet and program were designed to give the parents and friends a better understanding of the two organizations.

Tanner Future Farmers Paint Ag Building

Future Farmers at Tanner High School didn't let a shortage of labor bother them when it was decided that their vocational agriculture building needed painting and some straightening up on the inside. According to H. G. Alford, Vo-Ag teacher, the farm youths promptly donned work clothes, grabbed paint and brush and went to work. When they finished they had painted the vocational agriculture building, painted and rearranged two tool rooms.

NEWLY-ELECTED Senator John Sparkman is shown above addressing the Future Farmers and Future Homemakers at the county field day held in Alexander City.

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carried out mailbox program; Jerrel McWaters was given a Jersey calf for placing the highest in dairy judging.

COLUMBIANA—gave annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; planted five acres of corn as club project; installed two-way switch and base plugs in ag room.

CORNER—had chapel program during month; member had Hereford bull in state Hereford sale at Montgomery; quartet sang for agriculture teachers at Birmingham during AEA; constructing signs for forestry demonstration; a number of boys entered corn growing contest.

CULLMAN—elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered 25 new FFA T-shirts; had FFA-FHA party; making plans for parents night.

THE JASPER FFA chapter is proud of their scrapbook, displayed (above) by the chapter secretary and Grady Hendrix, chapter adviser.

CURRY—members painting and improving mailboxes; chapter to establish pig chain; purchased purebred Duroc gilt to start pig chain; erected new FFA sign at entrance to school.

DADEVILLE—planning Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; planning county FFA-FHA field day.

DOZIER—repainting vo-ag building. Crenshaw County Board of Education furnished enough paint to repaint the ag and home ec building. All work is being done by the Dozier FFA; selling ice cream in the ag building to raise funds. The box and ice cream come from Southern Dairies; a purebred Hampshire pig chain has been started.

EAST BREWTON—contributed to March of Dimes; put on one radio program; 2 members awarded State Farmer Degrees; plan to hold Weiner roast jointly with FFA.

ENTERPRISE—held joint party with FHA; FFA sow farrowed 11 pigs; held tractor maintenance demonstration; planning banquet.

FAYETTE—elected new officers; held 8th monthly meeting; installed new officers; presented chapter Sweetheart a prize; to select chapter delegate to State Convention; plans being made to compose string band.

PICTURED are Jimmy Clemmons and Edward Driggers with a display demonstrating the areas of training they receive as students of vocational agriculture in the Geneva High School. The FFA chapter recently presented a program to the Geneva PTA on "Interpreting Vocational Agriculture."

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acres of coastal bermuda grass in chapter pasture; planning to add two new gilts to pig
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SAND ROCK—held two chapter meetings; elected new FFA officers.
SILVER SPRING—held chapter banquet; published 8 news articles and 6 pictures; presented 2 radio programs; 3 members accepted for State Farmer Degree.
SUSAN MOORE—building FFA mailbox posts; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet with over 100 attending; planning FFA-FHA party; sold corn and sponsored local show which netted $28 for chapter treasury.
THEODORE—3 news releases published; plan to take an educational tour at close of school; representative from Standard Oil presented a safety demonstration and tractor clinic; received gift of 68 baby chicks from local feed store; planning FFA-FHA achievement night.
THOMASTON—held one regular meeting; held officers meeting; planned to have barbecue; installed new officers.
THOMASVILLE—sold magazines; International Paper Company conducted a field trip for FFA; assisted in May Day program; bought chickens to raise for chicken fry; held two regular meetings; plan to organize softball team.
TOWN CREEK—held Father-Son banquet; bought hybrid seed cooperatively for planting corn projects; gave assembly program in school; sent in one State Farmer application; several members purchased jackets and FFA rings; elected Chapter Star Farmer and four honorary Future Farmers.
TUSKEGEE—landscaped Vo-Ag building; held two Square Dances; nominated one member for State Farmer Degree.
URIAH—held 1 chapter meetings; participated in Farm and Ranch subscription selling campaign; placed two gifts in pig chain.
VINA—sponsored fishing trip; elected new officers; remodeled classroom.
WEDOWEE—held one meeting; working on judging teams; planning deep sea fishing trip; held FFA social; senior boys plan to visit Villisca.
WETUMKA—selling rat poison; ordered Visual Aids material; feeding chickens for barbeque.
WICKSBURG—completed 10 cedar chests; gave out registered Duroc gift; made $335 profit on it; had six State Farmer Degree applicants; entered Safety, State Chapter, and Soil and Water Management contests; entered Farm Mechanics and Home Improvement contests; selected hog, dairy and beef judging teams.
WINTERBORO—held FFA and FHA banquet; elected one delegate to go to Auburn; elected officers for 1954-55; 2 members received State Farmer Degrees.
WOLCOTT—constructed building on school campus; had our chapter fish fry on the river; set out 14,000 pine seedlings and 18,000 lespedias bicolor seedlings; put up FFA emblem signs on incoming highways to York; 15 members ordered fruit trees.

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