American Farmers and State Officers in Kansas City as Guests of Alabama Ford Tractor and Implement Dealers
Coverage Picture

Pictured on the cover are the State FFA Officers and American Farmers during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Front row, left to right: Neil Bain, State President; Ellis Burgess, vice president; Bob Wise, secretary; Leon Dykes, treasurer and Terrell Taylor, reporter.

Second row, American Farmers Morris Braley, Lexington; Billy Price, Clio; Wayne Snead, Susan Moore; Ralph Barrett, Cornet; Kenneth Copeland, Boaz and stand-in for Roshell Hollingsworth, Greensboro.

Third row, American Farmer stand-in for Arthur Clyde King, Inverness; Bruce Roberts, Curry; Douglas Rigney, Millry; Wayland Darby, Central; Donald Sublett, Riverton and Don Dean, Hartford.

The trip to the National FFA Convention for the State Officers and American Farmer candidates was sponsored by the Ford Tractor and Implement Dealers of Alabama.

Supervised Farming
And Leadership Training

By BOB WISE
State FFA Secretary

Our goal in Supervised Farming is to provide awards to encourage establishments in farming. This is done by giving appropriate awards to outstanding FFA members who achieve State Farmer Degrees and win Star Farmer and Future Farmer of the Year awards; also FFA contests in: Farm Mechanics, Farm Electro-trification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management, Forestry, Home Improvement, Corn Growing and Cotton Growing. These winners are given publicity for their outstanding achievements. This is done by preparing and distributing releases about State, Regional and National winners.

Leadership is a vital part of the FFA organization. It can't be stressed too much. Leadership training school for the Alabama State Officers was held September 12-15. These officers will be glad to help any local chapter if they will contact them.

Each chapter should have a local leadership training school and have officers speak to local Jr. high schools, encouraging them to go to schools where vocational agriculture and FFA are available.

Well Planned Chapter Meetings Important

By LEON DYKES
State FFA Treasurer

It is a goal of the State Association for all chapters to have good chapter meetings.

We would, therefore, like to encourage each and every chapter to hold prompt and regular meetings. Every chapter should have some meetings throughout the summer. The programs in these meetings should be educational and well-planned.

The State Association would like to encourage each chapter to have a good financial program. This program should include a well prepared budget to be followed throughout the year. It would be wise for all chapters to have some ways of raising money to finance the chapter program.

One of the important chapter activities is well-planned recreation. This recreation should be wholesome and well organized. This could include Father-Son banquet, parties, and chapter tours of interest.

The state association would like for every member to improve his scholastic record. We would like for each chapter to see that all members have a satisfactory record for advancement in degrees and FFA contest awards.

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Special FFA Goals, 1955-56

1. Every vocational agriculture student an active FFA member.
2. Every chapter possess all equipment needed for conducting meetings.
3. Every student in vocational agriculture participate in Speaking Contest.
4. Every chapter have a quartet or string band if practical.
5. Every chapter with definite public relations program in operation.
6. Every chapter write plans and conduct leadership school for local officers.
7. One or more State Farmer applications from every chapter.
8. Twenty-five American Farmer Applications from state.
10. Every chapter participate in State sponsored FFA Contests.
11. Every member participate in one or more State sponsored FFA Contests.
12. Every chapter have entries in livestock shows.
13. Every chapter sponsor or support one or more community services.
14. All chapters have definite time of meeting with a well planned program for each meeting (twice monthly during school and once monthly during summer).
15. All chapters develop chapter activity program the first month of school. A committee responsible for each goal set up in the program.
16. Every member on an active committee. Committees report to chapter on accomplishments at regular intervals.
17. Every chapter secure copies of “Helps in Mastering Parliamentary Procedure” and teach to all boys.
18. All counties with two or more chapters to have active county FFA organization.
19. Every advisor and one delegate attend State FFA Convention.
20. Every FFA chapter with a finance committee that works.
21. Each chapter present “Green Hand,” “Chapter Farmer” and “State Farmer” pins to all eligible members.
22. Each chapter elect two or more honorary FFA members during the year.
23. All chapters send in FFA monthly reports and news items on time.
24. All chapters use ceremonies in official manual for conferring Green Hand, Chapter Farmer, and Honorary Degrees.
25. FFA members set 2,000,000 pine seedlings this year.
26. FFA members set 1,000,000 bicolor seedlings.
27. Each chapter promote wider use of FFA jackets, shirts, ties, jewelry, etc.
28. Sponsor “Keep Alabama Green” program by all local chapters.
29. All eligible boys in school and community to continue their active membership in local chapter as long as they are eligible.
30. Membership goal . . . 13,500 for state.
TEN ALABAMA MEMBERS RECEIVE American Farmer Degree

Billy Price

(Clio Chapter)

Billy Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price of Elamville Community of the Clio school area. Farming in this southeast Alabama section is very diversified. Income is derived from peanuts, cotton, corn, pecans and beef cattle.

Billy started in Jr. III agriculture with a small diversified program that has steadily grown. His first farm program included three pigs, 1/2 acres of corn, home improvement, soil conservation, pasture improvement, forestry, fencing and barn improvement. During his second year he bought a purebred duroc gilt and two pigs from the FFA chapter. The following year he was given a gilt from the local pig chain. He was successful with his projects. The hogs on the farm were improved by the purebred hogs and a good source of breeding stock maintained for the benefit of farmers in the community and other vocational agriculture students. The profit from these projects was used to buy a dairy heifer. Billy fed out calves and hogs for the shows and sales. He used this money to begin his college work at Auburn where he is now enrolled in Agricultural Science.

Billy Price entered the FFA Tractor Derby two years in succession. The first year he was among the better drivers but did not come in first. He was determined to do better, so the next year on one hot summer day in Ozark, Alabama, he won first place in the Tractor Derby.

Billy was good in plays and banquet programs and was always ready to do his part whether it was large or small. Billy was active in all school affairs and took part in the many county and state activities. He was local FFA president, Sr. Class president, president of the Student Government, president of the county Beta Club, and president of the county FFA. He also lettered in three sports in senior high school. Billy believes in honesty, fair play, and works for the high ideals he has.

Since beginning college Billy has been working with his Dad and younger brother to keep his farm interests going. He does lots of work on weekends and between quarters when he is at home from school.

One other interesting thing about Billy is his love for horses. Most boys like horses, but not many to the extent that Billy does. When we were on trips together he used to get me to stop the car so he could sit and watch a pretty horse that he had seen. Billy has a saddle horse of his own and likes to ride in his spare time.

After finishing his course at Auburn in Agricultural Science, Billy plans to return to the farm or to find a job close enough so that he can continue his farm interest.

Douglas Rigney

(Milr ey Chapter)

Douglas Rigney, 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rigney of Copeland, Alabama, has made the American Farmer Degree which has been his goal, under the direction of C. W. Crawford, for several years.

Douglas entered vo-ag in 1950-51 with 1 gilt, 2 acres of cotton and 1 acre of peanuts as his project which gave a labor income of $387.08. His father gave him his first gilt that he used to grow into the hog business on his farm.

Mr. Rigney, father of Douglas, worked away from home so he made a deal with Douglas to manage the farm. This started Douglas on his way to success. More land was plowed with the tractor that was bought, and more and better crops were grown. Livestock was added during the next two years and the qualifications for state farmer was made and received by Douglas at the State convention in 1953. Along with this he was elected the State FFA Reporter for 1953-54.

His last year in high school was a busy year, plowing his fields, making trips as a State Officer, doing his school...
and community and church work, participating in all phases of sports in school, helping plan the next state convention and serving his second year as Chapter President.

After graduation, he started making plans to study agriculture at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, and to carry out his farming operations back at home which included 25 acres corn, 5 acres cotton, 1 acre hay, 3 sows with 32 pigs to top out, 10 head of brood cows and 10 calves which gave a labor income of $2,797.05. During the fall and winter quarter he came home every week-end possible to help in the harvesting of the crops and planning the operations while he was back at Auburn.

Douglas dropped out of college during the spring quarter and rented more land to go with his 58 acres and bought another tractor. After going back to school in the summer quarter he had a vacation during the month of September, between quarters, to harvest the crop.

The labor income from his farming operations has amounted to $6,209.75 since he started in vocational agriculture. After his education is completed he plans to become a successful farmer in his community and use what he has learned through vocational agriculture, FFA and the study of agriculture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Wayne Sneed began his Supervised Farming Program in 1949 when he transferred from Sneed Junior High School to the Susan Moore High School. His progress toward a better farming program has been constant since that time.

Wayne began his supervised farming program with the following projects: 2 acres of corn, 9 hogs, and one beef calf. These projects gave Wayne a net profit of $736.95.

For his second year projects, Wayne selected the following: one beef calf, 3½ acres of corn, and 18 hogs. These projects gave a net return of $933.82.

For his third year projects, Wayne had as his projects one beef calf, 6 hogs, and 2½ acres of cotton. These projects gave a net return of $813.11. Thus Wayne was able to secure $2,473.93 during his “in-school” Supervised Program of Farming.

Upon graduation from high school in 1952, Wayne began his farming program in earnest. He added clover, lespedezia, scirceau, and brood sows to the list of projects. From his “out-of-school” projects, Wayne netted $1,800.00 despite highly unfavorable weather conditions.

Wayne was married in 1953 to the former Ella Mae Wallace. They have a new home only recently completed. They can, therefore, look forward to gaining security and happiness in farming, according to Calvin Rogers, his vo-ag teacher.

Bruce Roberts is the son of Mrs. Verda B. Roberts and the late Marvin Roberts of Route 4, Jasper, Alabama. He started his farming program in vocational agriculture in 1950 with one OIC pig. From this small beginning, he now has four beef cattle, two hundred laying hens, fifteen acres of oats, four and one half acres of cotton and twelve acres of corn. This supervised farming program has given him a grand total of $7,551.86 in and out of school value amounting to $1,516.78 with his total assets valued at $7,551.86.

After his father’s death in 1950, Bruce took the responsibility of caring for his mother and younger brother. This responsibility included the operation of the farm. Bruce was given one-third interest in his mother and brother of the 130 acre farm, 6 head of registered beef cattle, 4 grade dairy cattle and all farm equipment.

Bruce, during his high school years served as president, vice president and reporter of the Curry FFA Chapter. He was also active at the same time with the chapter’s beef judging team, quiz contest, and delegate to the state FFA Convention at Auburn for three years. He was Walker County’s FFA president and Walker County’s representative to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce for county FFA presidents.

Bruce’s other high school activities included the following: vice president of the Beta Club, Science Club and Sr. III class, a member of the Jr. III and Sr. III class play cast.

Bruce received his State Farmer’s Degree in June 1954. He entered and is now attending Walker Junior College at Jasper, Alabama. His plans are to transfer to Alabama Polytechnic Institute to continue his college work in agricultural education to increase his knowledge in agriculture which will enable him to do a better job on his return to the farm.

His vocational agriculture teacher at Curry is M. E. Ekstrom.

Arthur Clyde King

When Arthur Clyde King started to school in 1941, his father gave him a shorthorn calf. He kept all the heifer calves this animal brought and also exchanged the bull calves to his father for heifers. By the time he was in the seventh grade he was well on his way to a good start in the cattle business.

When Arthur Clyde entered the ninth grade he was happy to learn that a new vocational agriculture department was to be opened at Inverness High School, with the beginning of the second semester. Arthur Clyde was a charter member of the Inverness FFA. He continued to grow into the beef cattle business and by the time he reached the eleventh grade he had a herd of 10 cows. During these years he took part in all activities that were offered at Inverness High School.

It was during the school year 1951-52 that Arthur Clyde became aware of the fact that he was interested in the dairy business. So with the help of his father and advice of his agriculture teacher, M. C. Brand, he decided to devote his future to the dairy business. He sold his beef cattle and with his savings built a small grade “A” dairy barn and equipped it. He did all the wiring and plumbing and most of the construction himself.

His father, seeing that he was interested in devoting his future to dairying, gave him a good start by giving him the money to buy 30 head of grade dairy cows and heifers. By selling some timber from land devoted to the new dairy herd and with profits from his milk checks, he increased his herd to the present number of 54.

In 1954 Arthur Clyde and his father decided to join into a partnership agreement which is on a 50-50 basis. He is using his labor to offset his father’s larger capital assets.

During the fall of 1954 pasture grazing had to be managed very carefully for this area was hit severely by the drought. This tended to make Arthur Clyde think of planning a better grazing program. Several new supplementary crops were planted and his cows were kept constantly on pasture except during the milking period.

Plans have been made to increase the size of his dairy unit which included the number of cows and building a new section to his dairy barn, according to his advisor M. C. Brand, Jr.
James Sallas (Goodwater Chapter)

James Sallas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sallas, who live on a farm two and a half miles from Kellyton, Alabama.

He started his FFA work in 1951, when he enrolled in the vocational agriculture class at Goodwater High and became a FFA member. One week later, during their first meeting, he was elected Sentinel of the chapter. At the fourth meeting he was elected chairman of the committee for buying fruit trees. He bought 85 trees for the members of his chapter.

In 1952-53 he was a member of the FFA hog judging team. He attended the district meeting where they won first place in the hog judging contest. Mr. Buttram, his advisor, appointed him to represent their chapter as a delegate to the State convention. Later on in the fall James entered some peanuts in the local fair and won second place, which carried a cash prize of $3. The chapter won second place in the FFA display, which carried a prize of $25.

In the following June he attended the State Convention where we won second place in the hog judging contest, which carries a prize of $30. In August he was selected to attend the State FFA Forestry camp held at Valley Creek State Park at Selma, Alabama.

In 1953-54 James attended the district FFA meeting as a member of the hog judging team, but they didn’t win this time. Later on he attended the Columbus Exposition at Columbus, Ga., as a delegate from their chapter. He was chairman of the Book Committee which was to decide what kind and how many books to order for their FFA chapter. He was also a delegate to the district FFA meeting, and in June received the State Farmer Degree at the State Convention. His advisor is L. L. Buttram.

Kenneth Copeland (Boaz Chapter)

Kenneth Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Copeland was Alabama’s “Future Farmer of the Year” for 1954.

He advanced from a small beginning to an outstanding farming program in vocational agriculture. He has been a leader in his community and FFA. Year before last Kenneth was the State FFA Treasurer and district Star Farmer. While serving as State FFA Treasurer, he made several speeches at banquets, community meetings and other special events. He appeared on several television and radio programs.

In 1953, Kenneth was named Alabama’s Champion Corn Grower. He produced 160.25 bushels of corn per acre.

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

The Copeland’s were growing cotton and corn when Kenneth first started taking vocational agriculture. Kenneth’s first venture into farming on his own was when he bought 12 chickens. He was about five years old at this time. After selling them he used the money to buy a scrub calf. He raised the calf and when she calved, he sold her for $100. He used the money to buy a registered jersey calf.

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 one pig. Profits for the year totaled $897.75.

Kenneth’s projects and farming program has grown each year since the beginning. He is now in his second year of college work at Auburn. His vo-ag teacher is Gordon R. Powell.

Donald Sublett (Riverton Chapter)

When Donald enrolled in vocational agriculture at Riverton School in 1950, it was soon discovered that he was reliable, conservative and business like at all times. These qualities have helped him to build up a net worth of $3,755 and get a good start in his chosen occupation—farming.

Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Sublett, Route 1, Huntsville, Alabama and is the “best farmer” around, according to his thirteen year old sister, Barbara.

Success has come to Donald by good planning, hard work and conservative investments. His opportunities were only average, but he made the most of them. The $500 that he had saved from his 4-H club projects previous to his FFA work came in mighty handy in buying equipment and land.

His farming program during his first year in vocational agriculture was 6 beef calves and 1½ acres of corn with a labor income of $398.40.

During his second year he increased his corn to 3 acres and added a sow and litter and had two beef calves.

His program continued to expand and during his last year in school his program was 25 acres of cotton, 10 acres of corn and 3 acres of hay with a labor income of $2,048.00.

One of the best investments made was the joint purchase, with his father, of 40 acres of land, the value of which is increasing all the time. He and his dad also own jointly a tractor, turning plow, 2 cultivators, planter, weeder and a trailer.

Donald was very active in FFA work. He served the chapter as secretary, entered the Public Speaking contest 3 years, was on the beef judging team which won in the district three consecutive years and won first and fourth in the state, was a member of the livestock judging team which won a Bronze Emblem in the National contest, attended two state conventions and one National convention, was a member of state winning dairy judging team which won a trip to the National Dairy Show in Chicago in 1953, and served on several important committees. In 1954, he was selected the “best all round” boy in school.

Donald plans to continue farming and expand as conditions will allow. “With Donald’s ability to work labor and manage all phases of the farm business, there is every reason to look forward with confidence to a successful Future Farmer who will be an even more successful farmer of tomorrow,” according to his advisor, J. D. Wigley.

Roshell Hollingsworth (Greensboro Chapter)

Roshell Hollingsworth 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.

Roshell has been very active in the activities of his local and State FFA, having held the office of reporter and president of the local chapter. He served on various committees in the local chapter.

During Roshell’s first year of voca-
Ralph Barrett entered the Air Force so he could get his service behind him. After two years time he was out and on the farm again. Roshell sold his place shortly after getting discharged so he could buy a larger place. He purchased 280 acres of land making a total of 640 acres that he and his dad operated.

During Roshell's first year out of school he became a partnership farmer with his father. They operate the farm on a 50-50 basis. Roshell bought a 118 acre farm making a total of 478 acres that he and his dad operated.

After operating the farm for a year, Roshell entered the Air Force so he could get his service behind him. After two years time he was out and on the farm again. Roshell sold his place shortly after getting discharged so he could buy a larger place. He purchased 280 acres of land making a total of 640 acres that he and his dad still operate on a 50-50 basis. They have all the modern equipment necessary to operate this size farm.

This year Roshell's program has reached the top, 40 head of dairy cows, 15 dairy heifers, 1 pig, 20 laying hens, 10 brood cows, 20 hives of bees, 15 acres of sorghum for silage and 10 acres of corn.

Roshell and his father bought the 112 acre farm and improved it by pushing in ditches and doing away with scrubby trees and briers on the ditch banks.

Roshell plans to save silage from the excess grass in his pastures so that his feed bill will not require so much cash outlay. He has used all his soil conservation payments through the AAA program.

He plans to add more beef cattle, and dairy cows to his herd as soon as his forage program will support more animals.

According to his local advisor T. C. Smith, Roshell plans to continue his education program by enrolling in the Young Farmer program. He believes in the future of farming, and intends to become a successful farmer in the future.

Ralph Barrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Barrett, Route 1, Dora, Alabama and is a member of the Corner Chapter in Jefferson County.

Ralph became a Green Hand Future Farmer in 1951. His farming program for that year was two acres of corn, one acre canteloupes, one acre tomatoes and two pigs. His improvement projects were: Home Improvement, Orchard Improvement, and Pasture Improvement. He served on the parliamentary team in his chapter, on the banquet committee and was a delegate to the State Convention.

The second year found him with a much larger farming program which included two beef cattle, two acres tomatoes, three acres canteloupes, two acres turnip greens, and three acres corn. He also had three improvement projects, was secretary to his local chapter and had a very active part in all local and county FFA activities. He received the State Farmer Degree in 1953.

During the State FFA Convention in 1953, Ralph was elected State FFA president and did an outstanding job in that capacity. He attended the National Convention that year also.

Ralph attended college at Auburn the past year and is now married and living back on the farm.

Don Dean has always loved the farm and farm life, but vocational agriculture seems to have ignited the spark and provided the guidance that set him on his way toward establishing the record he has in the last five years.

Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dean of Hartford, Alabama, has been an outstanding FFA member since the first year he enrolled in vocational agriculture. He started out in the ninth grade with 1 sow and 2 acres of corn as his farm program. From this very modest beginning, he has built his present program to include 3 sows, a registered boar, 14 fattening hogs, 22 acres of corn, 4 acres of peanuts, and 2 acres of cotton. From his various projects during his FFA career, Don has made a labor income of $1,940.72. He has done this in spite of near disastrous drought years and a disease that forced him to dispose of his entire herd of hogs and begin anew.

In 1952 Don was president of the Hartford FFA Chapter, and vice-president of the Geneva County FFA and chapter parliamentarian in 1953. He was county public speaking winner in 1951 and 1952, participated on parliamentary procedure team, quiz contest, FFA quartet, beef judging team and FFA basketball.

Wayland Darby is the 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Darby, Route 4, Florence, Alabama. He became a member of the Central FFA chapter in 1949 during his first year of vocational agriculture at Central High School, and has been an active member since that time.

Wayland received his Green Hand Degree in 1949, Chapter Farmer Degree in 1951 and his State Farmer Degree in 1952. He has served as chapter reporter for two years, president one year, delegate to the State FFA Convention at Auburn one year, and has been on the hog judging team for two years. He has served on the student governing body of Central High School.

In 1949 when Wayland began his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture he worked on the 120-acre farm of his father and owned one grade sow and one grade calf. Through his efforts he has progressed until he now has five head of beef cattle, ten head of purebred Berkshire hogs, and a fertilizer spreader and cultipacker. His projects this year include eight acres of wheat, six acres of oats, four acres of cotton, forty acres of corn and four acres of lespedeza hay in addition to his beef cattle and hogs. In 1951 he produced 306 bushels of corn on two acres. He has shown hogs at the North Alabama State Fair for three years and has won prizes each year. He is a member of the Berkshire Breeders Association.

Wayland is an active member of the Chapel Methodist Church and a good citizen of Central community. His vo-ag teacher is N. G. Spillers.
ATTALLA

Vocational agriculture courses are being offered for the first time at Etowah County High School this year. The vocational agriculture program was started on October 18, and already 52 boys have enrolled and started classroom work.

These boys will receive training to enable them to become proficient in the business of farming. Earl G. Henderson, vo-ag teacher, states that each boy will carry the training received home with him through supervised farming projects. These projects are designed to help the students become established in farming and will be supervised by Mr. Henderson.

FOLEY

There are many ways to create interest in agriculture and the Foley FFA chapter believes in sponsoring contests to do this.

Among the new contests started this year by the Foley chapter is a Soy Bean growing contest designed to create more interest in the proper way of growing beans. All boys growing beans as projects are eligible and all they have to do is to furnish accurate measurements of their soybeans and copy of their sale tickets. The boy growing the most beans per acre is the winner. First, second and third place pennants are awarded.

This contest is also designed to hold the interest of boys who are FFA members and have graduated from school.

WEST LIMESTONE

The West Limestone chapter is starting a sheep chain in order to broaden the farming programs of its members. Six bred ewes and one registered ram have already been purchased and placed with members.

The ewes will go out on the farms to start individual herds and in return the chapter gets three lambs back to be placed with other members.

New FFA Chapters

Eight new departments of vocational agriculture and FFA chapters are being organized at the following high schools in the state: Ariton High School, Ariton; Etowah County High School, Attalla; Marshall County High School, Guntersville; Hackneyville High School, Route 3, Alexander City; Pricetville High School, Route 2, Decatur; Montgomery High School, Brownville; Speake High School, Route 2, Danville; Woodville High School, Woodville.

Star Farmer Award

A new Ford tractor valued at $1,800 will be awarded to the State Star Farmer of Alabama in 1956. He will also receive $100 in cash.

Selection of the State Star Farmer and the district Star Farmers will be made from the current year's State Farmer degree applicants. District Star Farmers will receive $150 each.

The Ford tractor is to be presented by the Ford Tractor and Implement dealers of Alabama and the cash awards by the FFA Foundation.

FFA

On The MARCH

AKRON—held officer training school; all members entering one or more FFA contests; program of work completed; Green Hand and Chapter Farmer initiations to be held soon.

ALEXANDER CITY—elected new officers; planned rat killing campaign; initiated 17 Green Hand members; ordered 1,000 pine seedlings; added 19 books to library.

ALICEVILLE—studied beef cattle and grassland farming; Harold Speed, state conservation officer, talked to FFA about game laws; studied parliamentary procedure; elected FFA Sweetheart.

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ASHVILLE—elected six chapter officers; made plans for initiating Green Hands; had...
STATE FAIR IN MOBILE: membership and social committees appointed at first meeting; revised local Program of work.

CLANTON—elected new officers for year; made plans for initiation of 24 Green Hands; continued sale of drinks, candy and popcorn at home football games; sold calendar advertisements to earn extra money for chapter; measured four members' corn projects.

CUTTITUDE—elected officers; appointed committees; making plans for initiation of Green Hands, ordered FFA pins; erecting mail box posts; sponsoring rat killing campaign.

BRANTLEY—FFA-FHA had peanut boiling; ginned a bale of cotton; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn and sold $32 in magazine subscriptions; ordered Green Hand, Chapter and Officer's pins; purchased five official jackets; ordered bronze, belt button for all members; bought 3 pigs to feed out.

BEAUREGARD—gave $50 to basketball team toward buying new uniforms; purchased movie screen for school; bought paper towel dispensers for rest room and Venetian blind for advisor's office; initiated 12 Green Hands; plan to trade copies of poultry magazine.

BEULAH—new electric FFA emblem to replace old; organized quartet; had joint party with FHA; initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent subscription to National Magazine; ordered 11,000 pine seedlings; sold $2 in magazine subscriptions; ordered Green Hand, Chapter and Officer's pins; purchased five official jackets; bought extra hand drill for shop; ordered 10 copies of poultry magazine.

BROOKWOOD—planned FFA-FHA party; initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn and had joint party with FHA; initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn.

BRIDGEPORT—entered two guits and one violin in Sears, Roebuck Foundation show; re-built football bleachers; held one regular meeting and saw two films on safety.

BRILLIANT—organized string band; will enter band in county tournament; sold rat poison to raise funds for FFA banquet.

BLUE SPRINGS—held initiation; five new members; selling FFA calendar ads to make money for chapter; to receive a bear's call during November.

CABOT—held first meeting and elected officers; plan to enter animals in Mobile County Fair; held one regular meeting; five new members; sold calendar ads to raise money for chapter; to receive a bear's call during November.

CAMPBELL—elected new officers for year; ordered five official jackets; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn and had joint party with FHA; initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn.

CAMS—held first meeting and elected officers; ordered official jackets; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn and had joint party with FHA; initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn.

CAMDEN—held two meetings; attended South Alabama Fair; welcomed 17 new members; attended county organization meeting at Pine Apple; one member made 110 bushels of corn per acre; operating school store to buy tools for shop.

CARLOWVILLE—checking corn yields for chapter champion corn grower; initiated seven Green Hands; making lawn chairs and book cases to sell for raising money; purchased 12 reference books for library.

CASTLEBERY—acquired new band saw and new motor for planer; bought 3 filmstrips on Parliamentary Procedure; entertained FHA with concert stand at football games; all members are going to enter speaking contest.

ATHENS—initiated seven Green Hands; ordered film strips.

AUTAUGA—held final football meeting with 25 members present; have 12 new members; ordered bronze belt buckle for all members; bought 3 pigs to feed out.

BAINBRIDGE—held two regular meetings; held local hop show; members cut wood and assisted in annual FFA barbecue.

BEAULAH—new electric FFA emblem to replace old; organized quartet; had joint party with FHA; initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent subscription to National Magazine; ordered 11,000 pine seedlings; sold $2 in magazine subscriptions; ordered Green Hand, Chapter and Officer's pins; purchased five official jackets; bought extra hand drill for shop; ordered 10 copies of poultry magazine.

BRILLIANT—organized string band; will enter band in county tournament; sold rat poison to raise funds for FFA banquet.

BLUE SPRINGS—held initiation; five new members; selling FFA calendar ads to make money for chapter; to receive a bear's call during November.

CABOT—held first meeting and elected officers; plan to enter animals in Mobile County Fair; held one regular meeting; five new members; sold calendar ads to raise money for chapter; to receive a bear's call during November.

CAMS—held first meeting and elected officers; ordered official jackets; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn and had joint party with FHA; initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; 100 per cent membership and 100 per cent attendance of a students; harvesting chapter corn.

CAMDEN—held two meetings; attended South Alabama Fair; welcomed 17 new members; attended county organization meeting at Pine Apple; one member made 110 bushels of corn per acre; operating school store to buy tools for shop.

CARLOWVILLE—checking corn yields for chapter champion corn grower; initiated seven Green Hands; making lawn chairs and book cases to sell for raising money; purchased 12 reference books for library.

CASTLEBERY—acquired new band saw and new motor for planer; bought 3 filmstrips on Parliamentary Procedure; entertained FHA with concert stand at football games; all members are going to enter speaking contest.
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SALES HOG SHOW; entered better breeding, planning; to beautify campus around new welder for shop.

CLIO—held two chapter meetings and one night meeting when 12 members were initiated; advisor and one member attended National Convention; showed two gilts and one boar in Sears Hog Show; entered breeding contest for chapters with Sears hogs; feeding out six hogs; held two school assembly programs.

CORNER—initiated Green Hands; President James Wooten appeared on "Alabama USA Program" on channel 6, Birmingham; plan to land room paraphernalia.

CROSSVILLE—built FFA hog lot; bought and paid for shop lumber; installed water line equipment.

COLUMBIA—elected six honorary members and gave annual chicken fry in their honor; purchased complete set of station markers and chapter room banner; checking corn yields for chapter contest; making plans for Dad's night; initiated 14 Green Hands; awarded officer pins to each officer; purchased portable electric saw for shop.

ELK MONT—received wiring panel from TVA; attended State Fair; sent in program of work; picked 1 1/2 bales of cotton and gathered 155 bushels of corn from FFA projects; plan to buy a welder with cotton money; selected chapter corn growing champion; plan to work on various contests; entered poultry judging team.

ENTERPRISE—elected secretary; approved program of work and appointed committees; held two meetings; raising money by operating concession stand at ball games; gave each member a copy of the program of work; discussed state sponsored contests.

FAIRHOPE—initiated 17 Green Hands and raised boys to Chapter Farmers; held two meetings; bought a trailer for use of FFA; have concessions at home football games.

FALKVILLE—selling concessions at football games; two members received State Farmer Degree; held officer training school and two regular meetings; distributed three pigs through pig chain; initiated 23 Green Hands.

FIVE POINTS—Five Points FFA boys are proud of ribbons won with prize hogs—total winnings amounted to about $400.

FLORALA—16 members attended State Fair; initiated Green Hands and put on assembly program; all boys have paid dues; program of work sent in for year; picked three bales of cotton from FFA farm.

FOLEY—ordered 10 official jackets and 29 chapter farmer pins; held two regular meetings; pump chain gilt farrowed; ordered four outdoor road signs also place cards, plates, napkins, cups, etc., from Supply House for use at banquet; elected Chapter Chaplain; 100 members present at State Fair; one member feeding out beef calf for show; attended State Fair; sent in program of work; purchased new reference books for department; have 12 bales of cotton and 153 bales of corn from FFA projects; plan to work on road signs also place cards, plates, napkins, cups, etc., from Supply House for use at banquet; elected Chapter Chaplain; 100 members

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NORTHPORT—enrolled 67 official FFA jackets; 45 Green Hands; put up new tool locker; sold magazines to feed four beef calves for Birmingham show; purchased tape recorders; planned for safety meeting; bought two more beef calves to feed out; quarter put on chapel program.

KINSTON—FFA-FHA attended South Alabama Fair; 25 Green Hands were initiated; collected dues and ordered FFA-FHA party; held two day camp at credit course.

LAFAYETTE—initiated 26 Green Hands; raised money by selling ads for calendar and selling football games; held picnic jointly with FFA; dairy judging team won first place in district; made activity program for year and set up budget for year; bought seven feeder calves.

LEROY—initiated 29 Green Hands; made $10.00 raffle on pig sold; won third prize in G.M.A.M. Farm Woodland Contest; purchased reference books and shop tools for vocational department; held officers meeting and two regular chapter meetings; published news article in local paper; sold Farm Journal and Farm and Ranch magazines.

LIBERTY—elected new officers; will top out two hops; plan initiation for Green Hands.

LINDEN—visited State Fair; a member purchased registered Hereford bull; sold magazines and won camera; study feeding out beef cattle; members feeding out 16 beef calves; showed conservation film; studied balancing rations; made project boards.

LYNN—collected dues from 35 members; studying beef cattle, sheep, hogs and bee keeping; improved floor of vo-ag building; planted school lawn.

MCDADY—dairy team won third place in Bessemer District Dairy show; have 40 boys enrolled in Ag I and 27 boys in Ag II; two members showed dairy animals in District Dairy Show.

MCKENZIE—all ag students are FFA members; planned for safety program; published three news articles.

MAPLESVILLE—holding contest for FFA Sweetheart; elected two new officers; drew for two FFA pigs; each member entering one or more state sponsored contests.

MIDLAND CITY—held two regular meetings and one special meeting; made definite plans for initiation of Green Hand and Chapter Farmer members; entered four pigs from chapter pig chain in South Alabama Fair; ordered eight jackets and membership pins; held beauty pageant; operated concession stand at home football games; each member ordered copy of FFA manual and "Helps in Mastering Parliamentary Procedure."

MILLRY—collected dues from 52 members; one member received American Farmer Degree; ordered jackets; held joint social with FFA; held fund raising activities; ordered cedar chest and new manuals for all members; used outside agent for study of electricity; added new magazines to library; elected officers; planned yearly activity program; determined winner in chapter corn growing contest; all members participating in one or more contests.

MILLTOWN—held three chapter meetings; initiated 12 Chapter Farmers and 11 Green Hands; 37 members attended State Fair; ordered one FFA jacket and three T-shirts; operating concession stand at school; organizing a quartet.

MONROEVILLE—elected officers; held two chapter meetings; discussed ways of financing chapter activities; standing committees appointed for year; planned special meeting program—film on fattening beef cattle.

MONTVALLO—75 members attended State Fair; har vested 200 bushels of pine cones—sold to U.S. Forestry Service and made over $500; ordered trees for 10 additional orchards among Green Hands; placed 18 calves as project animals with Green Hands and second year boys; operating drink and peanut concession at football games—made over $100; plan county-wide meeting at Vincent.

MOULTON—officers visited new FFA Chapter at Bessemer High School and discussed several aspects of the FFA program; 45 members made trip to State Fair; won Slate Fair exhibit first placing; discussing state FFA contest; ordering new jackets, stickers and rings; completed sale of FFA Calendar ads; installed new Dewalt Radial Arm saw in shop; registered 15 head of Duroc hogs.

MUNFORD—organized chapter quartet; attended State Fair; all members entering one or more FFA contests; had bageline concessions; initiated 18 Green Hands; 50 borrowed 11 pigs and they were added to pig chain.

NEW BROCKTON—repaired hog chute; sold magazine subscriptions and earned camera for chapter; to members received chapter Farmer Degree.

NEW IBERVILLE—visited cattle farm at Headland experiment station; finished sale of ads on official FFA calendar; two boys made frames for gates; one boy made a cedar chest another made cedar coffin table.

NORTHPORT—enrolled 67 members; planning
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SMITH STATION—initiated 20 Green Hands; planning barbecue; to hold Chapter Farmer initiation; working on Activity Program; will elect FFA Sweetheart.

SPRING GARDEN—purchased $1,000 tools for shop; installed lathe and planning to rewire vocational building; purchased camera; bought seven pigs to top out; two members and advisor attended National Convention; sold FFA Calendars and made $120.

STEVENSEN—placed two pure-bred beef bulls in community, one shorthorn and one hereford; bought six show calves; nine members showed hogs at State Fair; elected county officers; added five gilt s to chain.

SUSAN MOORE—treated farm timbers for farmers in community; initiated 35 new members; member received American Farmer Degree.

SULLIGENT—had annual watermelon cutting with 140 attending; officers attended county organizational meeting; published 15 news articles and two pictures; every ag student an FFA member; checking corn contest yields; three members are county officers; chapter won Silver Emblem in National contest; 78 members in community; took in $96 on Sweetheart contest; re-finishing tables for school library; placed four gilt s in pig chain.

SYLVA—held one meeting; adopted chapter program of work; appointed committee to help with Green Hand initiation; plan to buy hogs for chapter; all v-9 classes studied and practiced Parliamentary Procedure; members ordered jackets.

THOMASTON—initiated Green Hands; won a $2,600 herd by selling Farm and Ranch magazines; held annual wheat roast and officer training meeting; selected Chapter Corn Grower.

TUSKOGA—elected officers; went on all-day fishing trip; making plans for new shop equipment; selling wall calendars and Christmas cards; working on all state contests.

TROY—held officer meetings; a new Ferguson tractor given the FFA class; 100 chicks purchased for making money for chapter; held two regular meetings; made plans for selling FFA calendar; sold Progressive Farmer magazines; ordered eight jackets.

TUSKELLE—won $200 on Community exhibit entered in Chattahoochee Valley Fair; ordered four official jackets; presented one as award for good work; held initiation party for 19 members; purchased 20 new books for library; earned 160 points on operational evolutions at baseball games.

VALLEY HEAD—elected new officers; held FFA party; plan to have every member in at home project contest.

VERNON—installed new chapter officers; initiated 21 new members; furnished county president; added camera and fan to equipment; held officer training school; had joint hayride with county officers; started working on contests; added three pigs to pig chain.

WEBSTER—held regular meeting; elected assistant news reporter from each age class; selling point and magazine subscriptions win official FFA merchandise.

WELLS—held initiation for Green Hand members; placed one registered gilt in pig chain, which was entered in 4-H. provincia l projects in 1955; stressing 100 per cent participation in membership; will award prizes to members best in various projects; adding members; adding members; had judging team attend at Chattahoochee Valley Fair.

WIND—ordered eight FFA jackets and manuals; planning Green Hand initiation; had picture made for annual; secured pin for Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; ordered plans for officers; have 61 paid members.

WEDOWEE—held two meetings; earned $125 by selling magazines; made plans for Green Hand initiation; put on membership drive; required chairs for grammar school and three tables for high school.

WEGOWORD—initiated 16 Green Hands; estimated yield of eight corn projects; worked on chapter activity program; attended county wide FFA-FHA meeting; gathered and sold $60 worth of pine cones; held three chapter meetings.

WEST POINT—six members received gilt s in Duroc Pig Chain; had regular meeting and discussed year's work; ordered three official jackets.

WHITE PLAINS—attended State Fair; participated in Farm Bureau meeting; pointed and gave out Handbook to each member; held three meetings; committee assigned to manage work.

WICKSBURG—held Green Hand initiation and officers' training school; sold drinks and candy from FFA store to raise money.

WINTERBORO—members made trip to State Fair; selected Chapter Corn Grower; plan to work adopted.

WOODLAND—won first prize of $50 with exhibit at county fair; planned FFA-FHA chicken凌 barbecue; held two meetings.

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