Alabama's Champion FFA String Band From Jacksonville Entertains At National Convention
Roanoke FFA Boys Learn That Good Tractor Maintenance Is Very Essential

The boys are learning the various maintenance jobs that should be done and how to do them. D. L. Haynes at left is local FFA advisor.

Roanoke Members Study Tractor Maintenance

Members of the Roanoke chapter spent a day recently learning farm tractor safety and maintenance during a Tractor Clinic put on by M. S. Huggins, farm representative of Standard Oil Company.

The boys were shown two films, "Farm Petroleum Safety" and "Tractor Accidents." The first film dealt with the safe handling of petroleum products. It showed the boys the proper methods for refueling tractors, storage of fuel, distance storage tanks should be located from buildings, approved containers for the different fuels and the danger of smoking near fuels. The film also gave some examples of how fires could be caused by the improper use of kerosene for building fires in stoves.

The second film dealt with tractor accidents. The boys learned the various accidents that could happen on tractors and how to prevent them. The boys were shown that the largest single cause of tractor accidents was tipping. Several scenes were shown to impress on them how easy it was for a tractor to turn over.

Six sure methods they learned for prevention of accidents are: slow down on turns, plan fields so they will be safe to take tractors into, be careful on slopes, don't make adjustments while the tractor is in motion, don't carry extra passengers and never refuel when the engine is running.

Safety on the highway was also stressed. The boys were urged to either have tail lights or reflectors on their tractors at night, to carry a red flag by day and to be sure the brakes were in working condition.

After the films were shown a discussion was led by Mr. Huggins on the selection and changing of oils. He pointed out to the group the different grades of oil, the use of each of the grades, when to change and why to change. Samples of the different grades were shown to the class.

The boys then went outside where they were given demonstrations on different phases of tractor care. They were also allowed to do various maintenance jobs.

Chambers County FFA Hog Show Big Success

The Chambers County Hog Show was held recently at Milltown High School. Fifteen hogs were entered from FFA chapters at LaFayette, Five Points and Milltown.

Wayne Stephens, of the Milltown chapter, showed the Grand Champion gilt, a Yorkshire. The Grand Champion boar, a Hampshire, was shown by Jimmy Avery, of the Five Points Chapter.

Other entrants showing hogs were Jackie Lamb, Dannie Farr, and Charles Nix of the LaFayette chapter; Emmett Bonner, Art Eakins, Junior Blair and Terry Lambert of the Five Points chapter; and Woodie Shaw, Don Belcher and Jim Buford of the Milltown chapter.

Official judges for the show were M. S. Huggins and J. L. Dailey.

Mailbox Improvement Program Is Underway

Alabama's old rickety, dilapidated looking rural mailbox stands are about to become a thing of the past. All FFA chapters and rural mail carriers throughout the state have started a cooperative mailbox improvement program to get the job done.

Ronald Rogers, president of Alabama's FFA Association, says the FFA members will work with their neighbors and encourage them to replace old mailbox stands with new attractive ones. These new stands have a concrete post and concrete base. They are reinforced with steel rods. Wooden crossarms are bolted to the top of the post to hold the mailbox. Inscribed on the side of the post are the letters FFA, painted in gold, with glass beads to reflect at night.

FFA members hope to place one of these mailbox stands with every rural family in the state, at a very nominal cost. Their goal now is to construct 45,000 posts immediately.

Not only are these mailbox stands attractive, but they are also convenient. They can be tipped over and rolled out of the way easily. This is very convenient for the state road maintenance crews, as it enables them to do work on the shoulders of the road and ditches without much trouble. These boxes are convenient for the mail carriers too, as they are of regulation height and stand up straight.

L. A. Hollis, president of the Alabama Rural Letter Carrier's Association, says, "The time has come to destroy old rickety and trembling mailbox supports and replace them with new, well erected and well made supports." He urges every rural family in the state to give Alabama's rural mailboxes the forward look by letting the FFA students and Vocational Agriculture teachers have the fullest cooperation, making Alabama an example of civic pride in rural mailboxes.

Any rural family interested in obtaining one of these stands should get in touch with their local FFA chapter.

FFA Honor Roll

(Membership of 100 or More)

Sidney Lanier . 128
Stevenson . 106
Lexington . 105
Moulton . 102
Jasper . 100
Theodore . 100
— NOW IS THE TIME —

By
T. L. FAULKNER, Executive Secretary

23,300 POUNDS MAILBOX STEEL ORDERED — Orders totaling 23,300 lbs. of reinforcing steel have been ordered through the State Association for chapters throughout the State to use in FFA mailbox programs. Total orders by districts are as follows: Northwest district, 4,160 lbs.; Northeast district, 8,400 lbs.; Central district, 3,500 lbs.; Southwest district, 2,456 lbs.; Southeast district, 4,784 lbs. Many chapters have been able to secure reinforcing materials locally or through the Surplus Depots.

REPORT ON RURAL ACCIDENT POSTER — Each local chapter was sent a large poster form to be placed on the bulletin board in the classroom for the purpose of keeping a record of accidents occurring in the school community. We hope these reports are being kept up to date.

FFA AUTHORIZED FOR MAILBOX POSTS — You will be interested to know FFA is the organization that has official approval by the U. S. Post Office Department to place their name on mailbox posts. The letters FFA may be placed on each side of any mailbox post in Alabama or throughout the nation.

CHAPTER FFA SWEETHEART — Many local FFA chapters select a Chapter Sweetheart during the year. Photographs of chapter Sweethearts should be submitted to the Alabama Future Farmer and one may be selected to run in each issue.

WEAR FFA JACKETS AND SHIRTS — How many of your FFA members have purchased FFA jackets or T-shirts this year?

Pell City chapter reports 70 members own FFA jackets. Congratulations to this wide awake chapter. This must be a record for Alabama chapters. Let’s be sure that our members wear jackets or T-shirts during all contest events.

FARM AND HOME SAFETY PROGRAM — We hope all chapters have their FFA Farm Safety Program well under way by this time. Be sure and get a good news release in your local paper every week concerning this outstanding program. As you know $600 in cash awards will be made at the State Convention on this program.

PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAPTER OFFICERS — Why not make a good photograph of your chapter officers and send one copy to your local newspaper and another along with your monthly FFA Report. It may be sent directly to the daily papers if you prefer. Get a picture of county officers and handle in the same manner, if possible.

LOCAL OFFICERS SHOULD GIVE SPEECHES — It is very good training and also good public relations to have each local FFA officer prepare a short speech and give it to local Civic Clubs and group meetings of various kinds in your community. We hope your local officers are being used in this manner.

A CAMERA FOR EVERY FFA CHAPTER — Every FFA chapter can profit from owning a good camera for making photographs of local activities. This is especially true if the pictures are published in local and State newspapers. Suitable cameras for this purpose may be purchased at a reasonable price. 35 mm cameras are not well adapted for this purpose. They are more suitable for making slides.

HONORARY CHAPTER DEGREE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE — We have in the State Office a supply of Honorary Chapter Degree Certificates which will be furnished without cost to any chapter in the State. Names of persons to receive the certificate will be printed on them without cost. Why not give the Honorary Chapter Degree to several people in your community this year?

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST — Remember that January is the month to hold the Chapter Public Speaking and Quartet Contests. We hope that every chapter will have some boys who will select for the subject of their speech something on Farmer Cooperation. As you know, the Farmer Cooperatives in Alabama are sponsoring the Speaking Contest and would be pleased if a large number of members would select Cooperation, or some phase of it, for their subject. Notice, the
District winners along with their Advisors will have an all expense paid trip to the annual Cooperative Convention this summer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – We can use more good photographs in The Alabama Future Farmer and in news releases sent out from this office. Please enclose them either with your “Vo-Ag Teacher Release” or “FFA News Report” when sending them in.

AMERICAN FARMER APPLICANTS – On the contest survey form one question is: How many American Farmer Applicants will you have this year? Application forms will be sent to those indicating on the survey that they will have one. Others should be requested if needed.

FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS – You now have the new FFA Contests and Awards regulations as published in the August-September issue of the Alabama Future Farmer. We hope considerable time will be spent in studying them. Notice all dates, dead lines and eligibility rules. Let’s use these awards to improve our FFA program.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK – FEBRUARY 16-23 – National FFA Week will be February 16-23 – the week of George Washington’s Birthday. It is now time for all chapters to begin planning for this important occasion.

FLAG SALUTE – “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

DELEGATES TO BIRMINGHAM – You were mailed a letter recently requesting that the name of one delegate from each county be submitted to the State Office to represent your County at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at Birmingham in February. These names are due in Auburn by January 5 so please check with the other teachers in your county and see that the name of your County President or some other delegate is sent in by that time.

SUBSCRIBE TO NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER – We hope 100% of Alabama’s members will subscribe to their National Future Farmer magazine this year. The cost is only 25 cents for a full year. We would like to congratulate the Clanton chapter on their unique way of subscribing. This is the third year that each new member has subscribed to the National magazine for a five year period for $1.00.

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.

LOCAL FFA AWARDS – The State FFA 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 many of your contests.

FFA STATIONERY – Many of the local FFA chapters have their own letterheads and stationery printed. This is a good public relations activity. It is more business like for any organization to have their own printed stationery. It could be printed by your local printer to your own design or you may order it from the Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia.

FFA ROAD SIGNS AVAILABLE – Many chapters are erecting the FFA Road Signs on each highway entering their town. They can be ordered from Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia, for only $2 cash. A local sign painter can put the name of your chapter on it. Be sure and keep your signs set up straight and in good condition. Some of them may need repainting.

OFFICIAL FFA SUPPLIES – Official FFA supplies should be ordered from the Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia. If your chapter does not have a recent catalogue drop them a card and one will be sent to you immediately. Now is the time to order jackets, T-shirts and other supplies for all members who need them. We hope every FFA entry in a livestock show and other contests this year will be wearing a FFA T-shirt or jacket.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL 14,500 – Alabama FFA membership the past year was 13,698. Our goal this year is 14,500.

Does your chapter have 30 percent more active members than are enrolled in Vo-Ag classes?

We have six HONOR ROLL chapters so far. Congratulations to these wide awake chapters and we hope more will follow.

Alabama Chapters Win National Awards

The Riverton and Sulligent FFA Chapters won gold emblem awards in the National Chapter contest this past year. Pell City and Ramer Chapters both won silver emblem awards. The awards were presented during the National Convention in Kansas City.

Alabama FFA Judging Teams In National Finals

The champion Alabama FFA Poultry Judging team from Oxford took part in the National finals at Kansas City during the Convention and their team rating was PARTICIPATION.

The champion Alabama FFA Live stock Judging team from Troy took part in the Judging finals in Kansas City and their team rating also was PARTICIPATION.

The champion Alabama FFA Dairy Judging team from Fairhope took part in the National finals in Waterloo, Iowa and their team rating was HONORABLE MENTION.

Pell City FFA Purchased Record Number Jackets

All 70 members of the Pell City FFA chapter own a Green Hand or Chapter Farmer pin. Last year 53 official jackets were purchased. Twenty-two have ordered so far this year and five more will place their order soon.

MISS PAT RIEGHER, above, is Foley FFA Sweetheart. Pat is a Sr. I and a member of FHA.
State President Addresses Farm Bureau Convention

Ronald Rogers, State President, Alabama FFA Association, spoke before a group of 1,000 in Biloxi, Mississippi, recently during the annual Alabama Farm Bureau meeting. The subject of Ronald’s address was “The Successful Farmer of Tomorrow.”

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Foley Uses Contests To Stimulate Interest Of Chapter Members

By ROBERT FORTNER

Chapter Reporter

Any FFA Chapter that participates in the state sponsored contest can offer suitable reward to the outstanding members. But what about those other active members that are coming in “A Close-Second” but never get a chance to participate on the district level, or the state level. Should they be neglected or passed by with a “Better luck next time”?

These second best members are the ones that made a contest out of the activity; they are the ones that made the winner stay on his toes and do a better job. They deserve some type of reward and it’s the chapter’s duty to see that they receive it.

Each year most of the chapters over the state take part in the Champion Corn Growing Contest, the winner receives an award for growing the most corn per acre and every chapter has a winner. What about the second place member that grew one-half bushel per acre less? This South Baldwin County Chapter has gone a few steps further and provided pennants and small cash awards for the first, second and third place winners. This helps to keep the interest of the participating members up and also lets him know the chapter appreciates his efforts.

In the Foley area soy beans is the most grown cash crop so the chapter has its own contest sponsored by the Baldwin Oil Mills. The chapter presents the three top boys with pennants and small cash awards for the first, second and third place winners. The award was presented to the Sidney Lanier Future Farmers by C. W. and O. Railroad Company.

C. W. BURRAGE, Agricultural and Forestry Agent of the G. M. & O. Railroad Company, at center, presents a $100.00 check to Sidney Lanier chapter president, Frank Myers. Mr. L. W. Douglas, principal of Sidney Lanier, showed at left and Mr. W. C. Locke, local advisor at extreme right, Billy Sykes, second from right planted 25,000 seedlings.

Sarah Bublitz, FFA Membership Short of Goal By 1,170
FOURTEEN ALABAMA MEMBERS RECEIVE American Farmer Degree

One out of a thousand might very well be the boast of young men who grow up to earn the American Farmer degree as the capstone of achievement, an honor which is bestowed upon only one member in every thousand.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys who are studying vocational agriculture in high school. Its aim is to help farm boys help themselves by giving them the opportunity to develop qualities of leadership, character, and citizenship while nurturing in them a love of country life and inspiring them to progress toward establishment in farming.

FFA and vocational agriculture together afford the most intensive training program short of the college level for farmers of tomorrow.

It takes a lot of study and work and cooperation to reach the top of the Future Farmers ladder. The four degrees or levels or membership are the Green Hand, Chapter Farmer, State Farmer and American Farmer. Advancement up the ladder is based on leadership, scholarship, earnings from farming, and progress toward establishment in farming as evidenced by investments in equipment and projects.

American Farmers are young men who have been out of high school at least one year, who have exhibited superior qualities of leadership, are active in community affairs, and who are actually engaged in an outstanding farming operation.

It is to Alabama's 14 American Farmers of 1956 that this issue of The Alabama Future Farmer is dedicated with the hope that their achievements may prove an inspiration to other members of the FFA.

David G. Wilson
(Grove Hill)

David has a genuine interest in livestock, forestry, feed production, and pasture improvement. He started out with a beef cow and a heifer calf. He then secured a purebred gilt from the FFA pig chain, and purchased a purebred boar and a Sears Foundation bull for use on his farm.

David has had a well balanced Supervised Farming Program with production of corn and hay for winter feed and a good improved permanent pasture of 120 acres for grazing. He has supplemented his permanent grazing with temporary crops of clover, oats, grain sorghum and sudan grass.

Wayne Thames
(Lyefion)

Wayne did not take farming too seriously until he entered his first year of Vocational Agriculture. That was the year his father started working in Mobile to make possible a college education for Wayne's older sister. At that time Wayne became manager of the home farm.

As a first year student of Vo-Ag Wayne had two beef cows, one beef calf, four sows and an acre of corn. At the end of his third year he owned 120 acres of land, 22 acres of which was in cultivation and the balance in timber, a barn, 4 beef calves, 4 sows and litters, and 3 head of beef cattle.

Wayne is past president of his local chapter. He also has served as treasurer, participated in the Public Speaking Contest two years, dairy cattle judging team

WILLIAM THAMES, at right with E. F. Winter, his local advisor at that time.

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Dudley Reynolds
(Orrville)

Dudley's interest in farming as a career started to grow as soon as he entered Vocational Agriculture. He started his first year's work in Vo-Ag with three dairy calves, three hogs, two beef calves, and other supplementary practices. By the second year these projects included thirty dairy cows, fifteen dairy calves, two beef calves and nine head of swine. His third year's program included thirty dairy cows, eleven dairy calves, seven hogs, ten beef calves, and one acre of watermelons.

After Dudley's father died in 1947, much of the responsibility of caring for the family was turned over to him. It was his job to carry out the operation
DUDLEY REYNOLDS

of the dairy and other farm duties. This he did successfully.

During his high school years, Dudley served as chapter vice president and as county treasurer and sentinel. Several times he won recognition on the chapter dairy judging team, and in 1955 he won the county Public Speaking Contest. Three times he was delegate to the State FFA Convention at Auburn.

James P. Grooms
(East Limestone)

James started in Jr. III agriculture with 2 beef calves, 2 beef brood cows, 6 acres of cotton, 3 acres of corn, 7 top hogs, and 10 acres of hay. From this beginning he now has 33 head of beef cattle, 1 horse, 25 acres of cotton, 15 acres of corn, 35 acres of hay, 25 acres of pasture and is growing 20 acres of vetch for soil improvement. His farming program has given him a grand total of in and out of school labor income amounting to $14,503.85.

During his high school years, James served as treasurer for two consecutive years of the East Limestone FFA Chapter. He was also active with the chapter's beef judging team that won second place in the state contest in 1951. He was outstanding in showing beef calves at fat stock shows. He served diligently on many committees and displayed interest in all of the chapter activities. He was elected FFA District Star Farmer for Northwest Alabama at the time he received his State Farmer Degree in 1953.

James is a firm believer in the future of farming. He has recently sold his 80 acre farm to buy 120 acres of better quality land. He plans further expansion as conditions will allow.

Early Glenn Pate
(Gordo)

Glenn started taking Vocational Agriculture in the Fall of 1951. His first year projects were one beef calf and one acre of corn. He continued to increase his projects until in his last year in high school he had thirty acres of oats and sericea, twenty five acres of corn, two acres of sorghum, fifteen acres of cotton, seventeen dairy cows and five dairy heifers.

Glenn has been very active in FFA activities. He has been vice president and president of the Gordo Chapter. He has been on several of the judging teams. He was a delegate to the State FFA Convention in Auburn.

Glenn has served as president of the senior class, captain of the football team, president of the G-club, president of the student body and vice president of his class. He lettered in football, baseball and basketball.

In his community he is active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship program at Center and Elmore Methodist Church.

Jan White
(Riverton)

Jan White, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White, Route 1, Toney, Alabama, has increased his net worth from an old Jersey cow, ten years ago, to $2,988 by the end of his first year out of school.

Jan's first year program was one acre of corn, four head of dairy cattle and one gilt which gave a labor income of $235.03. Each year Jan's inventory and responsibilities have grown until he is now operating the 110 acre home farm which includes twenty acres of cotton, twenty four acres of corn, twenty acres of hay, four dairy cattle and three beef cattle.

Jan's leadership activities have been numerous and varied. He served as reporter and vice president of the River- ton Chapter. He entered the public speaking contest three years, was a member of the parliamentary procedure and radio team, served as chairman of several important committees, was a member of the dairy judging team which placed first in the district and state. He attended three state conventions and was the chapter delegate once. He carried two shows calves to the American Royal and attended the National FFA Convention. His leadership activities were equally as good in other phases of his school work where he served in numerous offices.

Jan plans to remain on the farm, continue to invest his earnings wisely and buy a farm of his own as soon as conditions will allow.

Hulane Davis
(Crossville)

Hulane Davis is the 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Davis, Route 2, Crossville, Alabama. He became a member of the Crossville FFA Chapter in 1949, his first year in Vocational Agriculture, and has been an active member since that time.

Hulane served his chapter as secretary for two years and as president for one year. He also served as County treasurer for one year. He was chairman of the Social Committee, chairman of the committee on conduct of meetings and
HULANE DAVIS
chairman of the Supervised Farming Committee.

In 1949 Hulane began his first Supervised Farming Program, and completed projects consisting of one acre of corn, one brood sow, and seven market hogs. His labor income that first year was $291.89. Since that first year he has continued in the production of corn, brood sows, market hogs, and has added a small acreage of cotton. By the time Hulane graduated from high school he had earned as labor income from his projects $2006.45.

Hulane is an active member of the Mt. Flat Baptist Church, where he has served as Church Clerk for two years, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent for one year, Prayer Service Director and as the present Sunday School Superintendent. He is married and has a little girl 6 weeks old. He lives on the farm and plans to continue there.

Charles F. Banks
(Jasper)

Charles Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Banks, Route 3, Jasper, Alabama, lives on a small, but highly developed farm, in the progressive farming community known as Boldo.

James Luther Sallas
(Goodwater)

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sallas, who live on a 65 acre farm two and a half miles from Kellyton, Alabama.

He started his FFA work in 1951, when he enrolled in the Vocational Agriculture class at Goodwater High and became an FFA member. He was elected sentinel of the chapter during his first year of membership.

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

The following June he attended the State Convention at Auburn where he won second place in the hog judging contest, which carried a cash prize of $50.

During James’ farming experience, he will have carried out a total of 59% acres of productive projects, totaling in all 31 separate productive projects along with the many improvement and supplementary projects which have yielded him a total of $1912.88 labor income. His total worth stands at approximately $2,741.55.

James is now enrolled at Jacksonville State Teachers College, where he is a history major.

Robert Moore, Jr.
(Winfield)

Robert has done an outstanding job of project work during and after high school. He is now attending college at Auburn and is still able to keep his farming program in operation.

Robert was a very active FFA member, having served both as vice president and president of his local chapter. He also served in various capacities in FFA and school work. He was a member of the Beta Club, football team and participated in various school activities. He was selected as Alabama State Star Farmer for 1954.

Robert’s father gets a great deal of credit for his all around abilities. His father is a good farm operator, mechanic, carpenter, electrician, and brick layer. Robert has gained wide and useful experiences from the close association with his dad.
Charles Park, at left with C. S. Baze- more, local advisor.

Charles M. Park
(Wetumpka)

Charles enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in the Fall of 1952. His first year's supervised farming program consisted of three acres of corn, three dairy cows from which he sold grade "B" milk, four dairy heifers, two acres of cotton, and ten acres of oats. From these projects Charles netted $866.74.

Living on a farm of only 80 acres with only 15-20 acres in cultivation did not give too much room for expansion of a farm program. However, during his second year, Charles had seven acres of corn, five acres of cotton, fourteen acres of oats, seven cows, four calves, and four hogs. His profits the second year were $1350.67. During his second year of Vocational Agriculture, Charles set out 300 peach trees for a commercial orchard. Since then he has increased his orchard to 700 trees with 500 trees of bearing age.

Charles' third year farming program consisted of twenty five acres of corn, five acres of cotton, three beef cattle, twelve acres of oats, thirty seven hogs and six dairy animals. These projects netted him $2667.76. He was selected as Chapter Star Farmer and Future Farmer of the Year from the Wetumpka Chapter.

Monte Vann Davis
(New Market)

Monte has willingly assumed responsibilities in both school and community affairs. In school he developed his ability as a leader by promoting the work of the FFA chapter, by serving as a class and Beta Club Officer, and by participating in all sports.

He was enrolled in Vocational Agriculture for three years and maintained a well-planned, carefully supervised farming program each year. In the community he has always taken an active part in the church, where he can be found every Sunday morning at worship, and assisted with any civic drive or projects such as P-TA, barbecues, Red Cross or Community Chest drives.

Monte has enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn where he is studying Agriculture. He plans to return to farm, probably in partnership with his father, where he will continue the farming program which he started his first year as a vo-ag student.

Francis Granade Martin
(Grove Hill)

For his first year's work in Vocational Agriculture Francis had 2 cows and 2 calves plus other projects in livestock and field crops. He received a registered gilt from the FFA pig chain and produced 4 good litters of pigs from her.

Francis started crimson clover and bahia grass for grazing for the livestock on his farm. One year he was champion Chapter Corn Grower.

He became responsible for the family farm when the health of his Dad became bad. He traded in their 2 mules for a tractor and equipment and is doing most of the farm work by himself.

Francis worked some with a construction company, during his last year in school, working on the local court house as a welder with the arc welding machine he learned to use in Vo-Ag classes. He was offered a permanent job with the construction company as a welder, but thought he was obligated to stay on to operate the family farm.
CORN JUDGING WINNERS

The Hartselle FFA Corn Judging team won first place in the judging contest recently at the statewide Corn Show sponsored by Pfister Associated Growers at Huntsville. Each team member was presented a beautiful wrist watch.

Two top teams from regional shows held earlier were participants in the judging contest. Jimmy Caylor of the Inverness FFA Chapter was the high scoring individual and also won a watch.

Two regional shows were held prior to the state show. The South Alabama show was held at Prattville and Jimmy Caylor, Ned McCall, and Gatha Williams were winners in the judging contest with a team score of 372. Mr. Joe Brock is the team advisor.

The team from the Rockford Chapter, composed of Larry Thomas, Michael Davis, and Earl Brown, won the reserve championship with a team score of 276. Their team advisor is Mr. J. L. Holmes.

The North Alabama regional show was held at Huntsville and the winning team was the Hartselle FFA Chapter with a score of 375 points. Team members include Robert Hanners, Bobby Hanners, and Kenneth Conner. Mr. Charles H. Rowe is team advisor.

Reserve championship was won by the Ardmore FFA team composed of James Haraway, James Allen Steele, and Morris Vickers with a score of 393. Mr. Fred Cornelson is team advisor.

These four teams competed in the Alabama State Corn Show finals which were held at the Pfister Associated Growers’ plant at Huntsville on November 14th.

There are three separate phases of the "Pick the Winner" contest sponsored by Pfister Associated Growers’ for FFA and 4-H members. Each entrant may participate in one, two, or all three phases of the contest. The three phases consist of the Yield Contest, the Corn Ten Ear Sample Contest and the Judging Contest.

JIMMY CAYLOR, of the Inverness Chapter who made the high individual score in Corn Judging is presented a gold watch by Owen Nelson, assistant sales manager, Pfister Associated Growers, Aurora, Illinois.

HERE IS the Hartselle FFA State Champion Corn Judging team. They are from left to right Robert Hanners, Bobby Hanners, Kenneth Conner with Charles H. Rowe, local advisor and Owen J. Nelson, assistant sales manager, Pfister Associated Growers, Aurora, Illinois.

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programs: operated soft drink machines for finance committee; have our first American Farmer this year; held regular bi-monthly meeting; area clinic for FFA mailbox program; sold $250 of magazines and continuing sales.

JEMISON—extended pig chain; put sheetrock in lunchroom; sold ads for calendar; held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet, awarded two Honorary Degrees; operated concession stand at football games; plan to order pine trees; continued device and parasite control in cattle; planning mailbox posts for each member; held regular FFA meeting; went on field trips.

KINSTON—initiated 20 Green Hands; 3 new gas heaters installed in vo-ag department; painted new trailer; plans made for FFA-FHA party; held tractor clinic sponsored by Standard Oil Company with M. S. Huggins in charge.

LIBERTY—ordered $100 in tools for shop; have $290 in treasury; initiated 25 Green Hands; made $71 on a pig raffle; ordered 25,000 pine seedlings; constructing concrete mailbox posts; LR–had winner raft and Initiated Green Hands; officers received official jackets; added 22 books to FFA library; Mr. John Spence showed pictures of National Convention at regular meeting; ordered fruit trees and 20,000 pine seedlings.

LINCOLN—ordered 2 gilts to pig chain; ordering pine seedlings; planning annual corn hunt; ordering fruit trees; members deciding which to enter; selecting chapter corn grower; ordered safety films.

LINDEN—26 members paid dues; sent off for FFA jackets; conducted rat poisoning campaign; ordered notebooks; Mr. Huret Mauldin gave demonstration on electricity; received strawberry plants; feeding out seven beef calves; planned for barbecue.

LITTLE FALLS—initiated 20 Green Hands; ordered fruit trees; members deciding which to enter; selecting chapter corn grower; ordered safety films.

LYNCH—initiated 20 Green Hands; ordered fruit trees; members deciding which to enter; selecting chapter corn grower; ordered safety films.

LYNN—built broadcasting booth; initiated 13 Green Hands; all members own a manual; plan to build a bathroom for department.

MAPLESVILLE—made $45 running commercial at football games; $75 on FFA Sweetheart contest and $25 on Harvest festival; held 2 officers and 2 regular meetings; will hold FFA-FHA banquet in January; showed three films.

MELLON—had safety program in FFA; bought 4 tables for classroom; had joint party with FHA; building concrete mailbox posts for each member; had regular FFA meeting; went on field trips.

MIDLAND CITY—held 2 regular meetings; distributed 2 gilts; planning mailbox post program; operating concession stands at football games to get money for banquet.

MILLRY—held Sweetheart contest; constructing cedar chest kits; ordered Green Hand pins; added electric saw and sander to shop tools; conducting Safety program with vo-ag students; studying electric arc welding; placed 3 pigs in pig chain; held county FFA-FHA fun night; ordered FFA jackets; building concrete mailbox posts; conducted rat control campaign; ordering fruit trees cooperatively.

MONROE—elected officers; held 2 chapter meetings; appointed standing committees; developed and presented Program of Work.

MONTGOMERY—held 2 FFA meetings; set date for FFA supper; set up new tools in shop; building shop tables; placed 12 FFA mailboxes; purchased tractor and equipment; built new forms for mailbox program.

MOULTON—added acetylene welding unit to shop; initiated Green Hands for Speake chapter; writing weekly news column for local paper entitled "News and Views"; built 12 concrete mailbox posts for members; 194 active members; sold $106 worth of Farm and Ranch magazines; sold ads for 200 calendars; initiated 20 Chapter farmers; placed 2 purebred gilts with FHA members; ordering fruit trees for members and community cooperatively; ordered 4 official FFA jackets; building farrowing crates and self waterer for hogs in shop.

NEW MARKET—purchased a small crawler tractor; forms have been built to make mailbox posts; started purebred pig chain; purchased a...
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CHECK RESULTS OF 1955 ALABAMA FFA CHAMPION CORN GROWERS CONTEST*

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State Winner — 206.53 Bushels With P.A.G. 633

20 of 65 County Winners Grew Pfister Hybrids. More County Winners Grew Pfister Hybrids Than Any Other One Hybrid.

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