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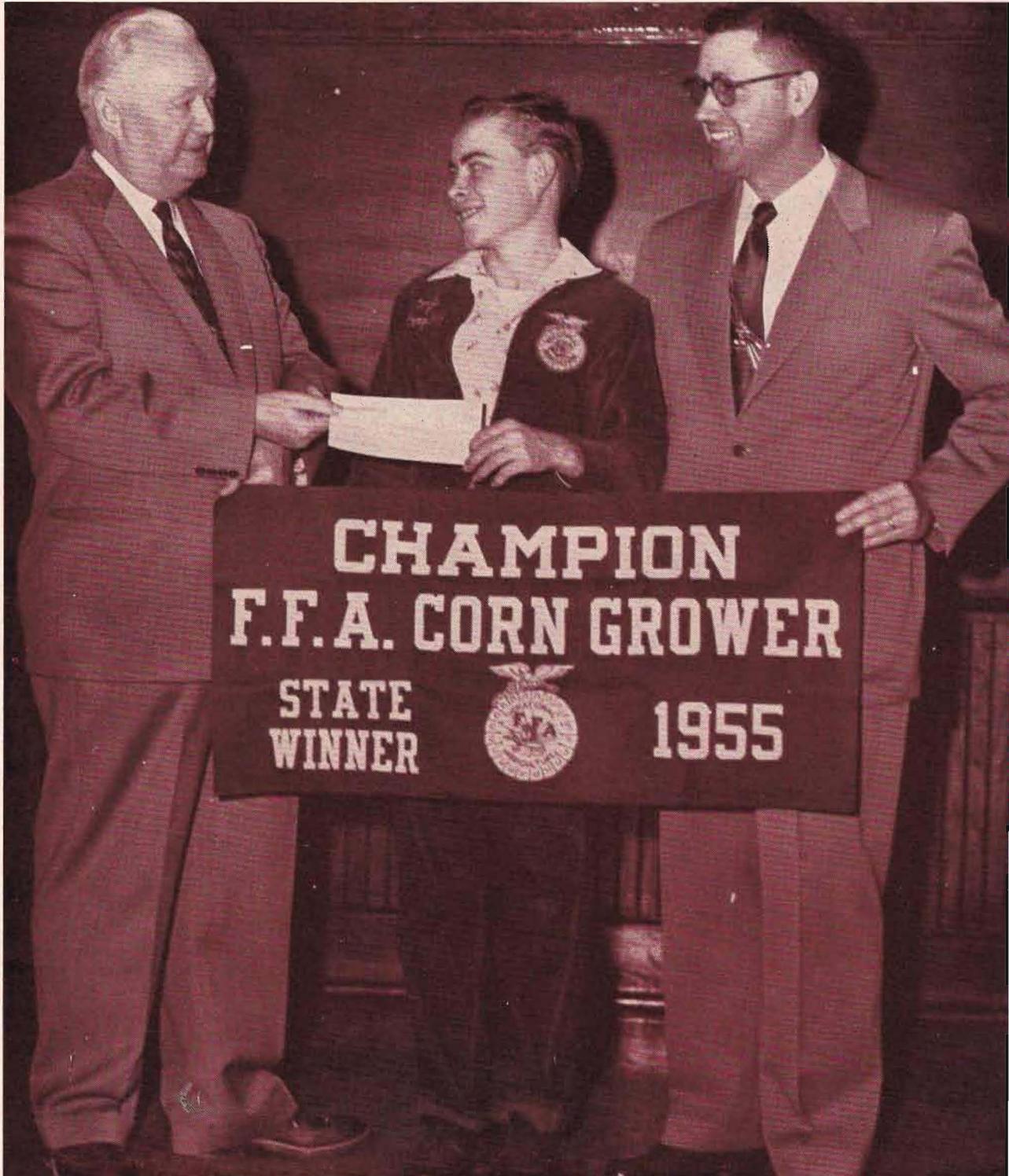
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IN TEACHING
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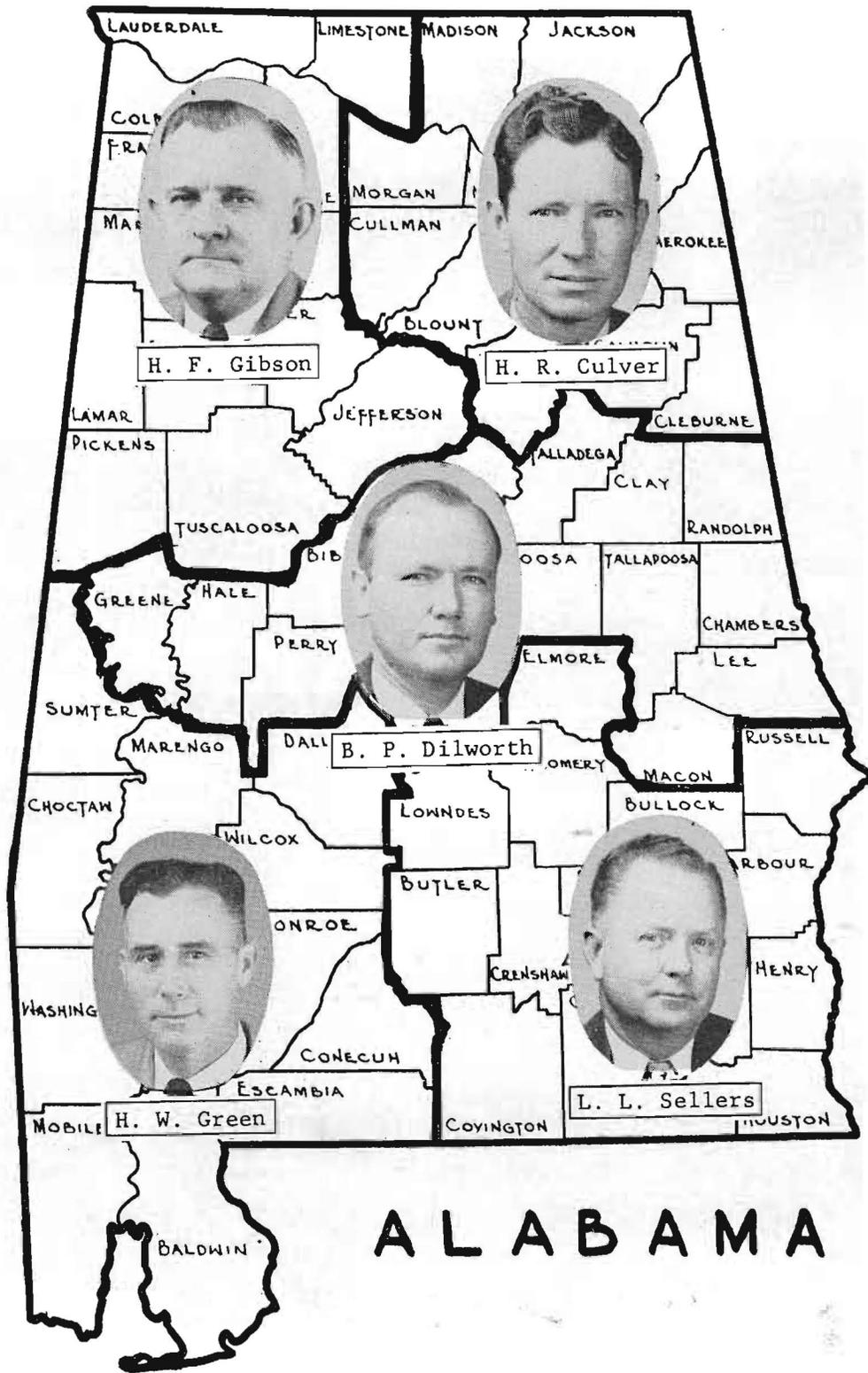
**Corn Champion
Named**



COYLE CAMPBELL OF NEW MARKET, AT CENTER, RECEIVES CHAMPION CORN GROWER AWARD FROM J. C. CANNON, STATE ADVISOR AT LEFT. AT RIGHT IS W. W. DULANEY, LOCAL ADVISOR.

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A Future For You In Teaching..

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

Each year there are positions for about 60 new teachers of vocational agriculture in Alabama high schools. For the past 10 years almost every qualified graduate, who desired to teach vocational agriculture, has been employed. These graduates are being employed at higher salaries each year.

One of the major problems facing you is that of choosing your life work or your vocation. This decision is probably more important than you now realize. Few decisions will affect your future as much as your solution to this problem. In making this decision, have you considered teaching vocational agriculture?

Teaching agriculture is interesting. As a teacher of vocational agriculture you teach high school boys, young farmers, and adult farmers. Much of the work is on the farms of the members of your classes. In your teaching you deal with practical farm problems which the members of your class need to solve. In a single day an agriculture teacher may take a class on a field trip to select dairy heifers, teach another class to overhaul grain drills, and teach another group practices in fertilizing corn that will result in higher profits.

Another part of your work as a vocational agriculture teacher is that of serving as Advisor of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America. Typical chapter activities under your direction might include a trip to the State Future Farmer Convention, conducting a purebred swine sale, training a livestock judging team, or other activities which will help boys become successful farmers, rural leaders, and good citizens.

As a teacher of vocational agriculture you enjoy many advantages. It is hard to spell out all of these advantages but experienced teachers tell us they have unequalled opportunity to be of service to rural people. They find their work interesting, practical, and enjoyable. They receive an income which provides a comfortable living.

As a teacher in an Alabama high school you can make a real contribution to the youth of today, who hold our future in their hands. The future of our country is determined to a large degree by the teaching in our schools.

Your work results in improving the farming of the community in which you teach. Better farming results in a more prosperous community, state, and nation.

You can be a leader in your community. Alabama's modern rural schools need good teachers to provide and develop rural leadership.

Teaching vocational agriculture gives you an opportunity to be creative in your work. It challenges you to put forth the best that you have.

You will enjoy watching the development of those whom you teach. There is a real thrill awaiting you the day your first State Farmer receives his gold key.

Your work is practical and useful. It deals with the interesting and changing science of agriculture. For example, you would enjoy driving through your community and seeing contour farming, one of the results of your teaching in adult farmer classes.

Much of your time is spent out of doors in the country, working with farm people.

Your work consists of many different activities. You do not have a routine which must be followed day by day.

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Coyle Campbell Named Champion Corn Grower

Coyle Campbell, 16-year-old New Market FFA member, has for the second consecutive year captured the Alabama FFA Corn Grower title. Mr. J. C. Cannon, state FFA Advisor, presented Coyle with the 1955 chapter room banner and a check for \$100.00.

Campbell's 206.53 bushels from his one-acre corn project was the highest yield ever to be reported by an FFA member in Alabama.

Winning the Champion FFA Corn Grower title was a repeat performance for the Madison County farm youth. He won the same title in 1954 with a yield of 154.12 bushels on one acre.

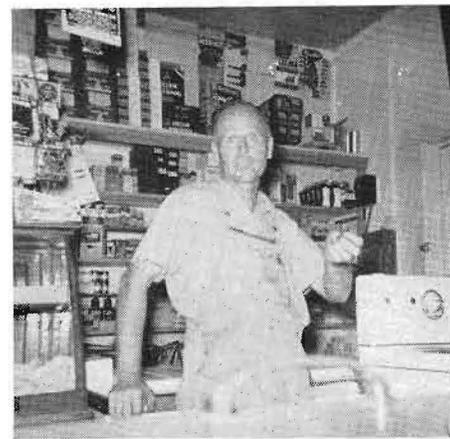
Coyle captured the title this year from the 6,717 Alabama FFA members who matched their abilities in growing corn. These FFA'ers grew a total of 22,933 acres of corn. Awards were presented to

more than 200 chapter winners, 67 county winners, and 5 district winners, in addition to the state winner. The average yield per acre among the chapter winners was 86 bushels per acre.

The Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau in cooperation with the Alabama Vocational Agriculture Service sponsored the contest. Mr. Cannon explained that the purpose of the contest was to encourage FFA members to use better corn-growing practices on their farms.

In growing his prize-winning acre of corn, Coyle planted Pfister 633 variety on April 12 in rows 36 inches apart and left the plants about 10 inches apart in the rows. He applied 400 pounds of 4-10-7 fertilizer at planting time and sidedressed with 200 pounds of nitrate of soda about 48 days after planting. The corn was planted on good bottom soil.

Coyle was also recognized as an outstanding corn grower earlier this year when the Madison County Farmers Association named him the grand champion corn grower in Madison County.



SHOWN in his store above, Vestal Wheeler of Flat Rock, was Jackson County's first FFA president.

Jackson County's First FFA President

In a recent survey conducted by the Pisgah FFA Chapter it was discovered that Vestal Wheeler of Flat Rock, Alabama was the first FFA president in Jackson County. Mr. Wheeler held this honor in 1930 while a senior at the Flat Rock Senior High School.

Mr. Wheeler's advisor was H. E. Phillips who now teaches vocational agriculture in Scottsboro.

Mr. Wheeler remembers clearly that he grew corn and swine for yearly productive projects. He says that there were about twenty in his class of vocational agriculture.

This Jackson County gentleman is a member of the Jackson County Board of Education and operates a general merchandise store at Flat Rock. He owns a farm, tends a garden and cares for his hogs and cattle. He participates in church and community work because his interests are for better homes, churches, and communities. It is good to have such a fine man as this first president of the FFA.

— FFA —

SULLIGENT

Thirteen thousand bicolor plants have been set by members of the Sulligent FFA chapter in establishing eight 1/8 acre quail feeding plots.

S. J. Gibbs, vocational agriculture teacher, explained that bicolor is a perennial leguminous shrub which reaches a height of five to twelve feet. The plants produce an abundance of hard-coated seed which are available to quail during the winter months when other quail feed is very scarce.

To provide maximum benefit to the quail, the bicolor was planted in 1/8 acre plots which were adjoined by weeds or other permanent natural cover.

A FUTURE FOR YOU (Continued from page 3)

In Alabama, salaries of vocational agriculture teachers range from \$325 to \$425 per month. As a teacher of agriculture, you receive travel expenses in addition to your salary.

You are employed twelve months a year. Unlike most other teachers, you work during the summer. You also receive two weeks vacation each year with pay.

You have all the advantages of the Alabama teachers' retirement system as well as the Federal Social Security program. After a few years of experience, the position offers the security of tenure.

As in most other vocations certain personal qualities will help you to be happier and more successful in your work.

One quality which will help you become a successful teacher of vocational agriculture is having been reared on a farm. As a teacher of agriculture, you will need to know, like, and understand farm people. Your farm experience can be put to good use in teaching.

Being a good student will help you succeed in teaching vocational agriculture. It takes a good student to successfully do the college work necessary in preparing to teach agriculture. The good student is better able to keep up to date with new agricultural practices, an essential part of his work.

As a prospective teacher of vocational agriculture you should be able to work cooperatively with people. A pleasing personality and a cooperative attitude will be invaluable to you in working with your students, teachers in the school and others in the community.

Qualities of leadership will be helpful to you. You need to be able to lead, help, counsel, and advise boys. The ability to be a leader gains the respect of those you teach and makes your teaching more effective and enjoyable.

Your preparation for teaching vocational agriculture requires a four year college course in agricultural education.

Therefore, if you have a farm background, are a good student, possess a pleasing personality, can work well with people, and have certain qualities of leadership, you can become a successful teacher of vocational agriculture.

From the Sand Mountain Reporter

JESSE CULP, Editor

I always appreciate National FFA Week, because I was an FFA member for several years and now an honorary member of several of our local chapters.

Today I have asked Kenneth Copeland to be my guest in the COUNTRY VISITOR column to tell you a few things about FFA. Kenneth has been one of Alabama's most outstanding FFA members in the past, a member of the Boaz Chapter. Now he is studying agricultural education at Auburn.

Future Farmers of America are celebrating this week as National Future Farmers Week.

The Future Farmers of America, or "FFA" as it is commonly known, is a national organization for boys studying vocational agriculture.

Since its establishment in 1928 it has spread throughout the forty-eight states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

It is the aim of the FFA 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.

The FFA means very much to over 300,000 boys. This organization is for boys studying vocational agriculture in high school. Also a boy may continue to be in the FFA two years after he finishes high school or until his twenty-first birthday. In all agricultural colleges, there are collegiate FFA chapters for students preparing to be vocational agriculture teachers and for boys who were in the FFA while in high school.

FFA members learn much more than how to farm; they learn to be good; how to relate farming to community life; and to take parts as voters and leaders in a business of democracy.

Most boys do not realize the maximum worth of what the FFA can mean to him as he enters the FFA in high school. He soon learns to express himself more tactfully in a group.

The FFA, through the cooperation of the vocational agriculture teacher, encourages boys to participate in varied contests which the FFA sponsors through the support of the donors of the FFA.

After an FFA member attends his first state convention, he realizes what a great organization the FFA really is. He sees the future in putting more into the organization in his local chapter. He sees as one of his goals in life to win one of the state FFA awards.

Foley Members Present First TV Program

"The best way we have of letting people know about FFA work." That was the comment made by the members of the Foley FFA chapter after presenting their first TV program.

"I didn't realize FFA work was so complete." "Those boys must already be farmers." Those were comments of people who watched the program.

Lawrence Lipscomb, Clyde Lipscomb, Steve Andersen, Roy Amos, and Allen Hall, all chapter farmers, presented the first regular program sponsored by the Alabama and Florida FFA Associations over Station WEAR-TV, Pensacola, Florida. The program was on Irish Potatoes and was designed with two purposes in mind. First was to further FFA and Vo-Ag, the second was to show the viewer how potatoes are selected and planted. According to the comments listed above both purposes were achieved.

But what about the boys who put on this program. Are they dramatic or ag students? Let's discuss each boy.

Lawrence Lipscomb: Lives on a very large farm ten miles in the country, Sr. II in high school, second year vo-ag and FFA, chapter president, class president, school bus driver, qualified for State Farmer Degree, carrying seven productive projects, buying his own land. His comment was, "certainly worth the time required to plan."

Clyde Lipscomb: Lives on large farm nine miles in country, Sr. II in school, second year in vo-ag and FFA, chapter chaplain, chapter farm mechanics winner, qualified for State Farmer Degree. His comment was "Best way to teach agriculture to the public."

Roy Amos: Lives on small farm three miles in country, does all the farming work, qualifies for state farmer, district tractor driving winner, chapter quiz win-



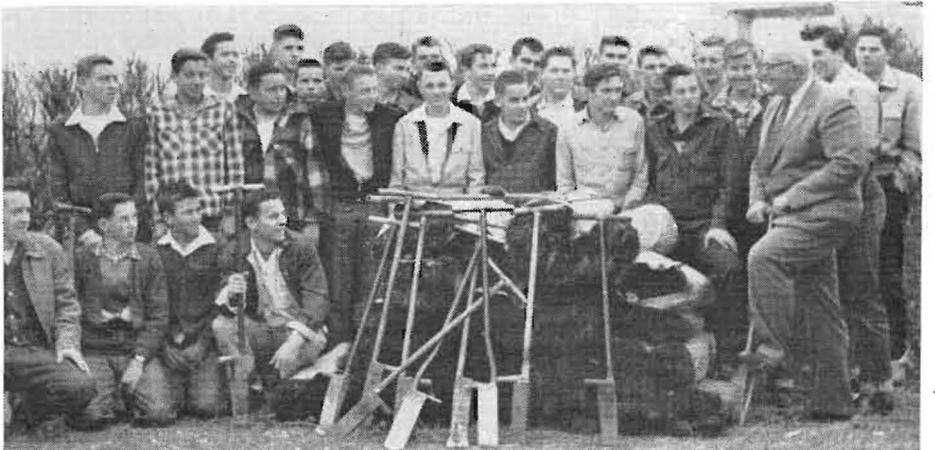
FOLEY MEMBERS above presented their first TV program. They are left to right, Allen Hall, Lawrence Lipscomb, Steve Anderson, Roy Amos, and Clyde Lipscomb.

ner this year, chapter soil and water management winner, carrying seven productive projects. His comment was, "good for FFA."

Allen Hall: Lives in country on very small farm, works on neighbors' farms, carrying 3 productive projects, Sr. II in school, third year vo-ag and FFA, plans to be an ag teacher. His comment was, "it furthers FFA, vo-ag and the farming business."

Steve Anderson: Lives on average size farm ten miles in country, Sr. II in school, second year vo-ag and FFA, carrying two productive projects, chapter reporter, entering Star FFA Reporter contest. His comment was, "You can tell a few people but you can show all the people."

(Editor's note: Due to a death in the family of advisor Nix, he could not be with these boys for the broadcast. This, however, did not stop these boys as they went on to Pensacola and put on the 15 minute broadcast by themselves. From all reports it was excellent. We congratulate these fine boys and a fine advisor as this is a wonderful example of leadership training our FFA boys receive.)



AT RIGHT, L. W. White, local advisor, Northport Chapter, discusses the planting of pine seedlings. They have 36,000 seedlings ready to be planted, as shown in the picture. The "Dibbles" shown were made by the boys in the welding shop.

Birmingham Grand Host To County Presidents



SHOWN ABOVE ready to greet the County Presidents in Birmingham, left to right, J. A. Beaty, of the Chamber of Commerce; R. H. McIntosh, of the State Fair authority; J. C. Cannon, State Advisor; Ellis Burgess, State vice president; M. J. Roberson, representing Chamber of Commerce and Cosby-Hodges Milling Co.; Neil Bain, State President and R. E. Cammack, Director of Vocational Education.

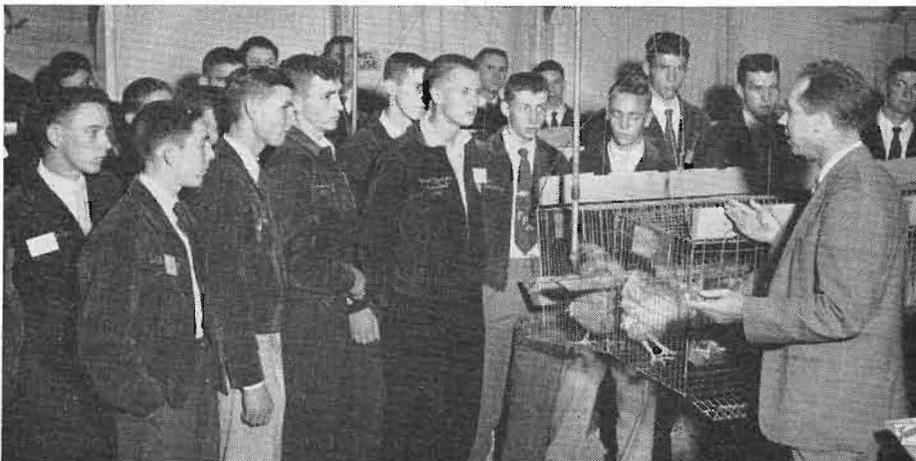
Annual Meet With CofC Enjoyed By Everyone

Eighty-five enthusiastic County and State officers from all of Alabama's counties arrived at the Redmont Hotel in Birmingham before noon on February 16 for the annual visit with J. A. Beaty and the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. After registering, the boys were officially welcomed to Birmingham by Mr. Beaty and plans were announced for the day.

Special buses were provided to take the boys on an official tour of the city and the Cosby-Hodges Milling Company. This interesting tour was followed by a banquet at the Redmont Hotel Thursday night where they were guests of the Alabama State Fair Authority. Special activities at the banquet were: presentation of FFA talent by Mr. Faulkner, the address of the evening by Neil Bain, presentation of leadership awards to state officers, and speeches and comments by Birmingham business and civic leaders. The banquet was followed by a movie at Alabama Theatre, courtesy Mr. Norris Hadaway, Manager.

The activities on Friday were off to an early start with breakfast at Britlings Cafeteria as guests of Standard Oil Company followed by a guided tour of the Hayes Aircraft Corporation and the new Chamber of Commerce building.

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



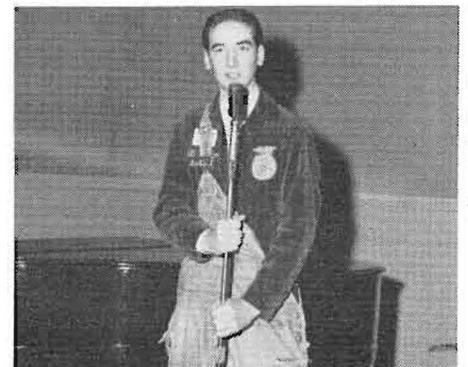
AT RIGHT John Weeks of Cosby-Hodges Milling Company, explains their experimental and research program in poultry feeds and feeding at the Cosby-Hodges Milling Company.



STATE FFA officers are shown as they appeared on TV program with Boyd Evans, at left.



LARRY FUHRMAN of Southside chapter entertains the group in Birmingham with several accordion numbers.



BILL GARDNER, Jacksonville FFA president, entertained the Birmingham delegation with his comedy skits.



AT RIGHT, Emil Hess, president, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, tells the State FFA officers about the great city.



AT RIGHT, Dr. J. E. Bryan, general manager, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, presents Neil Bain, State FFA President, with a beautiful loving cup in recognition of his outstanding leadership activities.



THE JACKSONVILLE FFA Quartet entertains the group in Birmingham. They are Ray Johnson, Briggs Pharis, Paul Johnson and Larry Childers.



AT RIGHT, M. B. Penn, president, Birmingham Agriculture Club, congratulates Neil Bain.



THE ROGERSVILLE String Band entertains at the Birmingham meeting. Members of the band are Charles Thompson, Gerald McCormick, Johnny Thompson and Earl McGraw, M.C.

FFA ROUNDUP

CLANTON

Those driving through Chilton County will probably notice the many attractive mail box stands along the highways and farm roads that have been recently built and installed by members of the Clanton FFA chapter.

The stands are made from a two inch metal rod placed in a concrete base and have a platform at the top on which the mail box is fastened. A name plate has also been placed on top of each box.

The Peoples Saving Bank of Clanton helped finance the mail box improvement project by presenting the FFA'ers with a \$50 check.

CURRY

The Curry FFA chapter recently purchased a registered Hampshire gilt from the Oakman FFA chapter to be added to the chapter's already existing pig chain.

The gilt was given to Felton Parnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parnell, Rt. 1, Jasper. It was the sixth gilt to be placed with chapter members to give them a start in the hog business.

GREENVILLE

Members of the Greenville FFA chapter are seeking the "Superior Chapter Award" given by the National FFA Association, it was recently announced by K. V. Reagan, Greenville FFA advisor.

To get the award a chapter must enter a wide range of activities consisting of business enterprises, recreation, leadership, cooperation, and others that make for a well rounded program of work.

One of the first requirements is that the chapter membership must be equal to the members enrolled in vocational agriculture. Reagan said that this requirement has been more than met since all boys enrolled in vocational agriculture plus an additional 10 boys who have completed the agriculture courses are members of the Greenville chapter.

The members are participating in state sponsored contests that furnish a great deal of activities in meeting the requirements for the award.

MOULTON

Six members of the Moulton FFA chapter are seeking the State Farmer Degree this year.

These boys have made outstanding records in their supervised farming programs, agriculture studies and other school work. They are Andrew McCoy, Rayburn Harris, John Buttram, Wayman Wallace, Wayman Potter, and Douglass Crow.

TROY

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Tommy Adams, member of the Troy chapter, plans to be a successful beef cattle farmer.

As proof of his intentions, Tommy already has six purebred Hereford beef cows. His plans are to grow into the beef business by saving all heifer calves from the cows. The bulls, he said, will be sold and the money used to buy heifers.

Tommy feels that he has some pretty good foundation stock. He showed three of his cows in the Pike County Fair last year, taking the grand champion honors in the show.

PELL CITY

43 members of the Pell City chapter have purchased official FFA jackets this year.

Congratulations to the 43 members of this outstanding chapter. We hope members from other chapters will follow this example.

GEORGIANA

The Georgiana chapter of the Future Farmers of America is vitally interested in farm, home, and school safety. In view of this their chapter has set up a fire drill system.

Much preparation went into this job. A committee was appointed to plan the system. The committee is: James Smith, Bill Clem, Frank Wood, and Douglas Spann.

First there were sketches made for each room. In these sketches was the number of stakes the students in that room would go to in case of fire and the door they would use. They had to plan the system so all rooms could get out as quickly as possible. Stakes were put up far enough from the building so no one would be burned in case of fire.

They now have everything ready and are going to have a fire drill in the near future.

COLUMBIA

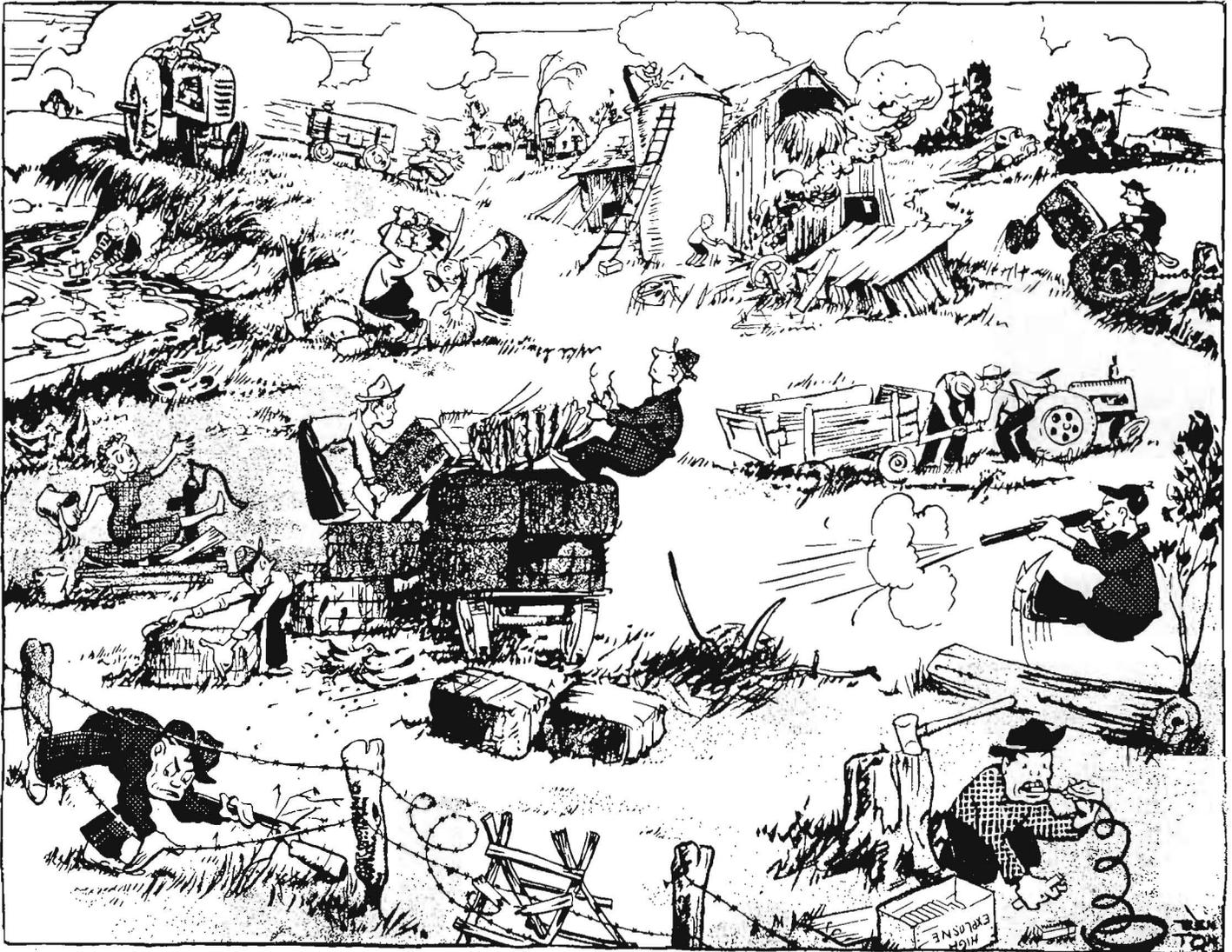
On Friday, January 27 the Columbia Future Farmers held a barbecue to raise funds to finance official chapter paraphernalia and to buy a Sweetheart's jacket.

The boys did all the work under the supervision of their advisor, Mr. Montgomery.

Plates were sold at \$1.00 each and they cleared \$165. on the project.

FATAL FARM FOLLIES

See How Many You Can Locate. Answer at Bottom of Page.



PRATTVILLE

The Prattville FFA chapter these past two years has been striving to encourage its FFA members to improve their homes and home grounds.

One member, Bobby Glass, as an example, took considerable interest in this project. During this past summer and fall with some help, Bobby built a garage and painted it white. While at the job he also repainted their den and kitchen. The windows of the house needed repairing, so Bobby took them down and repaired them. When his parents bought their TV set Bobby saved a few dollars on installation by doing the job himself. He repaired the attic fan when the motor from which it was running burned out. Bobby saw the need for more trees on his home ground, he remedied this by planting some young oak trees.

This year Bobby's improvement projects are home garden, home improvement, home ground and library.

1. Operating tractor near embankment.
2. Tractor operator not looking where he is going.
3. Child playing under overhanging ledge and near water.
4. Uncoupled wagon left on slope without blocking.
5. Broken shovel handle.
6. Clearance inadequate for man with pick.
7. Unsafe well cover.
8. Pulling bales by wire instead of using hook.
9. Lifting in wrong position; (a) turning, (b) without bending knees.
10. Working on insecure footing.
11. Bales piled hazardously.
12. Dangerous way to cross fence with gun.
13. Unsafe stile for crossing fence.
14. Loose — Broken barbed wire.
15. Case of explosives near work.
16. Crimping cap with teeth.
17. Working under protruding axe handle.
18. Shooting from log.
19. Humans in line of fire.
20. Scythe and pitchfork in unsafe place.
21. Operating tractor from ground to couple trailer.
22. Pulling stump with chain to axle and tractor in ditch.
23. Obstructed vision at entrance to highway.
24. Burning trash near barn.
25. Junk and loose boards with nails thrown about.
26. Broken ladder supported on box.
27. Unsafe footing for repairing silo.
28. Supporting braces for barn create tripping and striking hazards.
29. No lightning protection for buildings.
30. Dead tree close to house.

Tanner Wins Top Place In Corn Judging

First place winners in a statewide corn judging contest were honored at an assembly program at Tanner High School recently.

The team composed of four members of the Tanner FFA chapter was awarded a championship plaque, and each member and their coach, M. L. Stancil, vocational agriculture teacher, received a wrist watch.

Making the presentation was Owen J. Nelson, of Aurora, Ill., assistant sales manager for Pfister Associated Growers, whose firm sponsored the contest.

Members of the team were, Norman Chittam, John Hill, Bill Stewart, and Robert Evans.

Bill Stewart also received special recognition and was awarded a check and ribbon for his 7th place corn exhibit in the junior division of the International Hay and Grain Show in Chicago. Billy's 10-ear corn exhibit, selected from his corn project in vocational agriculture, had earlier won first place in his chapter, was second place in the regional corn show in Huntsville, and was one of the top three samples in the state show. His corn, PAG 488 variety, was judged for quality, soundness, starch content, size of ears, uniformity, and color.

Bill attributed his success in growing a good quality corn to the use of good

production practices learned in his vocational agriculture classes, the selection of a good variety, and favorable weather conditions.

Runnerup in the corn judging competition was another North Alabama FFA team. The team was from the Gurley chapter in Madison County.

Nelson reminded the Future Farmers that the awards should not be the only end sought in a contest of this type. "The fact that 'farmers of tomorrow' had developed skills and gained knowledge that would help them be successful farmers is far more important," he said.

FOLEY

Preventing farm fires and farm accidents was the by-word of Foley FFA members during the month of February. The ag boys checked their homes and the homes of neighbors in order to prevent fires and accidents from occurring.

Farm fire safety inspection blanks prepared by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, were used to help prevent fires and keep fires under control if they should occur. Lighting, electricity, flammable liquids, heating systems and fire fighting equipment were checked in the home, barns and outside the home to guard against fires.

Red tags were fastened to objects that may cause accidents and to places that need repair in order to prevent accidents.

This program is being conducted by Foley FFA chapter as a community service.



THE TANNER FFA Corn Judging team above receives awards from Owen J. Nelson, at center, assistant sales manager for Pfister Associated Growers, sponsor of the contest in parts of Alabama. Left to right are Norman Chittam, John Hill, Nelson, Billy Stewart, Robert Evans and M. L. Stancil, local FFA advisor.

PLANTERSVILLE

Members of the Plantersville FFA chapter have helped to make dreams of a place to hold meetings, barbecues and banquets a reality for Plantersville citizens.

A community building started earlier by an adult vocational agriculture class was recently brought to completion by the FFA'ers. The building is located in the community park and will be available for use by all civic and community groups.

The project had its beginning a few months ago when adult classes discussed the needs for a community recreation building. The class members agreed to supply the needed funds and offered their services in helping with the construction. J. C. Shewbart, vocational agriculture teacher, was put in charge of the construction.

Learning of the project the FFA chapter immediately offered to help, making possible the early completion of the building.

Shewbart said that the building will be ready for use as soon as the tables and chairs have been purchased. A barbecue pit will also be built. These facilities will be supplied by the adult class and other organizations and individuals in the community.

An Important Message To Future Farmers of Alabama



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FAYETTE

The second-year vocational agriculture students at Fayette High school have undertaken, as a class project, the pruning of all shrubs on the school campus and the painting of the school's wood-working and metal shop. These projects will aid in helping to teach the Future Farmers some needed skills, says R. L. Harwell, vocational agriculture teacher.

ROGERS

The Rogers FFA and FHA chapters recently held their annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet in the school cafeteria. Approximately 225 FFA and FHA members, parents and guests attended.

Gerald Smith, FFA president, gave the welcome address, and introduced the guests, Virginia Albright, FHA president was in charge of a colorful ceremony in which Sandra Brockwell was crowned Miss FHA.

Awards and prizes for the chapter and county FFA corn growing contest winner were presented in behalf of the banks of Lauderdale County. Mr. L. C. Johnson, vice president, State National Bank of Florence, made the presentation.

Robert Coats received a certificate and \$12.50 as chapter corn growing champion. Being county winner, he also received a check for \$50 and a pen. Joe Kasemier received a \$7.50 check as second place chapter winner.

ELKMONT

The Elkmont Chapter celebrated National FFA Week with two outstanding events; the chapter Safe Tractor Driving contest and a chapel program for the school. In addition to these, the boys received their FFA special supplies as a reward for selling a large number of subscriptions to the FARM JOURNAL magazine.

Nine members of the FFA participated in the Safe Tractor Driving Contest — they were Charles Dildine, James Wright, G. J. Mitchell, Howard Hobbs, Ed Wales, and Kenneth Carter, who all performed exceptionally well, but Kenneth Croley had a higher score to come in for the third place. Jim Davis, who won second place in the chapter last year, again won second place. Lavonne Eastep placed first in the FFA Chapter contest, by successfully backing a trailer into an opening just six inches wider than the trailer.

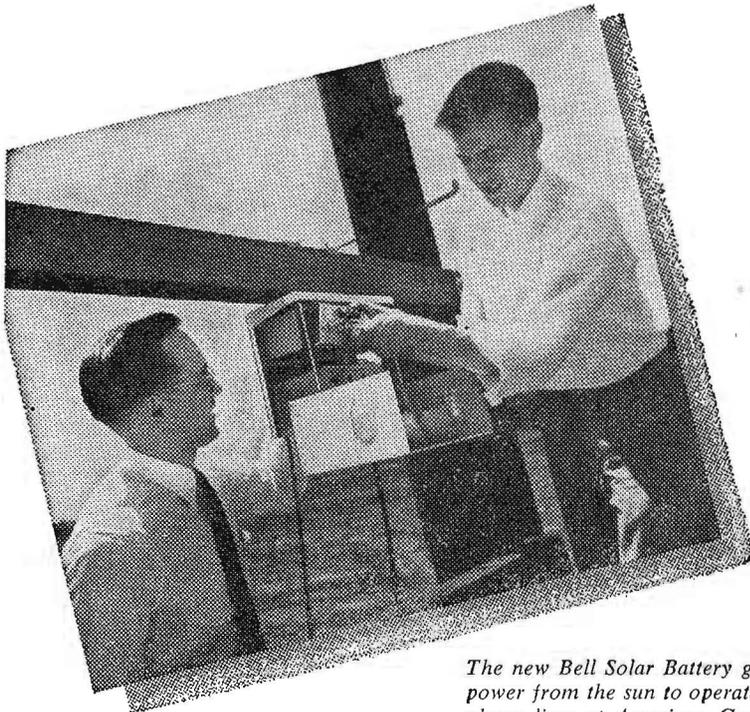
A very successful chapel program which exemplifies the FFA spirit was given by Billy Eaves, chapter public speaker who gave his speech on the Value of The Co-Op. Lavonne Eastep gave the history, organization and workings of the Future Farmers.

The FFA quartet, composed of Ed Wales, James Wright, Dennis McNatt, and William Turner gave an enjoyable thirty minute program following the speeches.

CHAVALA

Jack Dudley has been named to head the recently chartered Chavala FFA chapter. Chavala is one of 10 FFA chapters to be chartered in Alabama this year.

Working with Dudley in heading the chapter are: John Albert Peppers, vice president; Woodrow Sharpe, Jr., secretary; Bobby Lloyd, treasurer; Mike Corn, sentinel, and Charles Gieger, reporter.



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Public Relations Feature Of Pisgah Chapter

By JUNIOR GANT, Reporter

Realizing that keeping the public informed on the latest farming methods and letting the people know about the work carried out by the Pisgah FFA chapter, several members have given splendid cooperation in carrying out a series of radio programs. Thus far the boys have presented 22 discussions — one each week since the late summer of this year.

The discussions alternate between typical farm and home phases. These FFA members have received many commendations on their programs — both in content and presentation. Listeners have been delighted to receive such practical knowledge in their home. This information has helped them to live better and more comfortably by carrying out their respective jobs using suggested and proven short cuts.

Members participating in these broadcasts are Jimmy Wilson, Ralph Robertson, Larry Underwood, and Junior Gant. Their announcer is Nelson Kuykendall, himself a Pisgah Future Farmer.

They are under the capable direction of Earnest Pruett, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor. He has been of great assistance to them in writing and presenting the broadcasts.

Father-Son banquet; joint social with FHA; preparing for beef calf show.

ARITON—had FFA-FHA chicken fry; received Charter which was presented by Bob Wise, State secretary; taking soil samples to be sent to Auburn.

ARLEY—elected FFA Sweetheart; Advisor passed away and his son has taken his place.

ASHLAND—built 10 Cedar Chests to sell for chapter; ordered 10 FFA jackets; held 2 officers meeting had assembly in February; held annual FFA-FHA banquet.

ATHENS—put on chapel program; furnished local radio station with material for National FFA Week.

ATTALLA—enrolled 8 new members; ordered chapter room equipment; all members entered at least one contest; ordered one official FFA jacket; held two regular and one special meeting; received charter; initiated 41 Green Hands; erected road signs; earned \$25 for chapter.

BEAR CREEK—initiated 22 Green Hands; held 2 regular meetings; sold rat poison to raise money for chapter; discussed plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; distributed 600 FFA Calendars.

BEULAH—built two boats in shop; started tomato and sweet potato hotbed; put on chapel program FFA Week; held joint party with FHA; made 6 dibbles for setting pine seedlings.

BLOUNTSVILLE—held FFA-FHA party; presented chapel program in celebration of National FFA Week; 12 members presented with Chapter Farmer pins; constructed 2 farm trailers in shop.

BOAZ—put on radio program; made plans for banquet.

BRANTLEY—planted pine seedlings on demonstration farm; elected FFA Sweetheart;



AT CENTER, Charlotte Cooper was named FFA Sweetheart during the banquet of the York chapter. The local officers from left to right are Dalrey Grace, Norman Meadow, Buddy McElroy, Allen McElroy and Richard Walker.

COFFEEVILLE—ordered and put up new road signs; several members plan to enter calf in Fat Calf Show; planned rat campaign and to sell rat poison.

COLUMBIA—held 2 regular meetings; made 2 field trips; ordered lumber for shop work; got electric arc welder; had chapel program during FFA Week.

CORNER—purchased paraphernalia for all officers; one member in the hog business.

COTACO—held 2 regular meetings; gave out 2 pigs through pig chain.

COTTONWOOD—sold and hung 600 official calendars; landscaped local cemetery; bought 11 official jackets; entered all contests; bought



AT RIGHT, J. W. Davis, vice president, Bank of York, receives Honorary Chapter membership from Richard Walker, vice president of the York chapter.

presented chapel program; Luverne Implement Co., presented chapter a new John Deere 420 tractor.

BRIDGEPORT—held Green Hand and Chapter Farmer initiation; 4 officers bought chapter officer pins; elected FFA Queen; built trailer for chapter use; built 4 hog-feeders and a set of side-boards; put pictures in paper; sending news articles to 2 different newspapers and school paper.

CARLOWVILLE—selling ice cream and candy to raise funds; made plans for annual barbecue during FFA Week.

CENTRAL—completed FFA fund raising calendar program; sent news article to local paper for National FFA Week; repairing farm machinery in shop.

CHAVALA—presented program to P-TA during National FFA Week; growing out baby chicks as chapter project; visited by Bob Wise, State FFA secretary who presented our charter; initiated 16 Green Hands.

CHEROKEE—bought Lincoln Welder and Arc Torch for shop; made 6 electric chick brooders, 6 bookcases for homes and 5 swings; ordered 25,000 pine seedlings; distributed Osborne Co., calendars; 100% boys in agriculture are FFA members.

CITRONELLE—held 2 regular meetings; made plans to elect FFA Sweetheart; planning FFA-FHA night; cleared a 1 acre forestry demonstration plot.

CLEMENTS—sponsored faculty ball game for shop equipment; sold magazines; 3 boys awarded FFA jackets; ordered chapter room banner; Neil Bain, state president delivered charter.

CLIO—held 2 chapter meetings and 1 special meeting; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; repaired and erected school flag pole; sold peanuts and soft drinks at basketball games as a fund raising activity; sold 2 FFA hogs and chapter bull; secured 8,000 pine seedlings and delivered them to members and adults; made 5 dibbles for setting pine seedlings.



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On The MARCH

ALICEVILLE—State President, Neil Bain, spoke to FFA-FHA; bought new motion picture machine with FHA; erected new FFA road signs; setting out 16,000 pine seedlings and three areas of bicolor; ordered 3 more FFA jackets; had full page ad in local paper on FFA Week; put on 2 radio programs; held tractor clinic.

ARAB—Held joint social with FHA; built new hog pasture; held annual Mother-Daughter,



LARRY MYERS, at center, receives ownership of a purebred gilt from Leon Wilson, agriculture committee chairman of the Jasper Junior Chamber of Commerce. At right is E. G. Hendrix, local advisor at Jasper.

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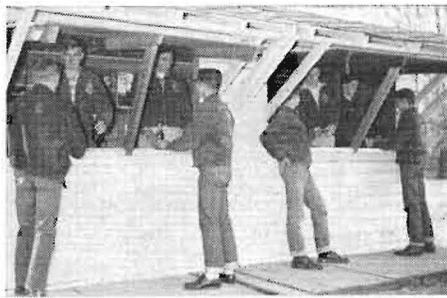
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paint sprayer for shop; promoted highway safety with State Highway Patrol.

CROSSVILLE—completed shop table improvement project; held joint social with FHA; had newspaper Editor as guest speaker; started rat control project; put out 7,000 pine seedlings.

CULLMAN—planning fishing trip; received pine seedlings; sold ads for 600 calendars; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

CURRY—presented certificate to Chapter Corn Growing Champion; making pictures for school annual; received bicolor lespedeza plants; planning joint party with FHA; added gilt to pig chain.

DADEVILLE—elected Chapter Sweetheart; String Band appeared on Alabama Cattlemen's Association program in Montgomery; had regular meeting; set date for Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet.

DANVILLE—harvested 3 bales of cotton from experiment plot; topped out and sold 4 pigs; feeding out 5 pigs; purchased tractor; initiated 16 Green Hands; added paraphernalia to chapter room; working on Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; 23 boys bought official FFA jackets; purchased electric drill for farm shop.

DOUGLAS—host to FHA party; set out 12,000 pine seedlings; turning out good jobs in shop.

EAST BREWTON—elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered and received 4 FFA road signs to put up during National FFA Week; ordered Chapter Farmer and Green Hand pins; ordered \$20.05 worth of fruit trees; presented jacket to Sweetheart; put on 2 radio programs and an assembly program.

EAST LIMESTONE—started new Poland China pig chain; organized dairy and livestock judging teams; sold rat poison; elected new reporter.

ELKMONT—received new books for library; awarded honor medals to chapter members; held monthly meeting; presented chapel program in celebration of National FFA Week.

ENTERPRISE—received 6,000 pine seedlings; held 1 meeting; added 2 pigs to pig chain; planning FFA-FHA Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet.

EUFAULA—sold drinks at basketball games; sold furniture polish; installed electric welder, organized quartet.

FAIRHOPE—elected FFA Sweetheart; planning television program; setting out shrubs and planting grass on school campus.

FALKVILLE—distributed 2 chain pigs; selected official Sweetheart for year; chose Star Chapter Farmer for year; held 2 regular meetings; selling Calendars to raise funds for summer trip.

FIVE POINTS—Had FFA social and invited FHA girls; completed a rat killing campaign by selling rat poison to community.

FLORALA—held 2 chapter meetings; had demonstrations of electric and acetylene welding; had chapter eliminations; planned "Hobo Days" to raise money for banquet.

FOLEY—material received and plans made to start safety program; put on television program; 2 radio programs during FFA Week;

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ARITON FFA members, above, take soil samples to be tested in the State Laboratory.

exhibit in store window and posters put up during FFA Week; elected officers for 1956-57; held 2 meetings.

FRISCO CITY—making plans for next year's homecoming; set date for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; discussed fishing trip; planning television program for November over WEAR-TV.

GEORGIANA—held 1 meeting; elected chapter Sweetheart; operated school supply store; ordered 6 FFA jackets; bought new tools for shop; initiated 18 Green Hands.

GERALDINE—held FFA banquet and 2 FFA meetings; ordered 5 official FFA jackets; sold subscriptions to Sand Mountain Reporter to make money for FFA; plan to get FFA car stickers; plan to enlarge farm and machine shop.

GLENCOE—held 1 meeting; had Tractor Clinic sponsored by Standard Oil Company; started studying for judging contests.

GREENSBORO—barbecued 150 chickens for March of Dimes and 85 for football banquet; had joint meeting with FHA; sold ads for FFA calendar; bought 1 FFA jacket and 2 neck ties; bought three film strips on Parliamentary Procedure, a new magazine for ag department and 20 new shop books; planted 12,000 pine seedlings; put posters in store windows celebrating National FFA Week; sent letters of appreciation to all merchants who bought ads on our calendar.

GROVE HILL—bought 1 full page in school annual; made plans for National FFA Week; members feeding out 5 calves for fat calf show; received 13,000 pine seedlings; set out 9 strips of bicolor for wild life feed; sold five and bought 6 meat hogs; presented radio broadcast over WPBB in Jackson; held 2 chapter meetings; planted 28,000 pine seedlings; used large and small posters during FFA Week.

HACKLEBURG—organized quartet and practicing same; planning chapel program; planned Tractor Driving contest; fixing FFA road signs; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet;



MR. J. C. CANNON, state advisor addresses the New Market members during a special meeting in which the Champion Corn Grower award was presented.

held regular chapter meetings; ordered fruit trees for 4 farmers.

HALEYVILLE—ordered and set out 17,000 pine seedlings; nominated FFA Sweetheart; improved landscaping around Home Ec and Vo-Ag building.

HATTON—elected chapter FFA Sweetheart; gave chapter program; organized string band; operating concession stand.

HAZEL GREEN—27 Green Hands initiated; ordered 10 new PFA jackets; purchased new chapter banner; had 1 acre of land for garden; purchased 35 chairs for class room; improving pig chain by adding new breed; added 15 books to FFA library; elected chapter FFA Sweetheart; made plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

HAYNEVILLE—had PFA-FHA party; purchased FFA pencils; sold 1,500 chickens and 5 calves; bought 3 calves; sold subscriptions to Farm and Ranch; set out 8,000 pine trees; raising 2,000 chickens; raising registered Duroc gilts; made plans for putting up road signs; planted bicolor plants.

HEADLAND—had special speaker from Headland Experiment Station at regular meeting.

HEFLIN—showed film on farm garden; had 2 regular meetings; all members gave speeches.

HIGHLAND HOME—bought an arc welder and an oxy-acetylene welding outfit for shop; conducting magazine sales campaign; bedded 20 bushels of sweetpotatoes to furnish slips for members and adult farmers; having barbecue; set out 16,000 pine seedlings.

HOLLY POND—assisted farmers in selecting gilts and pruning shrubbery; held study of soil; completed study of shrubs.

HUBBERTVILLE—held one meeting; planned banquet; bought band instruments.

INVERNESS—held 2 meetings during month; held tractor driving eliminations; building cedar chest to make money for chapter; put on program for P-TA council; secured new chapter paraphernalia.

JACKSON—presented chapel program on FFA; had display of shop work; posted national FFA week posters; planning joint meeting with FHA; held Sweetheart ball with FHA.

JASPER—held 2 regular meetings; final plans for FFA banquet; set out 6,000 lespedeza bicolor and 3,000 pine seedlings; placed 1 purebred Hampshire gilt in pig chain; had program for Kiwanis Club.



NELSON KUYKENDALL, Pisgah member, is shown taking part in a radio broadcast by their local chapter. They present a radio program each week over their local station.

JEMISON—constructed new lockers in work shop; made further plans for FFA-FHA banquet; sponsored rat control program.

KINSTON—8 FFA members received 1,000 pine seedlings each and set them out; purebred gilt added to pig chain.

LEIGHTON—20 boys received Chapter Farmer Degree; initiated 46 Green Hands; ordered 14 FFA jackets and ties; attended social with FHA; held meeting; built concession stand; plan to sell calendar ads.

LEROY—have 2 pig chain sows that farrowed 19 pigs; selling seeds to raise chapter funds; selling pulpwood to buy shop tools; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; 22 members setting out 22,000 pine seedlings; sent 3 news articles to newspapers.

McKENZIE—published 2 news articles; held 2 chapter meetings; set out 10,000 pine trees; built truck body.

MARBURY—held speaking contest before student body with 4 boys participating.

MIDLAND CITY—held 2 regular meetings; elected FFA Sweetheart; pig chain increasing; selling greeting cards; setting pine seedlings.

MONTGOMERY—visited by state president, Neil Bain, who presented our charter; sold magazine subscriptions; ordered 2 official jackets; set out 8,000 pine seedlings and 3 borders of bicolor.

MOULTON—erected 4 new road signs; initiated 16 Chapter Farmers; held barbecue supper for Chapter and State Farmers; holding regular meetings with well planned programs; ordering fruit trees cooperatively; awarded chapter sweetheart a jacket; making plans for FFA-FHA banquet; registered 3 Duroc gilts for members.

NEW BROCKTON—held monthly meetings; fertilized trees; visited baby chick farm of 21,000 chicks on field trip.

NEW MARKET—have 3 calves to enter in calf show; have several tools and new machines in shop; one member filed application for American Farmer Degree and 3 for State Farmer; made educational trip to Montgomery; pruned 2 orchards; castrated 9 calves; dehorned 4 calves.

NEW SITE—all officers attended county meeting; working on projects for coming year; started rat eradication as community service.

NORTHPORT—13 members getting barrows ready for hog show and sale; repairing farm equipment and machinery in shop; Green Hands studying and practicing opening and closing ceremony.

OAKMAN—held joint party with FHA; put

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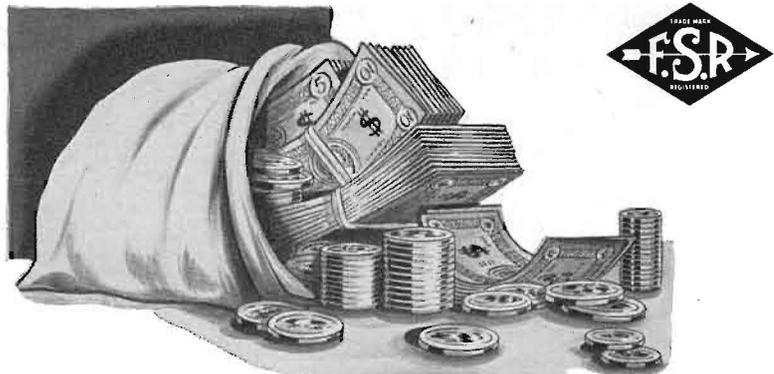
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out 7 plots of bicolor; tattooed 13 calves; made 8 dibbles for shop; held 2 regular meetings; put on chapel program; castrated 22 pigs and a bull for farmers; repainted FFA Welcome signs; placed 2 gilts from pig chain; set out 22,000 pine seedlings.

OHATCHEE—plan to buy official FFA jacket for Sweetheart.

OPP—placed 2 purebred gilts with students; held assembly program; presented pins to members receiving degrees; selected and gave gift to FFA Sweetheart; participating in rat eradication program.

OXFORD—grafted pecan orchard; set 15,000 pine seedlings; published 4 news articles; set out fruit trees; trimmed pine trees; cut fire lanes.

PELL CITY—working in shop; organized quartet and string band; ordered 43 FFA jackets, 32 Green Hand pins and 22 Chapter Farmer pins; showed 4 16 mm movies; elected FFA Sweetheart; set about 200,000 pine seedlings and 12,500 bicolor seedlings during planting season.

PINE HILL—put out 21,000 pine seedlings; ordered 50 pecan trees; put up 3 road signs; had assembly program focused on FFA Week; published 4 news articles; awarded 19 Green Hand pins and 8 Chapter Farmer pins; made plans for barbecue.

PISGAH—presented 4 radio programs; plans made for banquet; plan to study electricity; 3rd year students studying plumbing; bought Hampshire hogs to grow out for showing purposes; working on Tractor Derby; published 15 news articles; observed National FFA Week by presenting special radio program.

PLANTERSVILLE—held 2 meetings; moved one chain pig; had article in paper; ordered supplies for banquet; purchased additional shop tools; ordered fruit trees; distributed 4,000 pine seedlings; planted 2,000 pines in FFA Forestry plot; continued work in shop.

PRATTVILLE—organized quartet; planted 14,000 pine seedlings; studied Parliamentary Procedure; sent out FFA calendars to friends and merchants; held regular monthly meeting; worked in shop; quartet sang on television.

RAMER—made more plans on Rodeo; received more pine seedlings; sold pigs; resumed post treating operations; participated in National FFA Week; received order of fruit trees; preparing calves for show; bred hog.

RED BAY—held 2 chapter meetings and 1 officers meeting; discussed and made plans for carrying out fund raising projects; working on FFA quartet.

REHOBETH—held regular meeting; studying electric motors; ran terraces on several farms in community.

ROGERS—3 pigs placed in chain; held annual banquet.

ROGERSVILLE—added 2 pigs to pig chain; three chapter meetings this month; carried out supplementary practices; 4 news articles in paper; gave out Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins.

SAND ROCK—initiated Green Hands and Chapter Farmers; held hot dog supper; gave awards to outstanding chapter members; elected parliamentarian and assistant reporter.

SIDNEY LANIER—ordered \$55 worth of fruit trees; 35,000 pine seedlings, 2 FFA jackets and have one new member.

SOUTHSIDE—making plans for banquet; distributed FFA calendars; organizing quartet.

SPRING GARDEN—selling chances on top hog to raise funds for chapter; overhauled two trucks; set out 7,000 pine seedlings; established two bicolor plots.

SUSAN MOORE—held FFA-FHA party; getting 13 calves ready for show; treated 500 fence posts, proceeds to go to FFA treasury.

SULLIGENT—presented Sweetheart jacket; set 14,000 bicolor and 17,000 pine seedlings;



ALICEVILLE members, as shown above, replace worn chapter signs with bright and shiny new ones.

completed sale of 1,600 fruit trees; published 21 articles and 9 pictures in weekly paper; 4 radio spots on stations WEHR and WWWW; displayed posters and decorated bulletin boards FFA Week.

SUTTLE—built cedar chest and began selling chances; members planting 37,000 pine trees, 10,000 on FFA plot; purchased purebred Duroc gilt for pig chain; sold \$54 worth of cedar trees from plot; plan to purchase a projector; planting 11 bicolor strips.

SYLVANIA—elected FFA Queen; put up FFA symbols in chapter room; working on mailbox program in shop; held 3 meetings and 2 Green Hand initiations.

THOMASTON—added 4 new books to FFA library; bought fruit trees cooperatively; installed loud speakers in school gym; bought 2 calves for FFA lab area.

THOMASVILLE—bought film strip machine and clock for classroom; setting out pines; distributed FFA calendars.

TOWN CREEK—entered purebred hogs in county sale; received gilt from Sears; added 2 pigs to pig chain; presented assembly program during FFA Week; bought 20 new FFA manuals; building FFA mail box posts; have 4 State Farmer applicants.

TROY—two hogs donated to feed out for FFA-FHA parents night banquet; held monthly meeting; special issue of local daily paper pertaining to work of chapter for year.

TUSKEGEE—plan to plant 5 acres of cotton on FFA co-op farm; bought tractor and implements for FFA co-op farm; sponsored assembly program; held 1 regular meeting; built shelter for tractor and implements; sponsored 1 radio program.

VERBENA—held joint FFA-FHA social; presented Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; started shop jobs; made plans for summer trip; elected FFA Sweetheart.

VERNON—set out 9,000 bicolor plants and 25,000 pine seedlings; held 2 regular meetings; ran weekly news articles in paper; organized quartet; started plans for Father-Son banquet.

WADLEY—building tables for chapter study; also sanded and painted floors of Home Ec department.

WALNUT GROVE—10 members passed Chapter Farmer degree; elected 1 honorary member; will erect new FFA signs near school.

WATERLOO—working in shop; put on radio program during National FFA Week; have 400 chickens to sell and for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; ordered 3 FFA jackets.

WEST POINT—preparing judging teams; put on assembly program during National FFA Week; presented jacket to Chapter Sweetheart; planted 6,000 pine seedlings.

WETUMPKA—held annual parent-son banquet; selling magazines and rat poison; elected chapter Sweetheart and 3 honorary members; started purebred pig chain.

WHITE PLAINS—held 2 meetings; had radio program during National FFA Week.

WICKSBURG—had FFA-FHA party; chapter ordered 4,000 pine seedlings; 100 per cent membership of vo-ag students in FFA; sold magazine subscriptions for FFA jackets, signs, ties, etc.

WOODLAND—15 boys plan to attend county FFA party; refinished chairs and tables in classroom; organized ball team.

WOODVILLE—met for first time to elect officers; received road signs and FFA jackets; ordered meeting room banner; Terrell Taylor, state reporter, presented chapter with charter.

YORK—installed gas in ag building; initiated 11 Green Hands; discussed having Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; presented chapel program; contacted local TV station for a FFA program; ordered 4 official FFA jackets; sold magazines.



THE DADEVILLE FFA String Band entertained recently for the Alabama Cattle-men's Association during their annual State Convention in Montgomery. They are left to right, Ross Holley, Ronny Jennings, Jimmy McIntosh, Gene Coggins, Felix McLendon.

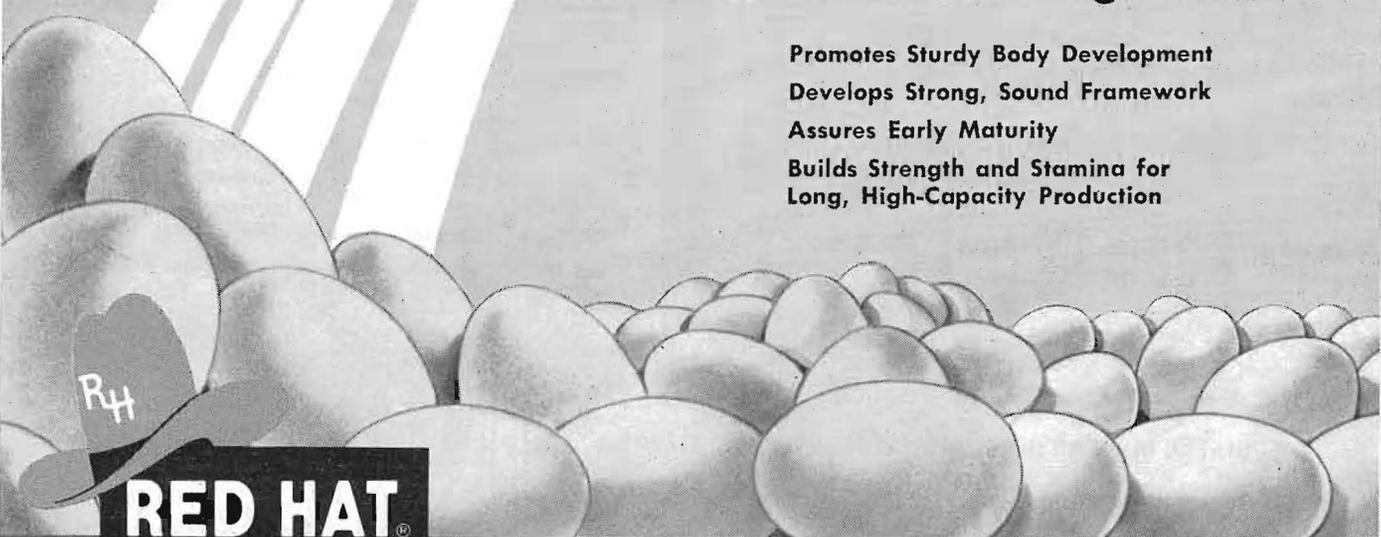
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