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NEW OFFICERS of the Alabama FFA Association for the 1955-56 term held their first executive meeting in Auburn on September 12-15. As leaders of Alabama's over 13,000 FFA members, they made plans for the Alabama delegation's trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri on October 9-14.

While at Auburn, the FFA leaders who were elected at the past State FFA Convention took part in an officers' training program where they were acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of their offices. T. L. Faulkner, executive secretary of the Alabama FFA Association, Auburn, met with the state officers, assisting them in the business meetings and helping with the officers training program.

During the business session, the officers planned the budget for the year, made National Convention plans, planned their program of work and attended to several other miscellaneous items of business.

State officers are Neil Bain, Carrollton, president; Ellis Burgess, Jemison, vice president; Bob Wise, Kinston, secretary; Leon Dykes, Jackson, treasurer, and Terril Taylor, Ider, reporter.

encourage each member to participate in as many contests as he can. Remember, only those who try—win.

The State Association will provide individual chapters with needed publications and FFA material such as "Future Farmers of America—What It Is—What It Does."

The State will acquaint chapters and others with new developments and activities pertaining to the FFA organization. Service to local chapters is an important phase of the State Activity Program. Each chapter should acquaint its members with the services provided by the State Association.

The goal of the State Association is to provide each chapter with up-to-date information on work which is being carried on by all chapters in Alabama. The Association provides a state magazine for all members. This magazine contains such information as how to qualify for certain contests. It gives information on projects being carried out by outstanding chapters over the State.

Each chapter should make maximum use of State FFA officers. They should have officers attend FFA banquets and other important local, county and district activities.

The State Association provides chapters with information on awards available, and will administer the selection of State award winners. It is a challenge to make maximum use of these awards. The Alabama Association has budgeted more money for state awards and contests this year. Therefore, we should

By ELLIS BURGESS
State FFA Vice President

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Important FFA Reminders

The FFA Contest and Awards issue of the Alabama Future Farmer was mailed to you last month. We hope you will study each contest thoroughly. Now is the time for each member to decide which ones he will work on during the year. We hope all chapters will have entries in each contest listed. We also hope every member will select several contests and work on them to win.

This is an important issue of the Alabama Future Farmer so be sure to keep yours in your notebooks or at school. You will need it for reference throughout the year.

Notice Changes

Public Speaking – This contest is now being sponsored by the Farmer Cooperatives throughout the State. Some of them live in your community and should be invited to cooperate in your local programs. Notice that the Advisor of the winning member, from the county on through the district elimination, is responsible for reporting his name and sending manuscripts to the State Office. These must be reported by the date given. Please notice the very fine awards provided for the District Public Speaking winners and the advisor, which is a trip to attend the National meeting of American Institute of Cooperatives. Also a $300.00 award is given to the first place winner in the State.

Star Farmer Awards – Please notice a brand new $1,800.00 Ford tractor will be awarded to the State Star Farmer this year. He will also receive $100.00 in cash. This program is being sponsored by the Ford Tractor and Implement dealers of Alabama. Be sure that all of your boys know about this.

FFA Quiz Contest – Please notice that the source of questions has been changed to include anything relating to FFA or Parliamentary Procedure including Current Events.

State Farmer Degree – A special banquet will be given for all candidates receiving the State Farmer Degree during the annual Convention at Auburn. We hope to include in this banquet all Advisors to the members receiving the State Farmer Degree. This banquet is also sponsored by the Ford Tractor and Implement Dealers of Alabama.

Tractor Operation and Maintenance Contest – Notice the awards have been increased. The general plan for this contest will be revised at a later date and will probably include more activities relating to tractor operation. It is possible that this contest may be made a National contest this year. You will be notified later of the details.

Radio and Television Contest – You will notice that television is included in this contest. The idea is to present a program that would be suitable for either television or radio due to the fact that many chapters will be presenting television programs in the near future.

String Band Contest – Notice that at least 50% of band members must be enrolled in high school.

Judging Contests – Please read carefully the eligibility which applies to all three judging contests. Do not enter this contest on a district or state level unless you meet all eligibility qualifications. Notice that only one Poultry Judging elimination will be held again this year which will be during the State FFA Convention. The first 32 entries received in the State FFA Office at Auburn will be eligible to participate. They will be dated and numbered as received and the first 32 will be notified at a later date that they will be eligible to participate. If you have a group of boys who are definitely interested in judging poultry and will work hard on it, please notify us immediately. Notice that the awards for all three judging contests total around $400.00 each, including the $50.00 from the National FFA Foundation for expenses.

Important Notice - Be sure to contact your local people who are helping sponsor these judging contests. The Alabama Cattlemen’s Association sponsors Livestock Judging contests. All of you perhaps have members in your local community. Alabama Poultry Industry Association is sponsoring the Poultry Judging. Be sure to let the members in your community know that you want their cooperation and appreciate their sponsorship.

Quartet Contest – Notice that at least 50% of the quartet members must be enrolled in high school.

Simplified forms for the following contest and award programs are being prepared and one copy of each will be sent to you in the near future: Forestry, Home Improvement, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Soil and Water Management, Dairy Farming, Electrification, and Star Reporter. Please use this as a guide throughout the year and be sure that the first place winner of each contest in your chapter
ANNUAL FORESTRY CAMP SUCCESSFUL

104 FFA Members Attend

August 6, 1955 marked the completion of one decade of effort on the part of the Southern Pulpwood Association, its member mills in Alabama and the Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation to help prepare Future Farmers in Alabama for the task of improving one of our finest natural resources — our forests. That was the day when the Tenth Annual Alabama Forestry Camp came to a close at Camp Grist in Valley Creek State Park near Selma.

The 10th Alabama Forestry Camp, beginning July 31, was attended by 104 Future Farmers of America from chapters in every county in Alabama. These farm boys were selected to attend the camp because of their outstanding work in forestry projects in connection with their supervised-farming programs.

The Future Farmers who attended the camp were provided with a camping program where the teaching of forestry was combined with a program of recreation. The forestry classes were held in a natural setting — under the trees. Swimming, basketball, volleyball, softball, horseshoes, archery and many other recreational activities kept the boys well occupied when they were not attending classes.

On a typical day at the camp, the FFA'ers were up at 6:15 in the morning: they would hold a devotional and flag-raising ceremony and have breakfast at seven. After policing up their quarters and grounds, the instructional period began at 8:30. The campers were divided into 4 groups with each group receiving instructions on the different phases of forestry such as harvesting, utilizing and marketing of forest products, tree planting and identification, timber management, forest fire prevention and control and similar subjects. At eleven o'clock the future foresters would drop their studies and take a swim.

After dinner the boys would take a rest with more instruction on forestry at 1:30. At four o'clock another swim or other athletics would take up their time. Supper was served at 6:45 with evening vespers services at 7:45. From eight until ten o'clock the group assembled in the gymnasium for entertainment. At 10 o'clock taps and cabin checks were held.

Highlighting the evening entertainment programs was a square dance on Thursday evening. Approximately 30 high-school girls from Selma provided the boys with dancing partners for the evening.

THE TEN BOYS shown above were elected forestry camp officers at the 10th Alabama Forestry Camp. To be eligible for a camp title, a Future Farmer had to place among the ten highest grades made on the final examination given at the end of the camp covering forestry courses studied. From left to right, front row, are: John Alderman, Marion Co., forest ranger; Max Tate, Pike Co., forest ranger; Joel Hardee, Monroe Co., forest ranger; John Yeager, Henry Co., forest ranger; Ronny Lawrence, Fayette Co., forest ranger; Pete Funderburg, St. Clair Co., assistant chief forester. (Second row) George Kimbrell, Chilton Co., district forester; Tommy McAliley, Geneva Co., dispatcher; and David Poyner, Greene Co., forest ranger.

HOW TO SET a pine seedling is important information for FFA members who set over one million seedlings each year in Alabama. Shown above is a group of Future Farmers learning how to set pine seedlings under the supervision of John McCullough, an instructor at the 1955 Alabama Forestry Camp.

SHOWN ABOVE is a group of Future Farmers straightening up their cabin during their first morning at the 1955 Alabama Forestry Camp.

THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
KNOWING how to measure pulpwood can mean money in a farmer's pocket when he has wood to sell. Shown above is Vergil Willett, center, teaching a group of FFA'ers how to measure a stack of pulpwood.

AFTER SPENDING much time at both work and play, boys at the Forestry Camp were always ready to enjoy a good meal.

A NEW 5-gallon fire extinguisher was presented to the highest scorer on the final examination at the 1955 Forestry Camp. John Graham, Tuscaloosa County, is shown receiving the award from J. M. Stauffer, state forester. occasion, and several parents were on hand to help with the program.

Professor H. S. Swingle, fish culturist at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and Professor Wilbur B. DeVall, head of the Forestry Department at A.P.I., provided informative as well as entertaining talks during two other evening programs.

Examinations given at the end of the course determined the 10 top delegates to the camp. The campers then voted for camp officers from this group.

Pete Funderburg, from Pell City chapter, was elected chief forester and was awarded a 60-dollar wrist watch. Pete also won honors at the 1955 FFA convention in Auburn when he was selected as winner of the FFA Forestry Contest.

Other Camp officers were John Graham, Tuscaloosa County, assistant chief forester; George Kimbrell, Chilton County, district forester; Tommy McLey, Geneva County, dispatcher, and John Alderman, Marion County; Max Tate, Pike County; Joel Hardree, Monroe County; John Yeager, Henry County; Ronny Lawrence, Fayette County, and David Poyner, Greene County, were selected as rangers.

There was some keen competition in team and individual sports. Each of the eleven cabins at the camp had a basketball, softball and volleyball team entered in the tournaments.

Contests in the use of saws and the axe were conducted. Willie Parnell, Washington County, won the woodchopping contest. John W. Hickman, Butler County, and Jerry Trimm, Lamar County, were the champion crosscut-saw handlers. Allen White, Winston County, sawed his way to first place with the bow saw.

Competition did not cease in the field of sports. As evidenced by a typical meal consisting of 1,000 rolls, 90 pounds of steak, about 40 pounds of tomatoes and an equal amount of mashed potatoes, there was plenty of competition in the field of eating.

The cost of the camp was paid by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association which includes the Gulf States Paper Corporation, Hollingsworth and Whitney Division of Scott Paper Company and International Paper Company. The Coosa River Newsprint Company and the State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry cooperated with the association in sponsoring the Continued on page 13

DAN C. ROYAL, chief forester for Miller and Co., Selma, was honored for his 10 years of service as director of the Alabama Forestry Camps at the close of the 1955 camp. Shown above, from left to right, are J. M. Stauffer, state forester; Royal, and T. L. Faulkner, executive secretary of the Alabama FFA Association, admiring the 100-dollar wrist watch that was presented to Royal.

SHOWN ABOVE is a group of experienced foresters who served as instructors at the 1955 Alabama Forestry Camp. They are, from left to right, front row, C. W. Anderson, Charles Walsh, Dennis King, Lambert Smith; (2nd row) Knox Davis, Thomas Culpepper, Dan Royal, John McCullough; (3rd row) Ken Rolston, A. J. Hyatt, Arnold Leak, and Vergil Willett.
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fills out this form, of course with your help, and mail it to the State Office by the date given on the report.

FFA CALENDARS — 1. FFA Public Relations Calendar. This is the calendar of which one merchant or sponsor purchases a quantity and gives them to your chapter for distribution. This is really a beautiful calendar and is a credit to the FFA program. Why not contact Mr. C. E. Hornsby, Box 968, Birmingham 1, Alabama, who is the representative for this calendar, and have him get someone to sponsor it for you and your boys?

2. FFA Fund Raising Calendar. This is the other official FFA Calendar that was approved by the National organization this past year and is mainly for the purpose of raising funds for the local chapter. However, it is also very beautiful and serves as a public relations medium. You will find that this provides an easy way for most chapters to raise several hundred dollars in cash for local chapter use. This calendar is published by the Custom Cal Company, Box 248, Northside Station, Atlanta, Georgia.

We hope you will recommend this to your finance committee as a means for raising funds for your chapter this year. The above two calendars are the only calendars approved by the National FFA Organization and the State Associations.

FFA Films Available

The following FFA films are available for your use. Order from T. L. Faulkner and give 2nd choice on dates, and films too, when possible.

1. The Green Hand - 16 mm. - Runs 45 min. - Sound.
2. Silver Anniversary Convention Film - Color - 16 mm. - Runs 35 min. - Sound.
3. Farmer of Tomorrow - Color - Sound - 16 mm. - Runs 26 min.
4. That Inspiring Task - 16 mm. - Sound - Runs 30 min. (A story of the FFA).

Free Mats of FFA Emblem

We have a few mats of the FFA Emblem that would be suitable for printing your FFA stationery. They are 1/4" in width and we will send one free to chapters wanting them for this purpose.

Monthly FFA Reports

Check the CHAPTER NEWS section in each issue of the Alabama Future Farmer and see which chapters send monthly news reports. Most of the chapters are now getting their monthly FFA reports in every month on time. There are still a few who do not send them in. Let us urge each Reporter to see that a good report is mailed in by the first of each month.

Time to Work on Speaking and Quartet Contests

Many boys are already working on their speeches and quartets in order to be ready for the first elimination to be held in January. Time is short so why not get all boys to working on their speeches?

FFA Initiations

We want to recommend to all local FFA chapters that they follow the official initiation ceremonies for all Degrees as outlined in the Official FFA Manual. Please refer to the statement on page 58 of the Manual which reads as follows:

"The delegates at the 14th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, 1941, passed a motion . . . "That the organization go on record as looking with disfavor on "horse play" in initiations and hold to the regular initiation ceremonies as given in the Manual of the Future Farmers of America."

FFA Manual for All Members

Why not arrange for all members of your chapter to own a personal copy of the FFA Manual? They may be ordered from the Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia, for 15¢ each.

FFA Banquets and Parents' Night Programs

We believe that every active FFA chapter in Alabama should have at some time during the year, either a banquet or a program of some kind honoring the parents of its chapter members. A well-planned program or banquet of this type will mean a great deal to your chapter. However, be sure it is well planned and that a good meal is served along with it.

Pictures of County FFA Officers Needed

All county FFA organizations should get a good group picture made of their county officers. Send two or three copies to Mr. McDonald, and he will get them run in some of the daily newspapers. Be sure to list the boys' names and addresses.

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Alabama To Have 12 American Farmers

Twelve Future Farmers of America members from Alabama have been recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 28th National Convention of FFA in Kansas City, Missouri, October 10-13.

The twelve Alabamians named are Ralph Edward Barrett, Route 1, Dora, member of the Corner FFA chapter; Morris Braly, Anderson, member of the Lexington FFA chapter; Kenneth J. Copeland, Route 5, Boaz, member of the Boaz FFA chapter; Vergil Wayland Darby, Route 4, Florence, member of the Central FFA chapter; Don Howard Dean, Route 1, Hartford, member of the Hartford FFA chapter; Robert Roshell Hollingsworth, Greensboro, member of the Greensboro FFA chapter; Arthur Clyde King, Linwood, member of the Inverness FFA chapter; Billy Frank Price, Elamsville, member of the Clio FFA chapter; Douglas Rigney, Copeland, member of the Millry FFA chapter; Bruce Roberts, Route 4, Jasper, member of the Curry FFA chapter; Roy Wayne Snead, Route 3, Altoona, member of the Susan Moore FFA chapter; and Donald Sublett, Route 1, Huntsville, member of the Riverton FFA chapter.

Nationally, the FFA Board of Directors voted to recommend that 375 Future Farmers receive the American Farmer Degree, the largest number to be approved in the 27-year history of the organization. Presentation of the degrees will take place in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City during the convention session on the afternoon of October 11. Each degree winner will receive a certificate and gold key from the FFA organization, and a $75 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Attainment of the American Farmer Degree is based on the Future Farmer's record in farming, leadership and scholarship. The degree is limited to FFA members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming. State Associations of FFA are limited to one American Farmer Degree candidate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof. Alabama with FFA membership of more than 12,000 submitted the names of 13 candidates, 12 of whom were approved.

Charles is a good name to have when Ashford FFA boys elect chapter officers. Charles McArthur is president; Charles Ray Miller, vice-president; Charles Lashley, treasurer; Charles Noye, secretary. They didn't make it unanimous. Benney Rice is reporter and Abner Womack secretary.
Vocational Agriculture Workers Honored

When a student makes a success in some phase of his school work, he usually is rewarded or recognized in one way or another. But usually there is a silent partner who helped the youngster fulfill his aims and reach his goals. Most often the only reward he gets is the smile of satisfaction that spreads over his face upon seeing one of his scholars excell in his work. He is the student's teacher.

The situation was reversed recently during the Annual Conference of Alabama's teachers of vocational agriculture and FFA advisors in Auburn. Nine Vo-Ag workers were presented keys at a banquet given in their honor by the Alabama Chain Store Council.

According to C. S. Keller, Managing Director Alabama Chain Store Council, Abbeville, two groups were recognized that night. One group includes three vo-ag workers with 30 years service, the other includes six with 20 years service.

These keys were given in recognition of their long and faithful service in helping improve rural Alabama and for their work in vocational education in agriculture.

Randall G. Bishop, manager of the H. L. Green Company and vice chairman of the Alabama Chain Store Council, Montgomery, was toastmaster at the banquet in the Student Union Building at A. P. I. The keys were presented by M. R. Self, Winn and Lovett Grocery Co., Montgomery.

Others who appeared on the program were Dr. Ralph Draughon, president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn; R. E. Cammack, state director of vocational education, Montgomery; Charles G. Dobbs, publisher, Montgomery Examin er and R. W. Montgomery, head agricultural educational department of the Industrial Institute.

Since vocational education in agriculture began in Alabama less than 40 years ago, the vo-ag teacher has become a vital figure in many rural communities. He carries a program of better farming to high school farm boys and works with adult farmers in evening schools throughout the state, thus rendering a greater service to the state's farmers and rural youth.

Vocational agriculture workers who were honored for 30 years service are: J. C. Cannon, state vocational agriculture supervisor; W. R. Martin, vocational agriculture teacher, Centreville, and Felston Mullins, vocational agriculture teacher, Cullman.

Teachers with 20 years service who were honored included: F. P. Bickley, Athens; S. C. Doughty, Bessemer; J. C. McClinton, Oxford; M. H. Moses, Fyffe, R. J. Pickle, Alexandria, and G. W. Ward, Glencoe.

The honoring of educators who have given 20 and 30 years service to vocational agriculture is an annual affair held in connection with the Alabama Agricultural Teachers Conference and is sponsored by the Alabama Chain Store Council. Thirty-five teachers have been so honored in previous years.

State FFA Officers Will Visit Your Chapter

Quite a number of requests come to us for state officers to visit local chapters. Most of these requests are for the officers to make a five- or ten-minute talk at their banquet, civic club meeting or some special gathering. Ordinarily the officer from your district would be invited. However, if one of the others is much closer to you he could be invited. Should you want one of them to appear on program, please write the Executive Secretary, or directly to the officer, well in advance in making your request.

Local FFA Awards

The State Association and other sponsors supply many awards on a State and District level. Why not provide locally awards for chapter and county winners? Civic Clubs, local business concerns and many others would be glad to furnish awards for some of your contests.

FFA Road Signs Deteriorating

Please check your FFA road signs carefully to see that they have not been knocked over or bent up. It is noticed that some signs have become rusty and either need replacing or painting. Many chapters will want to erect additional signs where there is a need for them. This is indeed a very good public relations activity for your local chapter and we strongly recommend that these signs be erected and kept in good condition on all roads and highways leading into your town or community. They may be purchased from Future Farmer Supply Service for $2 each.

FFA Dues are Coming In

Many chapters are already mailing in their FFA dues and subscriptions to the National Future Farmer magazine. We hope the dues for all your eligible members have been collected. As they are submitted to the State Office membership cards will be mailed for each member. Names should be typed on the cards and presented at a chapter meeting. We hope your members will subscribe to the National Future Farmer magazine 100%.

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VO-AG LEADERS HONORED—These vocational agriculture teachers received special keys this Summer when they were honored by the Alabama Chain Store Council at Auburn. Seated are W. R. Martin (left), Centreville, and J. C. Cannon, state supervisor of vocational agricultural education, who were honored for their 30 years of service. Standing (left to right) are F. P. Bickley, Athens; S. C. Doughty, Bessemer; J. C. McClinton, Oxford; M. H. Moses, Fyffe; R. J. Pickle, Alexandria; and G. W. Ward, Glencoe, honored for their 30 years of service. Felston Mullins (not shown), Cullman, a 30-year teacher, also was honored.
Quemado, N. M. – State Sen. J. N. Curtis came up with an essay which he said won a contest on soil conservation for an Indian:


NEW OFFICERS of the Alabama Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association elected during the annual conference of vocational agriculture teachers which was held in Auburn this summer, are shown as they look over plans for next year’s activities. They are, from left to right, John Hart, vice president from the Southeast district (Dothan); Paul Holley, vice president from the central district (LaFayette); F. R. McCreary, secretary-treasurer, Monroeville; J. J. Lewis, president, Blountsville; Grady Hendrix, vice president from the Northwest district (Jasper); M. J. Beard, vice president from the Southwest district (Frisco City); and L. F. Ingram, vice president from the Northeast district (Jacksonville).

VERSITON

An inspection of bicolor lespedeza plantings which were made by members of the Vernon FFA chapter revealed that an outstanding job had been done.

The inspection was made by Francis X. Lueth, district game biologist, and James W. Dewitt, Vernon vocational agriculture teacher.

These plantings were made by Vernon FFA members during the months of December, January and February. The plants were set out according to the specifications set up by the State Department of Conservation.

Bicolor lespedeza seedlings are made available each year by the Alabama Department of Conservation for use by vocational agriculture students in the establishment of food and cover plots for quail. Bicolor is a perennial leguminous shrub that reaches a height of five to twelve feet. It produces an abundance of hard-coated seed available to quail during the winter months when other foods are scarce. A one-eighth-acre plot of the plants will produce enough seed to feed one covey of quail during the winter.

The Vernon FFA Chapter is cooperating with several other FFA chapters over the state in establishing these quail food and cover areas. It is believed that the bicolor-lespedeza plantings will help
to maintain and even increase the quail population in Alabama.

FFA members from Vernon who have established bicolor lespedeza areas are Bobby Cantrell, Bobby Atkins, Lennie Dubose, Bennie Ray Corbett, and Fraiser Morrison.

MARBURY

Activities during the summer months did not slow down for the Marbury FFA chapter.

As soon as school was out, the Marbury Chapter made plans for a four-day outing at Cooper lodge at Foley, Alabama. Thirteen members enjoyed the camping trip which consisted of boating, fishing, swimming, sightseeing, and preparing their own food.

On June 8, 9, 10 a few of the Marbury FFA'ers attended the State FFA Convention in Auburn. Those attending the convention came back to Marbury with a determination to enter some of the FFA contests next year.

A meeting of the Marbury Chapter was held in the Vocational Agriculture Building on June 30th. Charles Tatum, chapter president, took charge of the meeting. Plans were made to enter all FFA contests, committees were elected, and plans for a social were made.

More than 50 boys and girls attended the social on July 14th where they enjoyed an evening of games and eating watermelons.

Billy Thompson, Marbury FFA member, represented Autauga County at the Alabama Forestry Camp at Camp Grist near Selma from July 31st to August 6th.

SULLIGENT

For a Future Farmer to receive the State Farmer Degree, he must have an outstanding farming program and take an active part in the many activities of his chapter and community. One member in 50 can receive this award each year. He must demonstrate leadership ability and earn $500 from his farming program while a member of the FFA.

Larry Flynn, in his first year in vocational agriculture, earned more than $800 from his supervised farming program. He is secretary of his chapter at Sulligent, entered the public speaking contest, appeared on program at the Father-Son Banquet, and was a member of the dairy judging team that went to the state finals. He was 5th high individual dairy judge among FFA members of the state. He was also assistant FFA store manager last year.

Larry is one of the many FFA members at Sulligent who is making plans to earn the State Farmer Degree.

HATTON

Hog raising, when properly managed, is not only a profitable enterprise but is fascinating, says O. B. Owens, vocational-agriculture student and FFA member at Hatton High School.

Two registered Duroc brood sows were recently added to O. B.'s farming program. In addition to his brood sows, O. B. has four acres of corn and three acres of cotton for his cash enterprises. Pasture improvement is also a part of his overall farming program.

The two brood sows farrowed sixteen strong, husky pigs the first litter. The pigs averaged 35 pounds at weaning.

O. B. attributes his success to the facts that he selected good breeding stock, gave the sows proper management before and after farrowing, provided proper feed and minerals, and controlled parasites.

O. B. holds the degree of Chapter Farmer, and he was elected treasurer of the FFA chapter for this year.

HIGHLAND HOME

Surpluses, marketing difficulties, and low prices are not for Frank Schmitt, a member of the Highland Home FFA chapter, who planned ahead and took the advantage he had in marketing his truck crops this year while many other farmers were taking a "beating" because of the surplus commodities being produced.

Frank, who is president of the Highland Home FFA chapter, found a ready market for his two acres of peas and two acres of butter beans by selling directly to stores in Montgomery. This year, along with many farmers, Frank produced a bumper crop. Frank's dad

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which he was quick to recognize. Frank decided that he needed to work in Montgomery and commute back to town by his dad - an ideal situation that quickly became a reality.

## WALNUT GROVE

Gerald Copeland, a member of the Walnut Grove FFA chapter, has been named first place winner in the 1955 Alabama Conservation Essay Contest which is sponsored by the National Grange and the American Plant Food Council, Inc., Washington, D.C.

First Place awards of a $50.00 check and a Certificate of Merit were presented to young Copeland for his essay entitled “Gaining Ground with Fertility.” Second place awards of a $25.00 check and a Certificate of Merit went to Randall Ferguson, Albertville FFA chapter, Harold Rives, also of the Albertville chapter, won 3rd place and was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

In a letter of congratulations to Gerald, O.C. Medlock, state conservationist and chairman of the committee that judged the essays, stated: “I am sure that the efforts you put forth in this worthy undertaking and the knowledge that you gained in preparing your essay were well worthwhile. I hope that this achievement will encourage you into other undertakings in the field of agriculture.”

Gerald’s essay was selected for the 1st place position from the many essays submitted by other FFA’ers and 4-H’ers over Alabama.

## NEW MARKET

The New Market officers of the Future Farmers of America held an officers’ training camp at the Guntersville Dam during the summer. The purpose of the camp was to learn individual parts, study parliamentary procedure and outline an activity program for the coming year.

According to W.W. Dulaney, chapter advisor, all the officers had a wonderful time while participating in the training activities. In addition to the officer training program, the boys enjoyed swimming, boating, ball games, and cooking their own food.

Officers who attended the camp were Wayne Brown, President; Coyle Campbell, vice president; Kenneth Underwood, reporter; Don McDougal, secretary; Floyd Moore, Jr., treasurer; Charles Carter, sentinel; Jimmy Woods and Dickie Jacks, program chairmen, and W.W. Dulaney, advisor.

## SYLVANIA

Realizing that well-qualified officers are an important requirement for the success of any organization, the officers of the Sylvania FFA chapter, DeKalb County, attended an officer’s training course at the Sylvania High School’s vocational agriculture department recently.

The purpose of the course, according to Gilbert M. Butler, FFA advisor, vo-ag teacher, and course instructor, was to help the newly-elected officers develop desirable qualities of leadership. During the course the officers learned how to conduct FFA meetings, parliamentary procedure, duties of each officer, and objectives of the FFA.

The officers also spend considerable time planning for a chapter program of work which will outline the activities of the chapter for the coming year. Boys heading the chapter for the coming year who attended the training course are David Hunter, Kenneth Parker, J.C. Grimes, Rayburn Newsome, Aaron Dean, and Carl Williams.

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Kinston Chapter Tours
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Twenty-five members of the Kinston Future Farmers of America Chapter recently returned from a tour of 12 eastern states and southern Canada. The 3,200 mile trip, extending over a 10-day period, provided the FFA'ers with an opportunity to visit many places of historical value and to observe agriculture throughout the eastern United States.


Those making the trip were Bob Wise, Pomroy Howell, Boyd Free, Harold Dunn, Ellis Wise, Charles Blair, Jack Byron, Billy Smith, Jack Pierce, Robert Wise, Dick Sexton, E. C. Neuin, Bobby Gooden, Haywood Holmes, Moe Moore, Roland Clark, Allen Miller, Jimmy Rhodes, Willard Carnley, Jimmy Dougherty, T. J. Pierce, Charles Mal-

FFA Bull Program Makes Progress

Vocational agriculture teachers from Alabama were told of plans for continuing the beef cattle improvement program which is sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Co., at the 5th annual banquet honoring teachers who are advisors to FFA chapters that are participating in the program.

The Kinston FFA boys have traveled over 15,000 miles on tours over the United States in the past 10 years.

The banquet given by the Sears Roebuck Company took place during the annual conference of vocational agriculture teachers in Auburn this summer.

W. C. Greenway, public relations director, Sears Roebuck Foundation, Atlanta, told the vocational agriculture teachers that the Sears Roebuck Company plans to continue placing good pure-bred bulls in FFA chapters over the state.

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Broilers To Finance College Education For Oxford Member

Quinan Harris, 17-year-old Oxford FFA member, is looking to the future and making plans to finance his college education. A broiler business he started as a project while in vocational agriculture at Oxford High School is going to supply the needed money.

When young Harris enrolled in vocational agriculture at Oxford High School in 1952, he persuaded his father, Vergil L. Harris, to let him use the four and one-half acres of land to put into practice many of the things he was studying in vocational agriculture at school. His first projects were truck crops and hogs.

Later Quinan became interested in poultry and felt that a broiler project would fit in well with the small acreage which he had to conduct his farming program.

Quinan said that he did some serious thinking and planning before going into the broiler business. “One of the first things I did was to visit some of the nearby broiler producers and observe their setup and to get their suggestions,” Quinan said. “I read every publication I could find on broiler production and got Mr. S. A. Williams, my agriculture teacher, to help me in planning my program.”

Quinan was awarded the State Farmer Degree at the 1954 State FFA convention in Auburn for his outstanding work in vocational agriculture and FFA. This is the highest degree awarded by the Alabama Future Farmers of America Assn. Quinan is also an active member of the Poultry Producers Assn.

QUINAN HARRIS, 17-year-old Oxford FFA member, is shown feeding his 3100 broilers. Profits from the business have paid all but $100 of the $1800 he borrowed to help start it. More of the proceeds will be used to finance his college education.
Vernon Member Makes Outstanding Cotton Yield

Jimmy Greer, Vernon vocational agriculture student and FFA member, expects a record cotton yield on his project field this year in spite of adverse weather conditions during part of this growing season. His cotton has both the growth and fruit to confirm his expectation.

Jimmy has given his cotton careful attention since the project was first begun. He sent soil samples from the field to the Auburn Soil Testing Laboratory to find out the fertilizer requirements of the field. He applied fertilizer as recommended by the Soil Testing Laboratory. In addition to the recommended application, Jimmy made sidedressings to take care of the fertilizer leached out by the heavy rains.

The cotton has been periodically checked for boll weevil. Poison has been used when necessary to control them. An irrigation system has been standing by in case it was needed; however, it has not been used as yet.

A person has only to look at Jimmy's cotton to see how well these good farming practices are paying off.

Jimmy is also doing a good job with his other projects. He has corn and beef cattle as other productive projects, and his improvement projects are orchard, lawn, and home improvement.

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FORESTRY CAMP (from p. 5) camp. The only expense incurred by the Future Farmer members was travel to and from the camp.

Since the majority of Alabama's Future Farmers live on small tracts of land, where most of our forest lands are located, the information gained, skills acquired and attitudes developed at the Alabama Forestry Camp during the past 10 years will undoubtedly have a marked influence on the improvement of Alabama's forests. Future Farmers who attended the 1955 Forestry Camp were as follows:

Autauga County — Billy Thompson, Marbury Chapter.
Baldwin County — Wilson Lee, Bay Minette Chapter, and Wallace Littleton, Robertsdale Chapter.
Barbour County — John Snell, Clio Chapter.
Bibb County — Joe West, Jr., and Chelsea Nash, Centreville Chapter.
Blount County — Dennis Earl Horton, Cleveland Chapter.
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Marengo County – Marvin Hall, Linden Chapter.
Marion County – John Allman, Guin Chapter.
Marshall County – Jerald Morgan, Albertville Chapter.
Mobile County – Roy Shofner and David Nolfe, Baker Chapter.
Montgomery County – Joe Pepperman, Lanier Chapter.
Montgomery County – Jimmy McDonald, Eva Chapter.
Perry County – John Allen Rinehart, Marion Chapter; Calvin Hughley, Suttle Chapter.
Pickens County – Raymond Lumpkin, Palmetto Chapter; Ralph Douglas House, Reform Chapter; Edward Brown, Gordo Chapter.
Pike County – Philip Mills and Max Tate, Goshen Chapter.
Randolph County – Larry Easterwood, Wedley Chapter.
Russell County – Jack Clayton, Smith Station Chapter.
St. Clair County – Pete Funderburg, Pell City Chapter.
Shelby County – James Hallman and Leslie Harrison, Montevallo Chapter; Wilbur Moore, Siluria Chapter; Larry Farr, Columbiana Chapter.
Sumter County – William Fields, Livingston Chapter.
Talladega County – John Germany, Winterboro Chapter; Douglas Foster, B.B. Comer Chapter; Clarence Hutto, Lincoln Chapter.
Tallapoosa County – Jimmy Henderson and Arnold Lauderdale, Camp Hill Chapter; Lynn Farrish, Alexander City Chapter.
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ALICEVILLE — training officers; enlarging FFA pig chain; applied for beef bull; won a prize in G&M.; O. Railroad Forestry Contest. All members reviewed new school; held 5 officers' meeting; reviewed training school; organized; taught dairy judging; dairy judging; members preparing for dairy show. All members received new record book and review material to collect dues early; treated about 200 fence post holes.

ATHENS—replaced old chapter equipment; ordered 10 official manuals; 15 reference books; 2 new magazines; initiated 10 Green Hands; 100% FFA; also 100% subscribing to National FFA Magazine.

BEAUREGARD—took 100 mile educational tour; ice cream freezer; provided 5 FFA rings; held officer training program; plan initiation of Green Hands and educational trip to fair at Montgomery; plan to order pine seeds early; used as educational project.

BLOUNTSVILLE—46 new members in A; I; held FFA-FPA party and winner for new members; sold 1800 books; scheduled finals; earned cards for chapter by selling magazine subscriptions; purchased mechanical popcorn machine.

BRIDGEPORT—sent delegate to State Convention; 15 new members; plannedhog show; made slides of members product-to use in classroom instruction.

CARLOWVILLE—held one regular meeting on separate 220 volt circuit; elected officers; set FFA business for new year; decided to use to help finance barbecue and pig chain; decided to useFFA calendar as additional money raising project.

CULVER—held one meeting; 27 pigs; mowed grass on vocational grounds.

DEKALB—school prepared for activity program; set dates of meetings; plan to have speaker every other meeting; one member selected to attend National FFA Convention in October.

ELMORE—held officer training course; planned program of work; ordered paraphernalia; bought a 10" Sliding arbor saw; selling Farm Journal, Town Journal and Farm and Ranch magazines; had a winner member; placed 3 pigs in pig chain; calf at the Baldwin County Fair; entered tractor in county fair; built a display for county fair; built in vocational agriculture; 12 entries in Dairy Show; 5 members interested in Triples; 2 articles in local paper; purchased 17 T-shirts and 2 official FFA jackets.

ELMONT—got new books for vo-ag library; held 6 days over ATA; held officer meeting; made plans to initiate Green Hands; elected officers; made out program of work for year; sent in 100% membership; made and distributed new FFA paraphernalia.

FORT DEPOSIT—bought a 10" Sliding arborsaw; selling Farm Journal, Town Journal and Farm and Ranch magazines; chapter had a winner member; placed 3 pigs in pig chain; calf at the Baldwin County Fair; entered tractor in county fair; built a display for county fair; built in vocational agriculture; 12 entries in Dairy Show; 5 members interested in Triples; 2 articles in local paper; purchased 17 T-shirts and 2 official FFA jackets.

FLORALIA—held one officers training meeting; won a reflex camera for selling Farm and Ranch magazines; have approximately 3 books of cotton to pick at the vo-ag farm; about 20 boys plan to attend State Fair; three reference books have been added to chapter library.

GLENCOE—ordered 10 official manuals; sold FFA dues; held monthly meeting; met; made new meals; planned to initiate Green Hands; elected officers; made out program of work for year; sent in 100% membership; made and distributed new FFA paraphernalia.

HAYESVILLE—held one regular meeting; discussed ways to make money for chapter; plan to get $500 from sweat equity; held dance in gym; sell magazines and peanuts at football games; asked for help in choosing cows; ordered FFA jackets and other things from Standard of Excellence.

HIGHLAND HOME—sold 500 fence posts; selling Christmas trees; need money for chapter; cooperating with County Health Department in rat control campaign; initiated 11 new members; plan to have a booth at school Halloween Carnival; plan to order cedar furniture for age boys to make in shop; have total membership of 45; elected treasurer and chapter president.

INVERNESS—2 members bought calves to show in the spring; held officer training; initiated new vice president; members attended Farm and Ranch magazine; have approximately 3 16 20 boys plan to attend State Fair; three referred to—driving contest at the county fair; built a roast and hay ride; won three pigs and one chicken in the pork chain; gave program to Kiwanis Club.

KINSLEY—new members; planned tour of machine; chapter room floor varnished; 940 members in pig chain; registered; plans to sell, at the State Fair in Montgomery.

LAFAYETTE—held three officers training and planning meetings; Rotary Club is sponsoring FFA pig chain; plan to make an activity program; made program calendar; provided time or activities and placed members in charge of each meeting; elected new officers; 17 members; sold 5 pigs to raise money for chapter; plan to have speaker every other meeting; one member to attend National FFA Convention; enrolled 25 new members; planning officer meetings; initiated 16 Green Hands; as well as 13 new members; plans for year's work.

LENZ—initiated new members; elected officers; went on overnight fishing trip; sold magazines and peanuts at football games; 100% membership in FFA and all subscribing to National FFA Magazine; 83 magazine subscriptions; purchased popcorn machine.

LEXINGTON—held one FFA meeting; 6 articles and 4 pictures published in local newspaper; 4 field trips; had class on caring for farm machinery and farm and shop tools; reviewed officer meetings; placed 1 gilt in pig chain; sold concessions at football games; published three articles and 1 picture in county paper and REA News; received new official banner; using official note books.

LEROY—held one regular chapter meeting; elected new officers; went on overnight fishing trip; sold magazines and peanuts at football games; 100% membership in FFA and all subscribing to National FFA Magazine; 83 magazine subscriptions; purchased popcorn machine.

LINDEN—enrolled 36 students; showed safe film; visited cotton gin and stock yards; studied fishing and showing dairy cattle; used as part of their regular program; new officers.

LOCUST FORK—initiated new members; elected officers; went on overnight fishing trip; sold magazines and peanuts at football games; 100% membership in FFA and all subscribing to National FFA Magazine; 83 magazine subscriptions; purchased popcorn machine.

MONTGOMERY—sent delegate to State Convention; 3 officer meetings; placed 4 gilts in pig chain; selling concessions at football games; 100% membership in FFA and all subscribing to National FFA Magazine; 83 magazine subscriptions; purchased popcorn machine.

NORTHPORT—officers met with FHA for nutrition; enlarged school; initiated 13 new members; plan to have a booth at school Science Fair; held one regular chapter meeting; initiated 16 Green Hands; as well as 13 new members; plans for year's work.

PINE HILL—purchased magazine for all day students; added new sander, new drill bits and screw driver to shop; cleaned and arranged all FFA materials; sharpened and repaired hand tools; plan to have a meeting to sell 22 Green Hands; built new trailer; 4 new vehicles; elected officers; 4 new vehicles; elected officers; sold 4 pigs to finance chapter activities; ordered FFA manuals for each boy.

PISGAH—presented 2 radio programs; constructed barbeque pit; finishing new shop; received new publications; advanced students studying welding; added new literature to chapter library.

PRAVITCLE—held officers' meeting; collected FFA dues; plan to make an activity program; checked corn yields of boys entering Corn and Soybean show; Chapter decided to order FFA manuals for each boy.

RAMSEY—held 7 chapter meetings and 2 officer meetings; initiated 16 Green Hands; assisted in FFA farm theme; had sheep, joint social and chicken show with FFA; trained driving contests.

ROGERS—elected new officers; have 50 members; held tractor clinic; preparing for North Alabama State Fair exhibit; added 2 pigs to pig chain; elected officers.

SAMSON—held Executive meeting to discuss plans for school year; discussed activity program; each member of chapter will be on at least one committee; one similar Green Hand has been initiated; FFA members will attend National Convention and will sing in the National FFA Chorus.

SAND ROCK—made educational tour; had ice cream party and chickens; held officer training; sold Farm and Ranch magazine; have approximately 3 16 20 boys plan to attend State Fair; three referred to—driving contest at the county fair; won a pig from Supp ly Service.

SOUTHSIDE—fishing on water system for livestock at school; went to Grand Ole Opry; took officers to stock fair; bought chicken replacements in hog program at school.

STEVE WARD—held officers' training; had 1 gilt in pig chain; gave program to Kiwanis Club.

STEVENSON—held officers' training; won a bow saw at Forestry Camp; Wallace Stanford won $10 in REA tractor driving contest; published 7 news articles and 1 picture in county paper and REA News; received new official banner; using official note books.

SUTTLE—officer meetings; meeting; buying 5 fat calves; holding FFA Sweetheart Contest.

THOMASTON—held officers' training; sold 100 books for library; 8 magazines; held 2 regular chapter meetings; initiated 16 Green Hands; as well as 13 new members; plans for year's work.

TOWN CREEK—initiated 39 Green Hands; placed 1 gilt in pig chain; selling concessions at football games; 100% membership in FFA and all subscribing to National FFA Magazine; registered 5 pigs in pig chain.

VIBART—held officer training; selling Farm and Ranch magazines; planning officer meetings; initiated Green Hands; put plans for year's work.

WES WEST POINT—held officers' training; helping with county fair; Doric pig chain increased; sold vo-ag; chapter making plans for year's work.

WHITE PLAINS—installed new officers; chapter Hand Book published; program of work adopted; purchased jackets, T-shirts, officer Gray Hands, hand books; published timely information sheet for local members; 225 copies of a book; selling "The Farm Quarterly" to raise chapter funds; planning educational trip for near future.

WICKER—initiated 15 Green Hands; will enter several state sponsored contests; plan to keep all eligible active members.

NORTHPORT—officers met with FHA for nutrition; initiated new Green Hands; plan to attend State Fair; planning activity program for year; sold 22 Green Hands; built new trailer; 4 new vehicles; elected officers; sold 4 pigs to finance chapter activities; ordered FFA manuals for each boy.

WHITMAN—initiated 2 new members; held one regular chapter meeting; initiated new Green Hands; initiated new officers; went on overnight fishing trip; sold magazines and peanuts at football games; 100% membership in FFA and all subscribing to National FFA Magazine; 83 magazine subscriptions; purchased popcorn machine.

WINDSOR—held one regular chapter meeting; elected new officers; went on overnight fishing trip; sold magazines and peanuts at football games; 100% membership in FFA and all subscribing to National FFA Magazine; 83 magazine subscriptions; purchased popcorn machine.