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FFA CONVENTION
June 8, 9, 10

Alabama Past State Officers

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 12,942

STATE FFA OFFICERS WELCOME YOU TO AUBURN
Convention Set For June 8, 9 and 10

258 To Receive State Farmer Degree

Alabama FFA members are looking forward to their twenty-sixth State Convention to be held in Auburn, June 8, 9, and 10. Around 1,000 members and advisers will attend the convention. These boys will be representing 255 active chapters in the state with a total membership of 12,942.

Robert Futrelle, National FFA vice president for the Southern Region, will speak during the Convention program Thursday morning.

Some of the highlights of the convention will be the FFA Quiz, Safe Tractor Driving finals, String Band finals, Public Speaking finals, Presenting Honor Guests, Future Farmer of the Year award, Livestock Judging, Dairy Cattle Judging, Poultry Judging, Elevation of Officers, Business Sessions, awards of many kinds, Radio Program finals, Leadership Training, Conferring of State Farmer Degrees, Address by State Superintendent of Education, Quartet Finals, Star Farmer Ceremony, State president's message, and many other important activities.

Attendance at the convention will be limited to the following: advisers, one delegate from each chapter, state farmer applicants, district speaking and quartet winners, state officer applicants, winners in district contest eliminations, and state winners of all other FFA contests and awards.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 8

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

1:00 FFA Quiz (Union Building)
Safe Tractor Driving Finals
Study Program for Sheep Judging Teams.

1:30 Final Interview of Officer Candidates (224 Thach Hall).

2:30 String Band Finals.

4:00 Roll Call of Chapters and Seating of Delegates.

5:00 Meeting of all Local Advisers.

5:15-6:45 Dinner—Magnolia Hall.

Wednesday Evening

7:15 First General Session.
Music (2nd Place Band).
Opening Ceremony.
Report of Executive Secretary.
Business Session.
Address—Robert Futrelle, National Vice President FFA, Mt. Olive, North Carolina.
Election of Officers.
Awards—Chapter Contest, Farm Mechanics, Electrification, Soil and Water Management, Farm Safety, Forestry, Home Improvement, Star Dairy Farmer, Star FFA Reporter, Honor Roll Chapters.
Closing Ceremony.

Thursday, June 9

a.m.
6:30 Breakfast—Magnolia Hall.
8:00 Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Judging.
Opening Ceremony.
Report of Executive Secretary.
Business Session.
Address—Robert Futrelle, National Vice President FFA, Mt. Olive, North Carolina.
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Closing Ceremony.

10:00 Radio Program Finals.
11:30-1:00 Lunch—Magnolia Hall.

p.m.
1:00 District Leadership Training Program.

2:30 Conferring of State Farmer Degrees.
Awards—Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Judging, Tractor Driving.

4:00 Tour of Campus and Experiment Station. (Local Advisers in charge.)

5:15-6:45 Dinner—Magnolia Hall.

Thursday Evening

p.m.
7:15 Third General Session.
Music (1st Place Band).
Opening Ceremony.
Confering of Honorary FFA Degrees.
Address—Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Superintendent of Education.
Quartet Finals.
Introduction of Guests.
Star Farmer Ceremony.
State President's Message.
Awards to Quartets.
Announcements.
Closing Ceremony.

Friday, June 10

a.m.
6:30 Breakfast.
8:00 Last General Session.
Opening Ceremony.
Activity Program.
Report of Resolutions Committee.
State Officer Reports.
Installation of New Officers.
Presentation of Past Officer Pins—T. L. Faulkner, State Executive Secretary.
Announcements.
Closing Ceremony.

New Officers and their Local Advisers meet—(224 Thach Hall).

GARLAND BOND, State FFA President, second from right, is shown with FFA officers from Ohio, Illinois, New York and Indiana while they were visiting the Indiana State Convention recently.

They are from left to right: Lawrence Earheart, Ohio; Neil Milner, Ohio; Larry Royer, Illinois; Charles Anken, New York; Ray Brewer, Indiana; Garland and Charles Jackson, Indiana president.

Garland had the pleasure of visiting with these young men and the Indiana State FFA Convention on his return trip from Chicago recently.
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### Outstanding FFA Members

**From Moulton**

Future Farmer Billy Bass, a member of the Moulton FFA chapter, is always one of the first members of his community to try new varieties of seed and new fertilizer, according to his vo-ag teacher and FFA adviser S. L. Canerday, who also says that Billy was the first person in his area to try Coastal Bermuda grass.

Young Bass is considered an outstanding member of his local FFA chapter. As a first year vo-ag student Billy had three beef cattle and 10 acres of corn for his supervised farming projects. He also did extensive improvement work. This included 92 acres of pasture, one acre of home ground, and one-half acre of orchard improvement. He also built or improved 16 miles of farm fence.

Billy's second year farming projects emphasized livestock. He had nine beef cattle, five acres of corn and one sow. He continued his improvement work with 160 acres of soil conservation work, 50 acres of pasture improvement, one-half acre of orchard improvement and nine-tenths acre of home garden improvement. Billy is continuing to enlarge his beef herd. At the present time he has 12 beef cattle. He owns his own livestock, but the rest of his farming is done on a partnership basis with his father.

During his first two years of supervised farming his total cash income was $1,914.88.

Billy has served as chapter sentinel and vice president, and treasurer of the county FFA organization.

**From Orrville**

Future Farmers at Orrville are proud of Dudley Reynolds, a member of their FFA Chapter. Eighteen-year-old Dudley and his brothers, George 19, and Hugh 16, completely run their 240 acre, 60 cow dairy farm.

In 1951, his first year in FFA, Dudley had three dairy calves, three hogs, and two beef calves for his supervised farming projects. Since then, through the use of good farming practices and lots of hard work, young Reynolds has increased the scope of his farming projects. He now owns 30 dairy cows, 11 dairy calves, 10 beef calves, six hogs and has planted an acre of watermelons. His total net income for his first three years in FFA was $10,572.74. He has a one-half interest in the 240 acre farm, a tractor, car, three surge milking machines, a dairy barn, hot water heater in the barn, a
hay barn, farm shop, garage, milk cooler, water pump, and a six room house.
Like all good young farmers, Dudley has done lots of improvement work. He has concentrated mostly on soil conservation, pasture improvement, use of legumes, and dairy herd improvement but has also done home, home ground and farm shop improvement work.

Dudley is a very active member of the FFA. He has taken part in the public speaking, and dairy judging contest, he has been chapter vice president, attended the State and National Conventions, won second place in the State home improvement contest, and served as Parliamenterian and treasurer in the Dallas County FFA organization.

From Boaz

Four years ago, Charles Burnett had never done any farm work; today, he is an outstanding member of the Boaz FFA Chapter.

When Charles elected to study vocational agriculture at Boaz High, he decided to plant some row crops at a farm owned by his family; this farm had not been cultivated for several years. Charles used the best possible farming methods with his first few acres of crops, and under the supervision of his vo-ag teacher, Gordon R. Powell, his first venture was very successful.

From then on, Charles expanded his farming program through re-investing his profits. He built a 5,000 unit broiler house with the profits from his first row crops. He invested the profit from his broilers in livestock. His beef cattle herd has increased from the original three head to 13 head. He has also expanded into the hog business. His main farming projects are: beef cattle, poultry, swine, cotton, oats, alfalfa and a garden.

During his years as a vocational agriculture student young Burnett has bought a tractor and equipment in addition to what he owns in partnership with his parents.

Charles has done extensive improvement work. He has cleared land for pasture, improved his beef, dairy and swine herds, and poultry flocks; repaired fences and built new ones.

This outstanding farm youth has been active in the FFA. He has taken part in the FFA quiz, public speaking and beef judging contests; served as chapter vice president and treasurer and been a member of several chapter committees.

From Kinston

Eighteen-year-old Future Farmer John Will Smith, of Kinston FFA, is mighty proud of the 160 acre farm that his family bought a couple of years ago. Since then, he has been able to expand his

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NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS SHOWN ARE (left to right): Dr. W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C., National Adviser; Billy Gunter, Live Oak, Florida, national president; Philip Brouillette, Richmond, Vermont, student secretary; Jay Wright, Alamo, Nevada, vice president, Pacific Region; Charles Anken, Holland Patent, New York, vice president, North Atlantic Region; Bobby Futrelle, Mt. Olive, North Carolina, vice president, Southern Region; Joe Giselle, Watertown, South Dakota, vice president, Central Region, and Dr. A. W. Temney, Washington, D. C., national executive secretary.
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Camp Hill
Red Bay

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Arab
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Milltown
Kennedy
Orville
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Beulah
Boaz
Copeland

Greensboro
Ramer
Red Bay
Grove Hill
Pell City

F. W. Wood, vo-ag teacher and FFA adviser at Kinston, says that John has been a great help to his family in making farm and home improvements.

John's first farming projects were two acres of peanuts, two acres of corn and four hogs. He has since added cotton as another project and has purebred hogs now too. His share of the profits from his first three years' projects totaled $1,407.07.

His improvement projects have included soil conservation, pasture, home garden and fencing.

John's farming projects are his own; he manages them completely and gives his father one half of the profits for the use of the land and farm equipment. He also helps his father with the rest of the farm.

In the FFA John Will has been chapter sentinel and treasurer, and he has been a member of the chapter hog and beef judging teams. He has the "State Farmer" degree.

From Troy

When Esker Davis was a small boy, his father gave him a few cows. Today, Future Farmer Davis, of the Troy FFA Chapter, has 60 purebred Angus cattle and two purebred bulls.

Troy vo-ag teacher and FFA adviser, Milton L. McKeller, says that Esker has worked hard, been conservative about his spending, and used the most progressive farming methods. McKeller also says that Esker is very active in the FFA.

Beef cattle have been Esker's main farming project, but he has also had corn and peanuts for supervised farming projects. He practices good forestry management on his timber land.

He financed the purchase of his three trucks and tractor through a bank loan. His total cash income at the end of his first three years in FFA was $6,418.44.

Young Davis has carried out many improvement projects. Forestry, pasture, and soil improvement have received emphasis, but he has also done home and farm shop improvement work.

Esker has served as FFA chapter treasurer for four years, entered the beef

GENEVA FFA BOYS making a field trip to study improved methods of growing hogs.
judging contest two years, and been a delegate to the State Convention.

From Falkville

Fifteen-year-old John Knight, a member of the Falkville FFA chapter, is developing a fine farming program.

As a first year vo-ag student, he had four acres of corn, a sow and litter, 300 broilers, four cattle and one show calf for his farming projects. He financed all of these projects by himself. His father gave him a heifer calf when he was quite young, and since then it has been a matter of borrowing money and doing lots of hard work. John's income from his first year's projects was $251.85.

His projects for this past year include two market hogs, one sow and litter, one gilt, three cattle, two show calves and 2 1/2 acres of clover.

According to C. R. Owens, John's vo-ag teacher and FFA adviser, John upholds the standards necessary to successful farming and carries them out.

Young Knight finds time to devote to FFA, school and community works. His FFA activities have included: entering public speaking and quiz contests, serving as chapter treasurer, and attending the National Convention.

From Geneva

During the four years that Charles Pritchett has been a member of FFA, he has made great progress toward developing an outstanding farming program according to J. L. Parish, Geneva, vo-ag teacher and FFA adviser.

Parish quotes Charles as saying “In first year vo-ag, I wasn't too interested, is was just another subject until I started FFA projects and contests. I got involved and couldn't quit. I soon felt that agriculture had real meaning. It was a life-line, something to go to school for.”

Since Charles' family does not farm, he rents 360 acres of land which he hopes to purchase before too long.

Six market hogs, two acres of corn and three acres of watermelons were Charles' first year projects. He has gradually expanded his program, and is building a herd of cattle. His farm is best suited for livestock and tree farming. Young Pritchett's total farm income has been $2,239.35 during the time that he carried FFA projects. He has invested this money in 14 head of cattle, a tractor and equipment, a truck, farm shop equipment and his home.

Charles has had an extensive improvement program. He and his family built a new home using an old commercial broiler house and spending $1,000.00. He has done and is doing pasture improvement work, has planted pine seedlings, and done other forestry improvement work and wildlife conservation.

In the FFA, Charles has entered the public speaking, won the 4th and 2nd place in the farm mechanics contest, fourth and first place in the home improvement contest, been chapter Star Farmer, twice attended the National Convention where he received the Gold Emblem for his home improvement work and played in the National FFA Band.

From Clanton

G. C. Bolton, Clanton FFA member, is following the example set by many other Chilton County farmers. The youth is including a peach orchard in his farming program.

Last year young Bolton made a profit of $391.14 from his 500 peach trees and he is hoping for a repeat performance or better this year. His other projects, which consisted of one acre of okra, eight acres of corn, and four acres of cotton, swelled his profits to $1,143.75.

According to J. Reed Thompson, vo-ag teacher at Clanton, G. C. is continuing with his four acres of cotton this year but increased the corn acreage to 18, added 500 broilers and one acre of tomatoes. He holds the office of chapter reporter in the local chapter.

From West Limestone

Fred Robertson, Jr., who is on the West Limestone High football, baseball, basketball and track teams, doesn't devote all his time to these sports. He has an outstanding supervised farming program according to Elmer Jackson, his FFA adviser and vocational agriculture teacher.

Since young Robertson started his FFA work, he has more than doubled his farming projects. He had 5 acres of cotton, one beef cow and one pig for his supervised farming projects during his first year. Last year, he had 5 acres of cotton, 2 acres of corn, 10 acres of wheat, 5 acres of grain sorghum, 5 acres of hay, 12 acres of oats, 2 dairy calves, and a sow and litter. The income from his first year's projects was $566.49. Last year, his income was $2,361.72. Fred has also done lots of improvement work. He has made furniture, used legumes to improve fields and done pasture improvement work.

Young Robertson has participated in the FFA Dairy Judging, Hog Judging, Beef Cattle Judging and Tractor Driving Contests, and has attended the State Convention twice.

All chapters should have one regular meeting each month during the summer.

SHOWN above is the Reserve Grand Champion steer of the Birmingham Fat Stock Show. It was shown by its owner, Woodham Trammell, member of the Oneonta FFA chapter. His adviser, T. E. Mann, shown at left.
J. C. CANNON (left) looks on while John A. Somerville presents a $25.00 savings bond to Ken Eatman, winner of the Aliceville FFA Corn Growing Contest for the past year. Mr. Cannon was guest speaker in Aliceville at a special luncheon given for this occasion.

BILLINGSLEY

Two hundred forty persons attended the annual FFA-FHA Father-Son, Mother-Daughter barbecue held recently at Billingsley High School.

After the barbecue was served out of doors, the group went to the school auditorium where the program was presented. Robert C. Davis, Billingsley principal, and Joe Turner, local Post Master, were made honorary chapter farmers in recognition of their outstanding assistance to the chapter.

ALICEVILLE

Daniel Upton is the Aliceville FFA Chapter winner in the annual Forest Essay contest sponsored by the Gulf States Paper Company, Tuscaloosa. His essay will be judged with the winners from 15 other schools to determine the 16 school winners.

Each essay was supposed to contain a statement on tree farming from a local businessman. Daniel contacted John A. Somerville, president of the Aliceville Bank and Trust Company, who made the following statement: "Tree farming is helpful in preventing erosion, building land, and preserving wildlife." Somerville also said that many farmers pay debts with money made from the sale of forest products and that if a farmer will use proper cutting methods and prevent forest fires, trees will remain one of our top cash crops.

BILLINGSLEY

Billingsley's contestants in the FFA contests and delegates to the State Convention do not have to worry about how their expenses will be paid. The chapter treasury has funds marked for their travel.

The chapter has carried out a well-organized fund raising program. Members made $200 selling soft drinks and hot dogs at school football games, $20 from the FFA Sweetheart contest, $20 from the sale of rat poison, $18 from the FFA basketball games, and $180 from the sale of FFA calendar ads. At present, the chapter is feeding out 10 hogs on the school FFA plot. The sale of these hogs is expected to add an additional $400 to the chapter treasury.

MIDLAND CITY

One hundred-sixty persons attended the annual FFA-FHA dinner held re-

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WAYNE CARR, above, from the Crossville Chapter, was FFA showmanship winner at the Birmingham Fat Stock Show.
cently at the Midland City High School gymnasium.

FFA President, William Culpepper, was the master of ceremonies and FHA President Genella Kennedy, gave the welcome address. A special program was given by members of the two chapters, and Byron Marsh, chapter corn growing champion, received a certificate and key.

PRATTVILLE

Fred Allen Gray, a member of the Prattville FFA chapter, finds that hogs are a profitable productive farming project.

He chose hogs as a productive project when he first joined the FFA in 1953. He has kept one Hampshire brood sow since then and has marketed a total of 20 top hogs from this one sow.

Fred says that to make money in the "hog business" one must produce a large part of the feed consumed. His feeding program consists of grain fed free choice and protein in pellet form.

At present, Fred plans to save the top gilt from his sow's current litter and gradually increase the number of brood sows on hand.

TOWN CREEK

Members of the Town Creek FFA chapter have elected Ussery Etheridge chapter "Star Farmer" in recognition of his outstanding supervised farming program and FFA activities.

Ussery had five beef cattle, five acres of cotton, 10 acres of corn and one gilt for his supervised farming projects during his first year in FFA. He made $620 on these projects. He also had two improvement projects and eight supplementary projects.

This year Ussery is planning to expand his farming program.

In FFA, he has been chapter sentinel, a member of the winning district livestock judging team and has applied for the "State Farmer" degree.

REHOBETH

The leading forester in the Rehobeth FFA chapter is Donald Cobb. Donald is gradually developing his timber stand. He planted 2,000 seedlings three years ago and planted 2,000 more in January. He received some of these seedlings through the FFA chapter.

This year the chapter received 10,000 seedlings from the State Chamber of Commerce. These seedlings were distributed to members; each member could receive not more than 1,000 seedlings.

SUTTLE

The Suttle FFA chapter and Wilbur Kelley, supervisor, Black Belt Experiment Station, sponsored this year's FFA Field Day at Marion.

More than 200 Future Farmers from the Orrville, Marion, Suttle, Linden, Selma and Plantersville chapters participated in the day's activities.

C. C. Moore and Aubrey Smith judged the dairy judging contest; Kay Latham, the sheep contest; and Wilbur Kelley, the beef animals. These judging contests were among the day's activities which also included field events and a tour of the station.

The Selma chapter won first place in three of the day's events and second place in five of them. The chapter received a trophy, presented by the Suttle chapter and possession of the revolving trophy for one year. The Cahaba Wood

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SHOWN above is a group of Sr. II FFA boys participating in an electrical demonstration being conducted by Bert Cloud of the Alabama REA.

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BRANTLEY

FFA members are striving for 100 per cent participation in the annual FFA Corn Growing Contest. They are also having a chapter contest. In addition to the standards to be met in the State contest, the chapter competition has added requirements. Local merchants will award prizes to the three boys with the highest yields per acre.

For the past two years, members have stressed corn as a cash crop. Despite the dry weather, the Future Farmers' corn yield has been increased by more than 10 per cent.

SLOCOMB

Sixteen Slocomb High vo-ag students have entered an annual cucumber growing contest. They have signed contracts for the sale of cucumbers and are ready to go. The cucumbers offer the boys an opportunity for an early income before other crops are ready.

Students who will participate in this contest are Ray Bush, Huey Lee Brunnon, Wayland Childs, Jimmy Rex Gilley, Billy Miller, Wallace Bradshaw, Harold Barber, Phillip Borland, Lloyd Coker, Harry Joe Phillips, Jimmy Hughes, Dan Peterson, Clayton Cox, James Carroll, Wallace Killingsworth and Kenneth Dean.

PRATTVILLE

Future Farmer Murray Lipscomb has compiled an enviable record during his three years in FFA and vo-ag work according to his teacher and adviser H. Y. Grooms.

Murray's farming program shows diversification and balance. His projects include beef cattle, corn, oats, wheat, and hogs. Young Lipscomb has also done improvement work in soil conservation, forestry, pasture, home and home ground.

He has a record of leadership in the FFA. He is chapter vice president, county FFA quiz winner, and a member of the Livestock Judging team. Last year he was a member of the chapter hog judging team that won the district championship.

ALEXANDER CITY

Vocational agriculture students made a tour of fellow students' home farms recently to study the various methods used in carrying out supervised farming projects. Vo-ag teacher M. L. Curvin says that the boys found that what their fellow students were doing was most interesting.

Alvin Tate's projects were considered outstanding. He had 4,500 broilers ready for market, and a sow with a litter of ten

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The three FFA chapters in Chambers County met recently at the Five Points vocational agriculture building and formed a county organization. The chapters participating in the new organization are Milltown, Five Points and Lafayette.

The officers elected by the newly organized group are: Henry Lovelace, Jr., president, Lafayette; James Kendrick, vice president, Five Points; Jim Buford, secretary, Milltown; Gene Hayes, treasurer, Five Points; LeRoy Talby, reporter, Five Points; and Paul Holley, Lafayette, vo-ag teacher, adviser.

In addition to regular meetings, the county organization plans to hold a field day at the Lafayette chapter before the close of the school year.

The Ramer chapter is well on its way to having an active pig chain. The bred Duroc gilt which the chapter purchased farrowed a litter of nine.

Male pigs in this litter will be sold to chapter members and gilts will be given to members on the basis of their supervised farming program. Members who receive gilts from the chapter will return two gilts to the chapter when the first litter is farrowed. These gilts will then be redistributed.

If the hog market continues at its present level, the chapter will have made money from the project in addition to establishing a pig chain and introducing better hogs in the community.

Avoid Hunting Accidents

Guns should never be loaded until you have reached the hunting area. A gun becomes a source of much enjoyment if carefully used, but it may also be the source of much grief and sorrow if, through accident, a hunting pal or member of the family is killed or permanently injured.

The National Safety Council reports three causes which lead to almost two-thirds of the accidents reported during the hunting season, namely: humans in the line of fire, mistaking humans for game and hunting with the safety catch off.

Sportsmanship is good manners, as every hunter knows. It includes using the right gun for the right game, hunting only in season and not taking the limit unless he can use the meat. For bird hunting, the hunter takes a trained dog to retrieve cripples. He puts out cigarettes and campfires carefully, breaks matches before dropping them, and in general, tempers his action with reason.

The same is true for safety. The intel-

THE Clanton Chapter FFA Sweetheart, at left, is shown with one of the FFA members during peach blossom time this past Spring. The picture was made before the freeze.

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5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.
8. Never climb a tree or fence with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.
10. Do not mix gunpowder and alcohol.

All boys know the shortest cut through the fields and woods... but let's see if we can find it, too.
Teacher: "Take 23 from 35. What's the difference?"

FHA Boy: "That's what I say. What's the difference?"

Farmer: "You say you left your last job because of illness. What was the nature of it?"

Hired Man: "The boss said he was sick of me."

Teacher: "Johnny, where is Brazil?"

Johnny: (stalling) "Where do you think it is?"

"How are things over your way?" asked the storekeeper.

"Cattle are mighty thin," said the rancher. "We've been using carbon paper and branding them two at a time."

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Other Soul: "Son, this ain't Heaven."

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"Ever since they threatened to fire me."

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HIBAM DAVIS, president of the Bank of Gordo, at left above, is shown presenting checks to the Pickens County FFA Public Speaking winners. Roy Bain of the Carrollton chapter won 1st place and received an $18.00 check. Bill Wilbourne, of the Aliceville chapter received $10.00 for second place. Not shown was James Burkhallter of the Gordo Chapter who received $5.00 for 3rd place and Howard Cornelius of the Liberty chapter who received $3.00.

These awards were sponsored by the four banks of Pickens County.

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Among the many research projects constantly being carried out at the vast RED HAT Research Farms are those which test the combinations of essential nutrients in RED HAT Feeds that result in maximum efficiency in a feed at the most economical cost.

One such experiment recently concluded at the Research Farms involved a flock of hens in laying production for 12 months. During this production period it took an average of only 4.11 pounds of RED HAT Feeds to produce a dozen eggs. And, throughout the 12 months, the hens had an average production record of 69.1%. Similar outstanding records from RED HAT Laying Mash have been set time and again at the Research Farms and by thousands of RED HAT customers.

In another experimental project at the Research Farms, 690 replacement pullets out of an original group of 750 chicks recently were moved to the laying pens in excellent health and vitality with uniform, well-developed bodies. (See Photo). The loss from culls and mortality during the entire growing period was less than 10%. These birds were fed RED HAT Starting Mash for their first six weeks and were then switched to RED HAT Growing Mash and grain until they reached 30% production.

These experiments by the manufacturers of RED HAT Feeds are positive proof of RED HAT's excellent performance under actual conditions and demonstrate the unceasing efforts being made to keep RED HAT Feeds at the top in efficiency and economy.
AKRON—added air compressor to department; conferred Honorary Chapter Degree upon Nell Livingston, in recognition for her assistance in training the quartet; members of 11th grade completed Home Ground improvement; attended Field Day exercises of the Hise-Green county FFA-FHA.

ALEXANDER CITY—had project tour; put on radio program; working on judging of live stock; made study of pastures in community.

ALEXANDRIA—held Tractor Driving contest; installed play ground equipment; working in the shop repairing lawn mowers, disk harrows and some lawn furniture.

ALICEVILLE—ordered FFA "T" shirts; teams in District Field Day; sponsoring Forest Fire Slogan Contest; presented Radio program; sent articles to newspapers; working on shop program; elected 3 honorary members; enlarging Pig Chain; completed official scrapbook.

ALAB—elected officers for 1955-56; held joint social with FHA; participated in District Radio contest; livestock and beef judging contest.

ALRLEY—held two regular meetings and one officers meeting; sold 10 gallons of penta for termites; had all-day picnic with FHA; elected officers for 1955-56.

ASHFORD—held a study of electricity conducted by SEA and State Electric Co-op representatives; had annual FFA-FHA banquet; awarded gift to Chapter Sweatheart; diseased plans for FFA trip; selected committee for nominating officers for next year; bought new portable sander for shop.

ATHENS—repairing and painting farm equipment; made screens and did other shop jobs.

AUBURN—entered Lee County tractor driving contest; elected officers for next year; host for District eliminations; won District quartet contest; planning trip for next month.

BAKERHILL—held two regular meetings; annual FFA-FHA banquet; completed several shop projects and signs.

BERRY—received 12,000 bi-color lespedeza plants; won second place in District Dairy Judging.

BEULAH—constructed and planted hot bed of tomatoes; ran terrace lines for farmer; made study of pastures in community; erected county Tractor Driving Contest.

BLOUNTSVILLE—had 68 chapter members present at chicken dinner; elected officers for 1955-56 school year; purchased pop corn machine for concession stand and 2 electric drills for shop; made 4 ornamental iron columns for church.

BLUE SPRINGS—set out 2,000 pines and 6,000 bicolor seedlings; made plans for fishing trip and banquet.

BRANTLEY—held annual FFA-FHA banquet; made built houses for county rat control program; elected FFA Sweatheart; constructed 525 ft. of parallel terraces on farm.

C. M. Johnson, of Vernon, Ala., is one of thousands of successful poultry growers who has found RED HAT Laying Mash ideal for keeping laying hens at top production levels. During the first six months of laying, Mr. Johnson's present flock of 500 birds averaged 80-85% production, reaching a peak of 91%. At age one year, the flock was still maintaining well over 75% egg production, and had a very low mortality rate. In the poultry business for 25 years, Mr. Johnson has used several different brands of feeds, but he says he has consistently had the best results from his hens when he feeds them RED HAT. This Alabama grower reports equally good results from raising his pullets on RED HAT Starting Mash and Growing Mash. For example, of 950 replacement pullets recently grown out on RED HAT Starting Mash, Mr. Johnson had lost only 17 at six weeks of age. All of these birds are extremely well-developed, uniform and healthy.

H. G. Aycock, of Kennedy, Ala., is another veteran poultryman who testifies to outstanding records from hens fed high quality RED HAT Laying Mash. Mr. Aycock, who has been in the commercial egg business for 25 years, has been a regular user of RED HAT Feeds for the past seven years. His present flock of 525 one-year-old White Leghorns has maintained an average of 75-80% production. Mortality during the laying period has been only 2%. Mr. Aycock uses RED HAT FEEDS exclusively because he has found that with RED HAT (1) he gets a high percentage of top quality eggs; (2) his hens regularly come into full production at an early age, and (3) he has had an exceedingly low mortality rate in his growing and laying flocks.

C. M. Johnson, left, looks over his egg production records with Kenneth Galloway, who is associated with Roy D. Couch, RED HAT dealer in Fayette, Ala.
BERKELEY—participated in district contest, sent one in American Farmer application; sold supporting farm and school; started planting program, changed classes with Home Economics department; held regular FFA meeting, planned chapel program.

DAVIEVILLE—string band practicing; held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; held annual meeting.

DOUBLE SPRINGS—bought and installed a 5KVA Amp., Welding Machine in shop; built Norway maple and pink dogwood in front of vocational building; started FFA newspaper for 650 flash bulb camera for chapter.

DOUGLAS—had FFA party; entered string band contest; planned project for shop; set out home improvement contest; wired FHA store during year.

ELKMONT—held regular monthly meeting; entered quartet; quiz; public speaking and won 2 films.

ENTERPRISE—held regular meeting; had 2 local meetings; elected new officers.

FRISCO CITY—held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; operated candy store during year.

HIGHLAND HOME—bedded potatoes in electric hotbed; plan to have a fish fry; took part in county plant judging teams; held 3 meetings; installed new officers; planned chicken fry.

KINSTON—sent in one American Farmer application; sold 56 hogs; will elect officers for next year before school is out.

PINE HILL—planted two and one-half acres hybrid corn as chapter project; sold 3 hogs for cash at over 600 barbecue tickets; planned FFA-FHA social; appointed nominating committee; elected nominating committee.

REFORM—held regular monthly meeting and class group meeting; had representatives in every class; held joint meeting with FHA; planned Father-Son banquet; all members complete.

RIVERTON—held 5 chapter meetings and 1 official meeting; had Father-Son Chicken Fry; 

SMITH STATION—planning for chapter fish fry; made plans for community service; created play ground equipment for grammar school.

SOUTHSIDE—stock post treated vest; planning trip to Grand Ole Opry; reworked water pump at school; treated 48 fence post; weeded and sold 6 pick.

THOMASVILLE—held regular meeting; elected officers for next year; had report from finance committee; voted to get new FHA magazine; made plans for chapter and equipment for shop.

TROY—raised and sold 50 chickens and money was used to purchase school grounds; final plans made for FFA-FHA parent meeting.

TUSKEGEE—bought new joiner for shop; held joint meeting with FHA; nominated new officers; planned chicken fry.

VINA—planned to have a fish fry; took part in county plant judging teams.

VERBENA—learning to use welder; planned county plant judging teams; planned annual fishing trip; planned summer trip; planned to elect officers.

WEDOWEE—held annual Father-Son banquet; had 2 meetings; planned chapel program for chapter; organized livestock and dairy judging teams; elected new officers; planned summer recreation; selling home publications.

WINSLOW—had FFA-FHA social; had 2 meetings; planned annual fishing trip; held meeting to raise funds for trip.

WINTON—held Father-Son banquet; all members attending; held regular meeting twice month; made plans for Father-Son banquet.

YALLA—had FFA-FHA banquet; elected new officers; sold 80 chapters of the chapter; had 2 meetings; planned annual fishing trip; held meeting to raise funds for trip.