Future Farmers Salute...

J. C. Cannon

J. C. Cannon, state supervisor of Agricultural Education, is a native of Coosa County, Alabama, and was graduated from Marbury High School.

He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Education from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. While attending A.P.I. he became a member of both Sigma Phi Sigma and Kappa Delta Pi honorary fraternities.

After graduating from college he taught Vocational Agriculture at Straughn High School for three years, was principal of Abbeville High School two years, taught Vocational Agriculture at Lee County High School one year, served as Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education for sixteen years and in 1945 was elevated to the position of State Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

Mr. Cannon, with the aid of his staff of assistant supervisors, is charged with the responsibility of supervising on a state level the Vocational Agriculture program in Alabama. This includes the regular program of Vocational Agriculture, and the Future Farmers of America program, of which he is State Adviser, and the Veteran On-Farm Training program.

In 1929 Mr. Cannon was named by the Progressive Farmer magazine as Alabama's "Man of the Year" in service to agriculture. In 1954 he was made a life member of the American Vocational Association. He is now serving as president of the Southern Regional Conference for Agricultural Education workers.

Mr. Cannon is a great educator, great leader, and a great man. He is admired and respected by everyone.

The stands, which are white, are placed on four inch square creosoted posts. Each owner's name is painted in black letters on the stand.

In addition to the stands made for the community, the fourteenth Chapter Green Hands made stands for their own homes.

COLUMBIA

Future Farmers at Columbia have completed a survey of damage by forest fires in their area since last summer. They found that only 23 acres had been burned. As a result of this survey, they are convinced that their fire prevention campaign was successful.

SUPTTE

Future Farmers at Suttle, in cooperation with the Community Improvement Club, have built 37 new mailbox stands. These new stands have greatly improved the appearance of a number of homes in the community.

HAYNEVILLE

Vocational agriculture students at Hayneville have just received two days instruction on electricity from B. M. Cloud of the REA at Montgomery.

Cloud showed a film on what electricity is and what it does. He used a small motor, made by his son, to demonstrate how electricity works. The ag III boys were very interested in this motor since they are making an electric motor of the same type.

Each boy made an extension cord connection, and Henry Love, an ag III student, won a long extension cord for having done the best work.

ALICEVILLE

Future Farmers at Aliceville say that since their Hampshire Pig Chain was started two years ago, through the generosity of the Aliceville Lions Club and Aliceville Bank and Trust Company, purebred Hampshire gilts have been placed with 17 members of the chapter.

Other members will soon be getting purebred Duroc gilts through the chain. The Aliceville Bank and Trust Company bought three for the chapter. Richard Powell, Ken Eatman and Alton Allen received these gilts.

MOUTON

The 80 vo-ag students at Moulton have recently had some intensive farm electrification study. During their study, the boys learned the fundamentals of electricity by actually wiring wall switches, outlets and lamps. Emphasis was also placed on safety in electricity.

Floyd Anderson, manager of the Joe Wheeler Electric Co-op, spoke to the group on the organization of an electric co-op.

An agricultural engineer from the TVA spent two days with the boys, teaching them how to do simple wiring.

Robert White, with the Joe Wheeler Co-op, spent a day with the boys giving a demonstration and lecture on "Safety in Electrical Work."

S. L. Canerday, school vo-ag teacher, said "the students feel that what they have learned will be very useful."

GREENVILLE

Thanks to much hard work on their part and cooperation from a local implement company, the Greenville Future Farmers have a new tractor.

The boys will use the tractor at school where they will learn how to operate it and care for it. The proper use and care of farm equipment is a part of their vocational agriculture course.

HOLTVILLE

Future Farmers from Eclectic, Wetumpka, and Holtville chapters held their first Elmore County Field Day at Holtville recently.

County winners were named in six FFA contests.

TROY

Troy's Future Farmers are making sure that the pork they serve at their annual barbecue will be of the finest quality. They are feeding out their own hogs for the event.

The hogs were purchased with chap-Continued on page 7

THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Should You Be A Vo-Ag Teacher?

By LANO BARRON, Editor
The National Future Farmer

The chances are you plan to farm or ranch. But we might as well face it. You may make some long detours before you get around to carrying out your farming plans.

Perhaps you are one of the ones who plans to someday own and manage a farm while remaining a professional agricultural worker. Or, again, maybe you’ve thought of getting a college education and working a few years until you get together enough means to go into farming on your own.

Whether you are thinking of becoming an agricultural worker on a lifetime basis or as a means to an end, you may want to consider vocational agriculture. It may offer you what you are looking for.

FIRST, it offers prestige. This may not be important to you now. But with a family it will make some difference. A recent study revealed that more people choose to enter a profession because of the prestige it offers than because of the salary. And this same study shows that the teaching profession ranks second only to the medical profession in prestige.

You are already familiar, too, with the popularity of the vo-ag teacher. A survey conducted a few years ago revealed that the ag teacher was asked by patrons of his local community to serve as pallbearer at funerals more often than all other teachers combined. Since pallbearers are usually chosen from friends closest to the family, this seems to indicate that the ag teacher is held in very high esteem by the people of his community.

SECOND, let’s consider the salary. It isn’t bad. In most states the beginning salary is around $3,600. There are varying plans of increases for experience and additional training, with most states having ceilings in the range of $5,000 to $6,000. In some states a travel expense allowance is provided with a number of them in the range of $50 a month. (Editor’s note: Mr. Barron is originally from Texas.)

THIRD, consider security. In this regard the number of jobs is important since it affects the chances for employment. At present, and this includes the sparsely populated states, the nation averages about four ag teachers to the county, and the number is increasing. According to current reports, the demand for teachers exceeds the supply in at least two of the four regions of the United States.

A retirement plan is available in most states, a matter that you will regard with increasing appreciation as the years slip by. Then, too, in the way of security, most conscientious ag teachers are able to stay in one location as long as they want to. Their close work with the people of their community tends to make their stability important. Their close work with the people of their community tends to make their stability in a given community more solid with increasing tenure.

FOURTH, an ag teacher develops a lot of pride in his profession. Frequent meetings with fellow ag teachers tends to promote fellowship and comradeship, as well as a lot of friendly competition that adds pleasure and anticipation to every hour of work.

FIFTH, ag teaching gives a fellow a feeling of accomplishment. You don’t have to be gray and feeble to get a lot of satisfaction out of serving and helping others. And helping others is a part of every day’s work for the ag teacher.

SIXTH, ag teaching, in the main, enables a fellow to live in a small town — good environment in which to rear a family. And usually at much lower living costs than are found in the larger cities.

SEVENTH, ag teaching is perhaps one of the most noted steppingstones. One may advance considerably, in many respects, and still be an ag teacher. Also, there are opportunities to become a member of the state staff of supervisors and teacher trainers for vocational agriculture. But outside the vo-ag field, most any progressive teacher, in time, is offered many other jobs in higher salaried fields. The variety may range almost in keeping with one’s imagination.

EIGHTH, an ag teacher has the opportunity to study constantly the business of farming. He receives written reports on most of the late and most profitable developments in farming. And then, as he travels about over his community, he has the opportunity to observe and compare farming practices.

Perhaps the biggest disadvantage to vo-ag teaching as a profession is that “a man’s work is never done.” The conscientious fellow sees so many opportunities for service — things that need to be done — that he not only works longer hours than some people think, but he all too often takes his work home with him.

The only antidote the writer knows to offer to “the wear and tear of vo-ag teaching” is systematic planning and organization — sprinkled with an occasional time-out for fishing.

One last word of warning. If you become an ag teacher, and 20 years later you are still with it and more reluctant than ever to leave it, don’t say I didn’t tell you.
Graduates, Select Your Occupation

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

ON THE FARM OCCUPATIONS
1. General Farmer
2. Dairy Farmer
3. Fruit Farmer
4. Livestock Farmer
5. Poultry Farmer
6. Truck Farmer

OTHER AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS
7. Agricultural Chemist
8. Agricultural Economist
9. Agricultural Engineer
10. Agricultural Engineer (Electric Power Companies)
11. Agricultural Statistician
12. Agronomist
13. Auctioneer
14. Beekeeper
15. Buyer (Groceries, Produce, Meats, etc.)
16. Conservation Aid
17. County Agricultural Agent
18. County Supervisor (Farmers Home Administration)
19. Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) Supervisor
20. District Manager for Chain Grocery Stores
21. Entomologist
22. Extension Specialist
23. Farm Journalist
24. Farm Agent for Banks, Railroad, Radio, Etc.
25. Farmer Cooperatives
26. Feed Salesman
27. Feed Store Manager
28. Feed Store Clerk
29. Field Man for Creamery
30. Florist
31. 4-H Club Agent
32. Gardeners and Grounds Keepers
33. Greenhouse Manager
34. Hardware Merchant
35. Hatchery Manager
36. Inseminator
37. Land Appraiser
38. Landscape Architect
39. Livestock Buyer
40. Marketing Specialist
41. Nurseryman
42. Office Assistant in PMA Offices
43. Principal Clerk in PMA Offices
44. Rural Representatives for Electric Power Companies
45. Sanitarian
46. Soil Conservationist
47. Soil Scientist
48. Tree Surgeon
49. Veterinarian
50. Vocational Agriculture Teacher and FFA Adviser

Birmingham Grand Host
To County Presidents

By JERDAN BULLARD
State FFA Secretary

Eighty-five enthusiastic County and State officers from all of Alabama's counties arrived at the Redmont Hotel in Birmingham before noon on February 17 for the annual visit with J. A. Beaty and the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. After registering, the boys were officially welcomed to Birmingham by officials of the Chamber of Commerce and were entertained for several minutes by Mr. Mauldin of Alabama Power Company who showed a collection of film slides he made at state and national FFA conventions.

Special buses were provided to take the boys on an official tour of the city. This interesting tour was followed by a banquet at the Redmont Hotel Thursday night. Special activities at the banquet were: presentation of FFA talent by Mr. Faulkner, the address of the evening by Garland Bond, presentation of leadership awards to state officers, and speeches and comments by Birmingham business and civic leaders. The banquet was followed by a movie at Alabama Theatre.

The activities on Friday were off to an early start with breakfast at Britlings Cafeteria followed by a guided tour of the new Chamber of Commerce building.

The boys then boarded buses for the trip through the Tennessee Coal and Iron Division of United States Steel in Fairfield. A special tour of the plant enabled the boys to get an impressive eyewitness demonstration of American heavy industry in action.

A luncheon at the Redmont brought the exciting two-day festivities to an official close. But in the warmth of a genuine smile and a friendly handshake, it was evident that these two days had brought a closer understanding between the "Magic City" and the "boys who turn the furrow." An understanding which will exist for the years to come.

FRANK CARNLEY (left) from the Kinston Chapter sings a solo for entertainment of the County FFA Presidents at their Birmingham meeting. Accompanying him is Joe Bogue from the Falkville Chapter. Joe also played several solos on this occasion.
Jimmy Dillon To Work
On National FFA
Magazine

A former national president of the Future Farmers of America, Jimmy Dillon of Bonita, La., has been employed on the advertising staff of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine at Alexandria, Virginia.

Dillon completed work for his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education from Louisiana State University just a few days before he reported for duty at the magazine headquarters in February.

He served as national FFA president during the organization's 25th Anniversary year of 1953. Perhaps prophetically, he was elected to the office during the same week in October, 1952, that the first issue of The National FUTURE FARMER was published.

The magazine is owned and published by the national FFA organization. It is issued quarterly now, but plans are set for six issues a year beginning in 1956. The offices are located on the Future Farmers' camp property about 15 miles southwest of the national FFA headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Dillon's work will be mainly in advertising sales, a field particularly suited to his background of experience in leadership and public contact.

FFA

Pine Seedling Program
Proves Successful

More than 800,000 pine seedlings were planted this year by Alabama's Future Farmers, according to the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce records.

The ultimate goal of this tree planting program for FFA, which is sponsored by the State Chamber of Commerce and the Forestry Division of the State Department of Conservation, is one million seedlings planted annually, or at least a thousand boys planting a thousand seedlings apiece each year.

The FFAers do the planting, the Forestry Division of the State Department of Conservation supplies the seedlings, and the State Chamber of Commerce processes all applications and partially pays the express charges on the seedlings. The only cost to the boy who receives the seedlings is fifty cents a thousand and to help defray express charges. A thousand seedlings will plant about an acre.

Since the plan was started in 1942, more than eight million seedlings have been planted by FFA members. Because of the shortage of seedlings during some years, the average for the period since the plan began is slightly under the desired annual goal. More seedlings will be available for the program in the future since the State has opened a new nursery.

To be eligible to receive the seedlings an FFA member must have the approval of his vocational agriculture teacher. Each Future Farmer who participates in the program must agree to practice sound forestry procedures and also agree to regular inspection of his project.

Sponsors of the plan feel that it serves a dual purpose; it teaches the participating FFAers sound forestry practices; and in a few years, the State will have many thousands of acres of forest land which can be used to replace timber now being cut.

RALPH TURNER (left) and Curtis Roden, both from Town Creek FFA Chapter, are shown entertaining the County FFA presidents on their visit to Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

THE DADEVILLE FFA STRING BAND (above) entertain the County officers in Birmingham. At left is W. O. Lance, local adviser, with Ronnie Jennings, Ross Holly, Jimmy McIntosh, Eugene Coggins and Felix McClendon.

THE ARAB FFA QUARTET (above) entertains during the visit of State and County officers in Birmingham. Members of the Quartet are Robert Bernard, Herbert Taylor, Wayne Fleming and Wendell Bagwell. The accompanist is Glenette Holaway.
State FFA Convention

The Annual State FFA Convention dates have been set by the executive committee for June 8, 9, and 10. It will again be held in Auburn.

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

Know  
Your State Officers

PRESIDENT

President Garland Bond is the son of Mrs. Mary Bond, Route 2, Greensboro. Garland has a long record of leadership in FFA, school and community.

He has been FFA chapter vice president, treasurer and vice president in grammar school, is assistant superintendent of his Sunday School, attended the State Farm Bureau Convention, and is county chairman of the Teens Against Polio.

Garland is a member of his school football team, and Kermit Mathison, Greensboro High principal considers him a very good student. T. Clifford Smith, his vo-ag teacher, says that his classroom work and farm projects as well as his FFA work are outstanding.

For the current year his production projects include 18,000 broilers, 25 beef cattle, two sows and ten pigs, 14 acres of corn, five acres of hay and 175 acres of timber. His improvement projects include 60 acres of pasture and wiring the chicken house. He also painted his home.

VICE PRESIDENT

Ramer Chapter is the local chapter of State Vice President Roy J. Boyd.

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Roy has had FFA leadership experience as chapter secretary, chapter president, county public speaking winner, cattle judge and delegate to the State and National Conventions.

His leadership activities outside of FFA include: State vice president of the Beta Club, school paper sports editor, acting in class play, leadership in Student Training Union, and teaching a class at Sunday School.

His current production projects include four beef cattle, two hogs, four acres of corn and a truck crop.

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State Reporter George S. Johnson, Pell City Chapter FFA, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Johnson, Route 1, Cropwell.

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Some of his supervised productive projects have been: four beef cattle, three dairy cows, three brood sows, 35 laying hens, ten acres of corn and 12 acres of hay.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Route 1, Grady.
The youths camped out and did their own cooking. Both old and new officers attended.

WICKSBURG
Members of the Wicksburg FFA chapter in Houston County are planning to go all out in their FFA contests participation this year. T. A. Gamble, chapter adviser, says that more than half the members are eagerly awaiting tryouts for the FFA quartet.

Mr. Rudolph Weeks, local voice and singing teacher, will be the technical adviser for the quartet. Miss Peggy Dowling, sophomore at Wicksburg High, will serve as pianist.

Chapter adviser Gamble plans to start early this year in order to have his quartet in harmony at the time of county eliminations.

Plans are also being made to develop a string band, a judging team, and a public speaker.
TEN RULES FOR HAPPINESS

1. Make up your mind to be happy. You can think yourself miserable. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.

2. Make the most of what you have, where you are and with what time there is.

3. Don’t take yourself too seriously. Don’t think that everything that happens to you is world-shaking importance.

4. Don’t let your neighbors set your standards for you.

5. Don’t borrow trouble. You have to pay compound interest on borrowed troubles.

6. Don’t cherish enmities and grudges. Hate takes all the joy out of life.


8. Don’t hold post-mortems. Don’t spend time brooding over mistakes. Make them stepping stones to success.

9. Do something every day for somebody else.

10. Keep busy doing constructive things.

CARLOWVILLE

The Carlowville FFA Chapter held open house in the vocational building for the Dallas County Home Demonstration Council recently. Approximately 150 ladies from the various clubs of the county viewed the building, equipment and some of the work being done in the department.

The ladies complimented the agriculture teacher and students on the use being made of the building and equipment and the care given the facilities.

C. A. Harris, vo-ag teacher, said the Future Farmers had previously finished putting tile on the restroom floor. The restroom was installed last year.

ROGERS

The Rogers FFA pig chain was started in 1949 when the chapter bought two registered gilts. These two gilts were placed with members of the chapter. When the gilts farrowed their first litter of pigs, the boys returned two of the gilt pigs to other members of the chapter. The owners of the new pigs followed the same procedure.

In 1950 the Sears Roebuck Foundation gave the pig chain a boost by adding a bred gilt to the project. These pigs were handled in the same way.

A. A. Thorn is vocational agriculture teacher and FFA adviser at Rogers.

Did You Know? ...

Feature motion pictures are still our most popular form of entertainment. There is an RKO Radio Picture to suit every occasion. Rental rates begin at only $7.50. We welcome your inquiry and will furnish catalogs and complete pricing information on these better than average films.

Such titles as KING KONG, SPLIT SECOND, FLYING LEATHERNECKS, TARZAN’S SAVAGE FURY, and many others are now available for your use.

COLONIAL FILMS

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

J. C. HAYNES

Sears Official Honored

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon J. C. Haynes, public relations director of the Southern territory for Sears, Roebuck and Company, at the last National FFA Convention.

Mr. Haynes is administrator of Sears Roebuck Foundation Funds in the South and has been working cooperatively with FFA chapters in the Southern states for 15 years. He promoted and developed the filming of a movie known to all Future Farmers, “The Green Hand,” a motion picture glorifying the FFA. This picture was based on the book of the same title written by the late Paul W. Chapman.

Through his efforts, along with his most able assistant W. C. Greenway, thousands of FFA boys have been launched in livestock development programs with Sears Foundation funds. Far over 3,000 boys in the South get started in hog business each year through the Sears Pig Chain program.

He also initiated the Sears FFA bull program and pig chain program now covering 11 Southern states. Twelve hundred purebred Hereford bulls have been given to FFA chapters in the past eight years for chapter and community beef cattle development.

Mr. Haynes holds the honorary State Farmer Degree in the Georgia, Alabama, and Florida State FFA Associations.

FFA Honor Roll

(Membership)

Silas . . . . . . . 109
Montevallo . . . . . 102
Stevenson . . . . . 101
Jasper . . . . . . . 100
West Limestone . . . . 100
Cattlemen Will Sponsor FFA Livestock Judging

The Alabama Cattleman’s Association has agreed to sponsor the FFA Livestock Judging Contest. Officers and directors of the association voted unanimously at their meeting March 16th to sponsor this important phase of our program.

T. W. Athey, Jr., Crady, is president of the Alabama Cattleman’s Association and E. H. Wilson, Montgomery is Executive Secretary.

Awards for the state winner in the Livestock Judging Contest will be sufficient to finance their expenses to Kansas City for the National Contest.

Poultry Association To Sponsor Judging

The Alabama Poultry Industry Association is the new sponsor for our State FFA Poultry Judging Contest. There will be 30 teams competing in the State finals during the Annual FFA Convention at Auburn.

The 30 teams are as follows: Lyeffion, Riverton, LaFayette, Sidney Lanier, Dadeville, Coffee Springs, Baker Hill, Elkmont, Robertsdale, Aliceville, Hazel Green, Opp, Sylvania, Liberty, Inverness, Phil Campbell, Cullman, Auburn, East Limestone, Theodore, Sand Rock, Oakman, Sardis, LaVerne, Arab, Carrollton, Rehobeth, W. S. Neal, Moulton, Northport, Hartford.

Awards for the winners are:

1st place $250.00
2nd place $40.00
3rd place $35.00
4th place $25.00

The award for first place is to finance them to the National Contest in Kansas City.

Poultry Production Up In State

Alabama poultry production is on the increase according to W. L. Walsh Secretary-Treasurer, Alabama Poultry Industry Association.

In 1954, Alabama produced 47,737,000 broilers for a gross income of $32,653,000. This was increase of 68% over 1953. Alabama jumped from 11th to 9th place in broiler production in the U. S., going ahead of Indiana and Mississippi from last year. Georgia of course still ranks first with 154,471,000 head and a gross income of $101,487,000. Texas is 2nd, Arkansas 3rd, Delaware 4th, Virginia 5th, Maryland 6th, California 7th and North Carolina 8th. Alabama is now just about where Georgia was in 1949.

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An Important Message To Future Farmers of Alabama
For healthier and more productive flocks, build a concrete poultry house. Concrete has no crevices for lice and other parasites. It keeps out rats, weasels and vermin. It is easy to keep warm, clean and dry. Most important of all—concrete can't burn! If you need help get in touch with a local concrete contractor, ready-mixed concrete producer or building material dealer. Send today for free booklets on concrete poultry houses and other economical improvements.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION
620 N. 22nd St., Birmingham 3, Ala.
A national organization to improve and extend the uses of portland cement and concrete...through scientific research and engineering field work.

PATRICIA RICH, Pell City's FFA Chapter Sweetheart. She was also elected FFA Sweetheart of St. Clair County. She is in the 11th grade.
VIOLETT JEAN STONE is Sweetheart of the Suttle FFA Chapter. She is a member of the Sr. III class and was presented the official FFA Sweetheart jacket.

DADEVILLE — quartet and string band practicing; making plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; elected chapter Sweetheart; observed National FFA Week.

DANVILLE — entertained FHA; appointed committee to work on Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; promoted Chapter Farmers; elected Sweetheart; painted lockers in the farm shop; erected 6 outside lights on campus.

DOUGLAS — put on assembly program in observance of National FFA Week; held county FFA contest eliminations; radio program during FFA Week; working in shop; selling popcorn at ball games.

EAST BREWTON — all members entering one or more contests; received pine seedlings and lespedea bicolor plants; ordered and received fruit trees; quartet and speaker practicing; held joint social with FFA; fall page in local paper saluted FFA on National FFA Week; planned program at civic club.

EAST LIMESTONE — initiated 16 Green Hands; raised Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; had chicken barbecue for ag 2 class; purchased electric hand drill for shop; ordered additional chapter farmer buttons.

ELKMONT — held monthly chapter meeting; organized quartet; entered public speaking and quartet contests; ordered more books for library and jackets for FFA members.

ENTERPRISE — held one meeting; set up chapter television set.

FALKEVILLE — held local and county tractor driving contest; had general assembly program for the high school; sold 2 FFA pigs; had a television program on Decatur station during National FFA Week; specialized in various forms of community service work this month.

FT. DEPOSIT — planted 8,000 pine seedlings; held 2 meetings; planned chapel program during National FFA Week; awarded certificate to Chapter Champion Corn Grower; 2 news articles to REA News; initiated Green Hand members; gave chapel program during FFA Week.

FRISCO CITY — held regular meeting; presented certificate and medal to chapter champion grower of corn; planned FFA camping trip; plan to have Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

GAYLESVILLE — built 18 mail box posts; held 3 meetings; ordered 4 FFA jackets, secretary and treasurer's books, also FFA car stickers.

GENEVA — planned and conducted a community forestry demonstration; held regular monthly meetings; 4 members gave a radio pro-

O’NEAL DONALDSON, Geneva FFA President, received an increment borer from Wiley Newman, representative of the International Paper Company. Looking on are J. L. Parish (left), local FFA Adviser, and J. F. Moore (right), Principal of Geneva High School.
Your Insurance Dollars
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SHOWN ABOVE are the Alabama FFA members that played in the National Future Farmer of America Band during the FFA Convention in Kansas City. They are (left to right) Bobby Bragg, York chapter; C. F. Lawrence, Jr., Arab and Jim Wood from Millry.

gram over WGEA; edited special edition of The Geneva County Reaper; distributed 4 gilts in chapter pig chain; gilt in pig chain farrowed 7 pigs; Mayor Wilbur Pridgen proclaimed week of February 19-26 as Geneva Future Farmers Week.

GERALDINE—held 2 regular meetings; presented jacket to Chapter Sweetheart; made four soil tests; discussed tractor driving contest.

GLENOCE—organized a basketball team; 8 members qualifying for State Farmer Degree and 1 for America Farmer Degree; bought new equipment for shop and classroom; distributed pine seedlings among members; writing one feature story.

GREENSBORO—built 32 lunchroom tables; bought a vibrator sander machine; growing 80 broilers to be used for Father-Son banquet; set out 8,000 pine seedlings; bought 2 reference books.

GREENVILLE—held FFA square dance and county elimination tractor driving contest; traded tractor for new 40 Standard John Deere.

GROVE HILL—had FFA-FFA contest; held 2 chapter meetings; chest for FFA Sweetheart arrived.

HACKLEBURG—had chapter speaking contest; practicing FFA quartet; judging teams practicing; 8 boys planning orchard pruning jobs; planning chapel program.

HALEYVILLE—set out 3,000 pine seedlings; member gave speech in chapel on FFA during National FFA Week.

HARTFORD—selected chapter sweetheart; won camera by selling magazine subscriptions; made $175 selling Christmas cards; built pens for hog feeding test; worked with Garden Club in landscaping elementary building.

HARRELLS—held meetings; swine school started; working on Father-Son banquet; planned trip to nurseries and to initiate new members.

HATTON—plan Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; held 2 meetings during month; raised 50 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; purchasing electric welder for shop; observed National FFA Week.

HAYNEVILLE—set out pine seedlings in FFA forestry plot; showed agricultural film at FFA meeting; had joint FFA-FHA party; selected trees for sale in Forestry plot.

HAROLD STOVALL from the Hubbertville chapter is shown testing one of the telephones he has installed in his community.
HERE is the dairy cattle judging team that won first place in the State Fair Judging. They each won a trip with expenses paid to the International Dairy Congress in Chicago. From left to right, Leon Wright, Arab; Lavone Smith, Arab; Glenn Gibson, Curry and Alternate Don Maness, Thomaston.

HEADLAND—joint social with FHA; plan to paint woodwork of new dressing room; saw 2 motion pictures.

HEFLIN—held 2 regular FFA meetings, initiated 42 Green Hands; showed 2 films on wildlife.

HIGHLAND HOME— rewired shop; allotted 1 registered gilt to member; constructed electric hotbed; bedded 9 bushels of sweet potatoes.

HUBBERTVILLE—painted shop; organized string band; making plans for landscaping agriculture building; ordered fruit trees for community; 28 minute radio program in interest of FFA Week.

ISABELLA—built new work tables for shop; repaired and painted 2 wagons; built tractor trailer; set out shade trees on campus.

INVERNESS—Mr. Bert Cloud conducted an electrical school; elected FFA Sweetheart.

JASPER—sold $240 worth of farm magazine subscriptions; held 2 regular FFA meetings; social committee planned annual fish fry; conditioned animals for Fat Calf show.

SHOWN ABOVE is Buddy Darwin of the Riverton chapter leading the steer that he exhibited at the American Royal livestock show at Kansas City, Mo., in October. Second from left is J. D. Wigley, his vo-ag teacher, Mr. Darwin, Buddy’s father and T. L. Faulkner, Executive Secretary.

PICTURED ABOVE is the Riverton FFA livestock judging team that took part in the judging contest during the National Convention in Kansas City. Left to right are J. D. Wigley, vo-ag teacher, Mrs. Wigley, Donald Sublet, Buddy Darwin and Kenneth Sharp.

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Marvin C. Wilkening, left, RED HAT'S Director of Research, and Kermit Tucker, manager of the Research Farm, inspect dairy cattle.

JEMISON—made plans for tomato project; held magazine drive; gave chapel program; made improvements in shop; helped make plans for FFA County meeting.

KINSTON—bought popcorn machine in order to sell popcorn at ball games; held county tractor driving contest; Rex Ham is chapter champion corn grower.

LAFAYETTE—held 2 chapter meetings; put on radio program over Station WRLD; string band entertained for Lions Club.

LEROUY—five pig chain sows farrowed 41 pigs; feeding out pigs on scraps from lunch room to raise money for chapter; 9 members got out 17,000 pine seedlings; planning joint banquet with FHA; have 2 pigs to place in chapter pig chain; appointed committees for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

LINDEN—received 10,000 pine seedlings and 3,000 bicolored lespedeza plants; held tractor servicing demonstration; David Wilson, State FFA treasurer, gave talk on FFA; news articles in paper FFA Week.

LYEFFON—elected FFA Sweetheart; built calf pen for FFA member; pruned 200 pine trees; initiated 12 members.

MCADORY—planted 9,000 pine seedlings; 34 members ordered FFA pins; judged team practicing.

MCKENZIE—built 3 sets of doors; held 2 meetings; pruned shrubs on campus; planned tour for commonwealth.

MIDLAND CITY—held 2 regular meetings; elected sentinel; planned Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; set pine seedlings on school grounds.

MONTICELLO—had county forester with boys for one day; held demonstration with planting machine; pruned 2 orchards; landscaped 2 homes; ordered baby chicks for project; planned tractor clinic.

NEW BROCKTON—held monthly meeting; planned Father-Son, Mother-Daughter entertainment; ordered peach trees, apricot, grape vines, pear, plum and walnut trees; visited FHA pigs; got out 8,000 pine seedlings.

NEW HOPE—2 pigs of pig chain farrowed; 2 pigs; plan to buy a registered Duroc to place in pig chain; ordered FFA pins and road signs; planning FFA banquet; continued rat killing campaign.

NEW MARKET—put on chapel program during FFA Week; held chapter tractor driving contest; had 2 meetings; member won State Champion Corn Growing contest.

NEWVILLE—set out 15 shade trees on school campus; visited Sunnyland Packing House in Dothan; won county tractor driving contest.

OAKMAN—secured new planer for shop; set out 12,000 bicolored seedlings and 10,000 pine seedlings; castrated several pigs for a farmer; wormed 15 pigs for one student; bought 3 hog chain sows for 2 more litters to expand pig chain; awarded medal to champion corn grower.

ONEonta—elected three honorary members; plan to hold county tractor safety driving contest; sold $22 worth of magazines; plan to buy fruit trees cooperatively; conducting survey for Progressive Farmer; ordered 8,000 bicolored plants; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; sponsored radio program; received 2 Honorary Chapter Farmers.

ORRIVILLE—ordered tools for shop and numbered each; learned about disease of poultry, swine and cattle; held FFA-FFAIHA banquet; fixed up magazine rack; starting study of judging livestock; awarded Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; State President spoke at banquet; awarded Honorary State Farmer emblem to adviser.

PLANTERSVILLE—planted FFA home demonstration orchard; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet jointly with FHA; held 2 regular meetings; had 5 articles and four pictures in local paper.

PLEASANT HOME—held 2 regular monthly meetings; registered 3 pigs of one member; gave school assembly program; 8 members planted 1,000 lespedeza bicolored seedlings each; 2 members planted 1,000 pine seedlings each; wrote 2 news articles and sent to REA paper.

PINE HILL—initiated 4 Green Hands; ordered fruit trees cooperatively; all up classes belong to FFA 100 percent; presented chapel program during FFA Week.

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RED BAY—feeding out five market hogs to raise chapter funds; holding officers training school; pruned fruit trees as a community service; planted 6 bicolored strips and 20,000 pine seedlings; setting up forestry demonstration program; held 2 FFA meetings; raised 12 members to Chapter Farmer Degrees; awarded Chapter Farmer and Green Hand pins.

REFORM—held chapel program and presented awards; set out 6,000 pine seedlings and ordered 11,000 more; observed National FFA Week; put on chapel program in honor of George Washington's birthday; had full page ad in Pickens County Herald in observance of National FFA Week.
REHOBETH—planted lespedezas bicolor plants and 10,000 pine seedlings; sold and delivered 25 fruit trees; ordered 5 jackets; feeding 50 broilers to be used for Mother-Daughter Father-Son banquet.

RIVERTON—had 4 chapter meetings and 1 officers meeting; held a social; quarter practice for National FHA Week.

SAMSON—sold out 10,000 pine seedlings; ordered Chapter room banner; distributed 280 plants from cooperative nursery order; made plans for parents night; started livestock judging team.

SAND ROCK—held hot dog supper and invited girls; organized FHA skating club; put on rat killing campaign and sold 450 pounds of poison; initiated 13 Green Hands; raised 1 Green Hand to Chapter Farmer Degree; planned Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

SMITHSTATION—planning chapter fish fry; sold magazine subscriptions; held public speaking contest; erected stage ground equipment for grammar school.

SIDNEY LANIER—held one meeting; sold $77 worth of magazines; collected $30 for March of Dimes; plan to set out 25,000 pine seedlings; held a meeting and initiated 2 members.

SILURIA—elected FFA Sweetheart; sold 30 chickens; installed natural gas heaters in building; preparing to raise 200 chickens; received Green Hand pins and ordered Chapter Farmer pins; acquired $200 worth of planting tools; cooperatively held Father-Son banquet.

SOUTHSIDE—initiated 13 Green Hands and presented them with pins; had chapter banquet; added to pig chain; presented awards at banquet to boys that did the most outstanding work in chapter.

STRAUNGH—sold FFA hogs; bought 16 pigs and 4 cows; selected Chapter Farmer; organized chapter; initiated 13 Chapter Farmers; held 4 regular meetings; held tractor clinic and ceremonies for one honorary member; planned Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

THOMASVILLE—had one meeting; sold 3500 pounds of magazines; collected $30 for FHA banquet; feeding 60 chicks to make 1500 replacement chicks fed RED HAT Growing Mash. The flock is exceedingly well-developed, shows good uniformity and health and has had only 2% mortality. Since changing their entire laying flock to RED HAT, the Hillcrest owners say "our records show that we got more eggs on less feed. RED HAT Feeds have made the difference in profit and loss for us."

TOWN CREEK—conducted rat control campaign; holding Father-Son banquet; ordered FFA jackets; buying seed corn; feeding 600 chicks; establishing father and son fishing club; an additional pine seedling order; made plans for grandparents' day; initiated 2 Honoraries.

ULVAG—initiated 13 Green Hands to Chapter Farmer Degree; raised 10 chicke ns; raised 10,000 more; feeding 100 hogs; had chapter meetings; sold 650 pounds of potatoes; participating in rat killing campaign and sold 450 pounds of poison.

WEDOWEE—put on school chapel program; held tractor clinic; prune shrubs around 2 homes.

WETUMKA—bought electric sander, drill and electric dehorner; set out 16,000 pine seedlings; sold $250 worth of fruit trees; held annual county FHA banquet; showed film "That Inspiring Task"; elected 2 honorary members.

WHITE PLAINS—held 2 meetings; had social with FHA; selling rat poison; set out 5,000 pine seedlings.

Hillcrest Poultry Farms of Madison, Miss., which maintains a flock of 7,000 layers, started using RED HAT Feeds in July, 1954. The six partners in the business — R. Lyndon Wann, Robert Bitzer, and John Wann, shown here with RED HAT Sales Representative Sam Morris — report excellent results from RED HAT since that time. These 14-week-old chickens are part of a flock of 1,500 replacement chicks fed RED HAT Growing Mash. The flock is exceedingly well-developed, shows good uniformity and health and has had only 2% mortality. Since changing their entire laying flock to RED HAT, the Hillcrest owners say "our records show that we got more eggs on less feed. RED HAT Feeds have made the difference in profit and loss for us."

Roy Nelson, of Pensacola, Fla., and his partner, Earl Oswald, have used RED HAT Poultry Feeds since starting a commercial egg business several years ago. And they are highly pleased with the results! Their present flock of 350 three-month-old pullets being fed RED HAT Growing Mash is in excellent condition, well-feathered and uniformly developed. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Oswald report these are the best pullets they have raised. They have found that pullets grown on the RED HAT feeding program are capable of laying at a high rate of production for long periods of time.

Sim B. Smith, of Silverhill, Ala., has developed his commercial egg business from 400 hens when he started four years ago to 2,500 in cages today. He also plans to add 1,000 more hens this year. Mr. Smith has fed his growing and laying flocks high quality RED HAT Feeds and feels they have played an important role in the success of his business. Of 700 replacement pullets grown recently, Mr. Smith had lost only 14 chicks at 13 weeks of age. The pullets at this stage of development were in excellent health, had good color, were uniformly developed and smoothly feathered.

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