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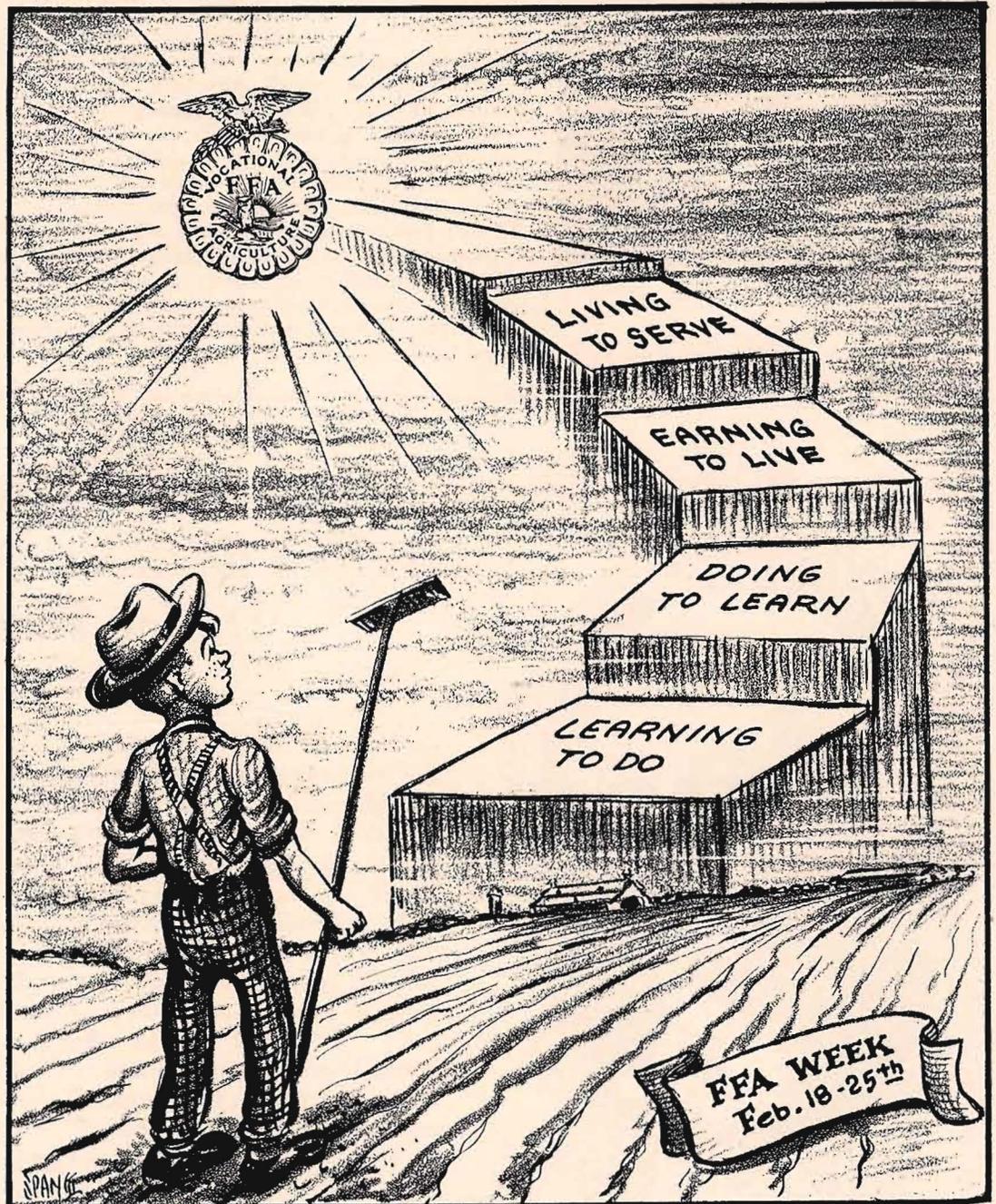
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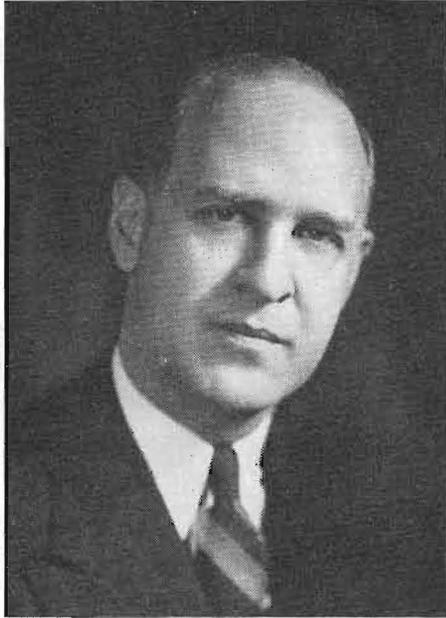
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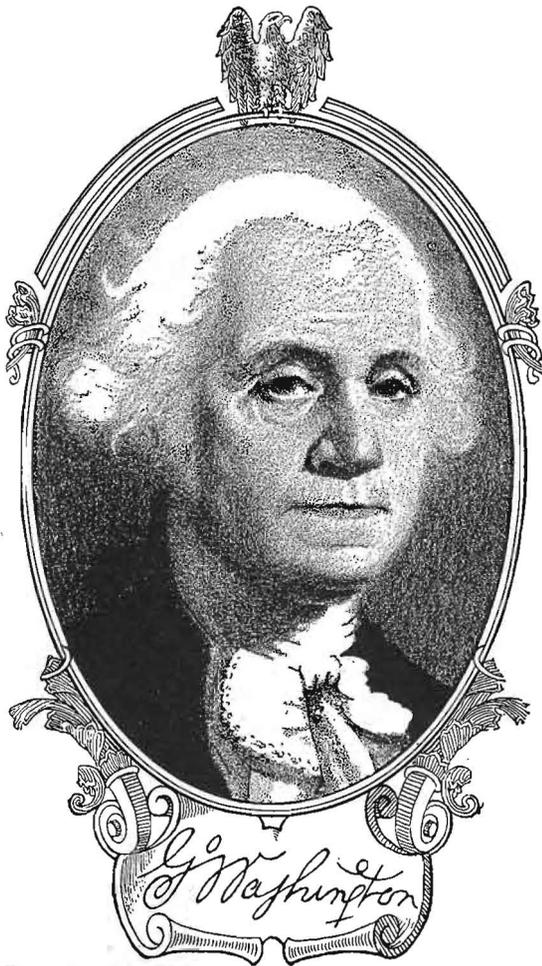
Citations in recognition and appreciation for his service in Alabama and throughout the nation in developing and maintaining programs of Vocational Education were recently presented to Senator Hill by the Alabama Vocational Association and the American Vocational Association. The Parents Association of Parents Magazine also made an award to the senator in recognition of his outstanding service to the children of our nation.

It was pointed out that Senator Hill has served continuously in the Congress of the United States for thirty-two years—first as a member of the House of Representatives for fourteen years and later as a Senator, in which office he is now serving his third term, and is eighth ranking member of the Senate.

Senator Hill's record in the House of Representatives and in the Senate has always reflected his liberal views and his firm belief in the importance of the individual. He has constantly sponsored measures to improve public health, working conditions and educational opportunities. One of his major aims has been to provide more opportunities for jobs and for success in business, industry, and in agriculture.

The breadth of Senator Hill's interests and activities is indicated by his authorship of such legislative landmarks as the TVA Act, the Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Act, the Rural Telephone Act, the Rural Housing Act, the Vocational Education Act of 1946, the G.I. Bill of Rights for World War II and Korean veterans. Dozens of other pieces of legislation bear his name.

He has constantly fought against the growth of monopoly and has pioneered for small business, social security, school lunches, rural electrification, waterways and resource development, farm price support, soil conservation, farm credit, crop insurance and reforestation, and the production of cheaper and better fertilizers.



Why FFA Week Is Observed During February

National FFA Week comes every year during the week of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. Although usually considered first as a great general, our first president, and an engineer, George Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, and other soil conserving methods. Probably no other man in America of his day spent more time seeking new agricultural information, either by experimentation on his own farm, or by correspondence with agricultural scientists in England. The title of America's first "scientific farmer" might be applied to Washington. It was more than a century after his death that many of the sound agricultural practices he advocated found general practice.

It is out of deep respect and admiration for George Washington, the farmer in whose progressive ways they seek to follow, that Future Farmers annually observe their National FFA Week at the time of his birthday.

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National FFA Week

February 18-25 belongs to a special group of farm youths throughout the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. It is "National FFA Week" and will be celebrated by members of the Future Farmers of America across the nation.

Here in Alabama more than 13,000 active members in 265 FFA chapters in local high schools take part in the festivities. Their celebrations will take different forms in the various communities. Some chapters will put on special radio and TV programs, chapel programs, hold banquets and other socials, and many newspapers are cooperating by putting out special editions saluting the organization.

Born to fill a specific need, FFA has grown from an organization of 30,000 farm boys in 1929 to over 383,219 today. It is recognized as the world's largest farm boy organization.

Though many "agricultural clubs" had been formed since vocational agriculture was first taught in 1917, FFA had its birth in 1928. It was patterned closely after the Future Farmers of Virginia because of their high ideals and purposes.

Taking a closer look at the founding of FFA, we find that the late Henry C. Groseclose left his farm home and spent a miserable freshman year at Washington and Lee University. As an upper classman, he noticed that other students from rural areas had the same trouble getting adjusted with much lack of self-confidence. He began to dream of some way of correcting this situation.

While convalescing from a long illness, he found time on his hospital bed to plan a program for rural youth that would in some way compensate for the guidance and diversified experiences of city boys. Sometimes called the "Father of FFA" he is credited with having named the organization, written the constitution, by-laws, and ritual which was first used by the Future Farmers of Virginia and now by the National organization.

The FFA is an intra-curricular activity having its origin and root in a definite part of the school curriculum — vocational agriculture. Among other things, members learn through active participation, how to conduct and take part in a public meeting; to speak in public; to buy and sell cooperatively; to solve their own problems; finance themselves; and to assume civic responsibility. The foundation upon which the Future Farmers of America organization is built, includes leadership and character development, sportsmanship, cooperation, service, thrift, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenship and patriotism.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation came into existence in 1944 with the primary purpose of developing a better understanding between students of vocational agriculture and business and industry. One of its eleven original trustees was R. E. Cammack, now director of vocational education in Alabama.

FFA is an integral part of the program of vocational education in agriculture in the public school system. Improved agriculture, better local communities, a more satisfying farm home life, and more efficient farmer-citizens are developing as a result of the boys' experiences in FFA.

Alabama's "Future Farmer of the Year"



JUNIOR GANT of Pisgah named "Future Farmer of the Year."

Member At Pisgah Most Outstanding For 1955

Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year — the boy who earns that title is recognized as the most outstanding in farming and leadership of the more than 13,000 FFA members in Alabama.

The winner of this year's Future Farmer of the Year title is Junior Gant, 17-year-old Pisgah, Alabama FFA member.

Junior started his farming career in 1953 when he enrolled in vocational ag-

riculture and his father, C. M. Gant, gave him \$2,000 to establish his supervised farming program. Through careful planning, hard work, and wise use of the \$2,000 this Future Farmer is today becoming successfully established in farming.

Few 17-year-olds can match the record set by Junior. After three years as a Future Farmer, he is sole owner of a 30-acre farm, has six head of dairy cattle — of which two are registered — owns one-fourth interest in a grade A dairy barn and equipment, has a hay mower and grain crusher, and owns one-fourth interest in a well-equipped tractor. It is estimated that this Future Farmer could "cash in" for well over \$15,000.

Placing major emphasis on dairying, Junior persuaded his father, who had been selling grade B milk to a local creamery, to become a partner with him in constructing the grade A dairy barn. Junior agreed to assume one-fourth of the total cost. "Putting my farm shop training to work, I helped with the construction of the barn and cut down considerably on the cost," Junior said.

Young Gant and his father are presently milking 18 cows — including the six belonging to Junior. A complete daily production record is kept on each of the cows. Junior's monthly profits are figured and added to his bank account or invested into his farming program. Plans for the immediate future include increasing the dairy herd to 30 cows. The calves from only good producers are being kept to increase the herd.

Believing in diversified farming, Junior has not limited his farming program to the dairy enterprise. In addition to

the hay, corn, and pasture grown for feed, this young farmer has hogs, poultry, peanuts, potatoes, and cotton projects.

This past year Junior was finding it impossible to expand his farming program due to the fact that his father's 98-acre farm was too small. The entire family living had to be derived from the 98 acres. This prompted Junior to look for additional land on which to continue his growing farming program. A 30-acre farm adjoining his father's farm was for sale. That was his only answer, so, with the help of his father, he bought the farm.

Looking the farm over, Junior readily saw that some of the soil conservation practices his vocational agriculture teacher, Earnest Pruett, had discussed so thoroughly in the agriculture classes at school could be put to good use on the farm. Building up some torn down terraces and sodding waterways were the first of these practices on his agenda. Also, a two-acre plot of young pine and poplar is going to receive a great deal of atten-



JUNIOR GANT measures up milk at milking time.



AT LEFT is E. V. Pruett, Pisgah FFA Advisor, assisting Junior Gant in estimating his stand of timber.



JUNIOR GANT and advisor, E. V. Pruett, inspecting Junior's crop of corn.

tion. Vain attempts to purchase the timber have already been made by a few lumbermen. "I'm saving these trees because they will double in value with a few more years' growth," he quickly answered when approached about selling the timber.

As was stated in the beginning, the "Future Farmer of the Year" is also outstanding in leadership. A look at Junior's record will speak for his ability as a leader. During his first year in FFA he was an official delegate to the Alabama FFA Convention, served on the banquet committee, and was winner of the county FFA quiz contest. Since then he has served as chapter president, vice president and president of the Jackson County FFA Association, was winner of a public speaking contest, and has been chapter reporter in addition to serving on various committees. As the FFA news reporter he has constantly kept the public informed of activities of his chapter with his many articles in local and state newspapers. One local newspaper editor offered him a job as a reporter. He refused



JUNIOR GANT, at right, is shown discussing plans with his Father, Mr. C. M. Gant.



JUNIOR GANT, above, is busy at milking time.



JUNIOR GANT feeds his cows well, which shows up in his milk receipts.

because it would have interfered with his farming activities.

Other school leadership positions held by this Future Farmer have been class officer, editor of school annual, membership in several clubs, and staff member of the school newspaper.

Junior has also taken a leadership role in his church activities, serving as song leader, assistant teacher, Sunday School secretary, and church delegate.

Education won't stop for this Future Farmer when he graduates from Pisgah High School next spring. He will continue his study of agriculture at Auburn where he plans to enroll in the Agricultural Education course. He will, however, continue his farming program while in college. His father and two brothers have agreed to lend a helping hand while Junior is in Auburn.

With a record so outstanding, it is little wonder that the thousands of Future Farmers in Alabama will idolize him and truly say that Junior Gant is Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year.

FFA HONOR ROLL

(The 100 Club)

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STEVENSON—(C. D. Richardson)	100

Future Farmers Fighting Against Juvenile Delinquency

By JUNIOR GANT
Pisgah FFA Reporter

In the fight against juvenile delinquency, Future Farmers are fighting a decisive battle. They are standing their ground against crimes committed by boys and girls of their own age groups. They are not doing this as an armed policeman, walking his beat at night with flashlight and revolver in hand, seeking those who have created an unlawful activity. They are using an even more powerful weapon. What is it? Is it some modern gadget operated by atomic energy? The answer is a flat "no." It is even more destructive in its purpose than atomic power.

What then could it be? It is a spirit of brotherly love, fellowship, and understanding. It seeks to respect the rights of others and encourage them to stop! think! turn from wrong doings and get the most from wholesome, young living.

FFA members are assuming the responsibility of helping these juveniles to become fitted into things. They invite them to church, and other types of wholesome gatherings. They are encouraging those who are most liable to fall into the habit of crime to stand upright; speak for their beliefs; and think for themselves. They invite youths to join their club and enjoy its benefits with them.

The FFA program is designed to keep rural young folks interested in its work and purposes. Each year banquets, fish fries, and similar types of recreation are provided.

The FFA organization practices its motto. The members "learn to do by doing." Yes, they learn to solve their problems by solving them. They pay their own way by "learning to earn and live," supplying the necessities of life. And they "live to serve." Serve their community, their church, their school, their fellow teens, parents, and elders.

They are building an American way of life that can be free of juvenile delinquencies — an America that can be strong and wonderful. Let's support this organization and this type of club. If this is followed and if we speak more firmly for our beliefs, we can build an America that will be respected by everyone, everywhere.

————— FFA —————

If we were to kick the person who's responsible for most of our troubles, we wouldn't be able to sit down for at least six months.



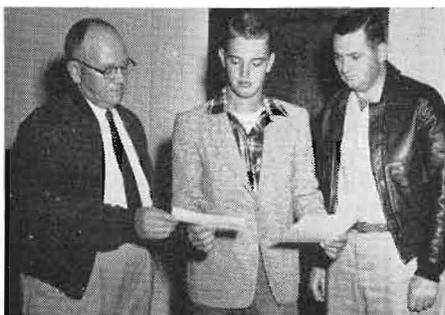
FOR HIS SERVICE in Alabama and throughout the nation in developing and maintaining the programs of vocational education, Alabama's Senator Lister Hill was presented Citations by three education associations recently. The presentations were made in Montgomery at a banquet given in Senator Hill's honor.

Show above are, left to right, R. E. Cammack, state director of vocational education, Montgomery, presenting the Citation from the Alabama Vocational Association; M. D. Mobley, executive secretary of the American Vocational Association, presented a Citation from the American Vocational Association; Senator Hill, and J. J. Benford, presenting the Citation from the Parents Association of Parents Magazine.

Susan Moore Member Wins On Essay

Gerald Copeland, vocational agriculture student and FFA member from Susan Moore High School, Blount County, has been named the Southern Regional winner of the nationwide 1955 Conservation Essay Contest sponsored by the National Grange and the National Plant Food Institute.

With an estimated 20,000 farm youths participating in the contest, young Cope-



GERALD COPELAND (center) vo-ag student and FFA member from Susan Moore High School, proudly shows his high school principal, J. A. Smallwood (left) and his vocational agriculture teacher, C. C. Rogers (right) the \$50 check and Certificate of Merit awarded him as state winner in the 1955 Conservation Essay Contest. Gerald's essay entitled "Gaining Ground with Fertility" has also been selected as one of six regional winners and is being considered for the national first place title. More than 20,000 farm youths participated in this nation-wide contest sponsored by the National Grange and the National Plant Food Institute.

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As a regional winner Gerald has qualified for an all-expense paid trip to the National Grange Convention.

Gerald was announced as state winner in the Conservation Contest in October. A \$50 check, certificate of merit and an appropriate lapel pin was presented to Gerald during an assembly program at Susan Moore High School.

As Gerald's advisor, C. C. Rogers also received an all-expense paid trip to the Convention.

Farm Shop Competition

Over 50 different kinds of farm tools and equipment that have been made in farm shops by high school students, are shown in the Rules booklet for the 1955-56 competition of the \$7,000 Arc Welding Award Program, sponsored by the Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation.

One hundred cash awards totaling \$5,000 are offered in the program to high school students living on farms. Awards are made to the best entries submitted to the Foundation describing how arc welding was used on a farm shop project. The top award is \$600 with others ranging down to 60 awards of \$25 each. Cash awards are given to schools in which first ten winners are enrolled.

Copies of the rules booklet are available from The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland 17, Ohio.

Birmingham Awaits Visit Of FFA Officers

The Magic City of Birmingham will open its doors to about 85 of Alabama's top-ranking Future Farmers on February 16-17. The FFA group will be guests of the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, according to J. A. Beaty, manager of the agriculture department.

Attending the meeting will be the state FFA officers, county FFA presidents, a string band, quartet and other talented members in FFA. These farm youths will spend two days with eyes and ears open to see and learn more about the wonders of big city life.

FFA state officers making the trip are: Neil Bain, president; Ellis Burgess, vice president; Bob Wise, secretary; Leon Dykes, treasurer; and Terrell Taylor, reporter.

Others attending the meeting will include R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education; J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture; T. L. Faulkner, FFA executive secretary; L. L. Sellers, district supervisor Southeast Alabama; H. R. Culver, district supervisor Northeast Alabama; and Frank McDonald, FFA and Vo-Ag news editor.

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Nine FFA Chapters Win In Livestock Breeding

Nine FFA chapters have been named winners in an improved livestock breeding program. Each of the chapters own a purebred beef bull used to upgrade beef cattle on the farms in their respective communities. Awards were made on the basis of the number of cows bred, and the educational programs carried on by the chapters to improve livestock production.

Winner of the first place award of \$200 is the Stevenson chapter in Jackson county. They won the award with their purebred Hereford, which was named grand champion in the FFA show at the Alabama State Fair in 1954.

C. D. Richardson, vocational agriculture teacher at Stevenson, states that the FFA's bull program has done more for the small farmer and the FFA members than any other program offered to improve livestock in their community. The Stevenson bull bred a total of 75 cows during the year on 24 different farms.

Other chapters receiving awards in the contest are Munford, \$125; Rockford, \$100; Clio, \$75; and Troy, \$50. Chapters receiving \$25 awards are McKenzie, Ashland, Waterloo, Beauregard, and Wetumpka.



Eva Chapter Tops In Land Judging

The Eva FFA land judging team proved that they know their soils recently when they took top place honors in the Morgan County Land Judging Contest, the first contest of this type ever to be held in Alabama.

The contest, a cooperative undertaking by the Morgan County vocational agriculture teachers and the Northwest Alabama soil conservationist, was between the six FFA chapters in Morgan County and was held in the Plainview community.

A team from the newly-organized vocational agriculture department at Priceville High School captured the second place title. Third place honors were won by the Danville FFA chapter.

Members of the Eva team were Harold Jeffers, Jimmy McDonald, Billy Wayne Spratlin, and Albert Hawkins. Jeffers was the high-scoring individual judge, scoring 53 out of a possible 60 points.

R. N. Chapman, Morgan County soil conservationist, explains that the idea for the contest originated at a Northwest Alabama District Soil Conservation meeting and was developed as a means of teaching land classification, use, and treatment, to the farm youths.

In explaining the contest, Chapman stated, "Land is judged in much the same manner as livestock is judged. By recognition of definite soil characteristics, the contestants identify the soil as to one of the eight soil classes set up by the U. S. Department of Agriculture according to texture, permeability, slope, amount of erosion, depth of topsoil and other such characteristics.

"After classification has been determined the contestants must then determine the best use to be made of the land and recommend treatment in accordance with its use," Chapman said.

The Morgan County vo-ag teachers said the contest provided one of the best means of teaching their students how to classify land according to its capacity and how to treat and use the land to keep it permanently productive.

Other FFA chapters having teams entered in the contest were Falkville, Hartsville, and Cotaco.

Public Relations Stressed In FFA Program

By TERRELL TAYLOR
State FFA Reporter

The improvement of our Public Relations program for FFA should be a major aim in our work this year. Our plans for informing the public and FFA members of our work are many. We should try to use every available method to publicize the value of our work. One of the ways we can publicize our work is through our official FFA Calendars.

The Fund Raising Calendar serves two purposes: (1) To improve our public relations program; (2) To assist the members in raising chapter funds.

Another way to improve our program is through our magazine, *The Alabama Future Farmer*. We should distribute the magazine to Superintendents of Education, Newspapers, Radio and TV Stations, Libraries, State Congressmen, Legislators, and many other friends of FFA in the State. The magazine covers all FFA contests, state activity, and many local activities.

The State Officers are going to do their part by making speeches before civic organizations and many other groups. We would like to encourage the local advisors to assist their officers in preparing speeches to give at meetings of various kinds.

One of the greatest opportunities to

Future Farmers of America

FFA — the largest and finest organization of farm boys on earth. The FFA sets a splendid example for the world and offers a tremendous challenge for the future. Their primary aim is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship.

In the classroom and on the farm FFA members, with the help and guidance of their vocational agriculture teachers, complete practical projects which encourage better farming and better living standards for all.

Members and leaders of FFA are to be commended for their extensive achievements in this and many other worthwhile endeavors. Let us continue to give them our assistance and encouragement at every opportunity. — Raymond C. Firestone.

improve our Public Relations comes during our National FFA Week. We will prepare materials for use in local chapters. We would like to encourage the local advisors to prepare radio and TV scripts for boys to use during National FFA Week. Each chapter should schedule different speakers and motion picture films to use during FFA Week.



MAKING PLANS for celebrating the week of February 18-25 as State and National FFA Week was the big item of business as officers of the Alabama Association, Future Farmers of America met in Auburn recently. Thirteen thousand FFA'ers in Alabama and 383,219 in the U. S., Hawaii and Puerto Rico will participate in special programs to celebrate the founding of the FFA organization—the largest farm-boy organization in the world.

The Alabama FFA leaders are shown above as they plan activities for the week-long celebration. They are, left to right, Bob Wise, secretary, Kinston; Leon Dykes, treasurer, Jackson; Neil Bain, president, Carrollton; Terrell Taylor, reporter, Ider; T. L. Faulkner, executive secretary, Auburn, and Ellis Burgess, vice president, Jemison.



WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT activities of the Northport FFA Chapter won for them a \$100 check from the G. M. & O. Railroad. Shown as he receives the check for his chapter is Edward Androe, left, Northport FFA president. C. W. Burrage, agricultural agent for the G. M. & O. Railroad is making the presentation while L. W. White, local FFA Advisor, looks on.

Northport Chapter Wins In Woodland Program

Planting of 42,000 pine seedlings and other forestry improvement activities of the Northport FFA Chapter has won for them first place and \$100 in a Woodland Improvement Contest sponsored by the G.M.&O. Railroad Company.

The award was presented to the FFA'ers by C. W. Burrage, agricultural and forestry agent for the railroad company at a recent meeting of the farm boy organization.

Burrage commended the Northport Future Farmers for the excellent work they had done in helping to improve the woodland in their community.

In addition to planting trees for themselves, the FFA members helped their fathers and neighbors set out more than 18,000 seedlings. Forty-eight members of the chapter have Forestry Improvement projects in connection with their supervised farming programs.

The chapter has also carried on an extensive forestry education program. During the year they have given demonstrations on forestry management to various groups in the community. The chapter operates a demonstration area so that farmers can observe the results of good forestry practices.

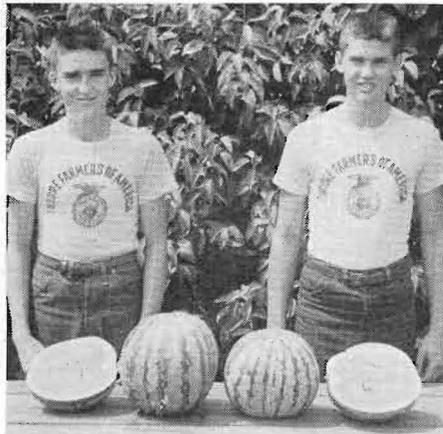
At the meeting John Graham, a senior vo-ag student, spoke to the group about his trip to the Alabama Forestry Camp last summer. He urged the new members to strive to win a trip to the camp. Delegates to the camp are selected on the

basis of their demonstrated ability in forestry improvement.

Also attending the meeting was T. L. Faulkner, executive secretary of the Alabama FFA Association. He spoke to the group about the FFA contest.

—FFA—

A man does not stop playing because he grows old; he grows old because he stops playing.



MITT MILLS (at left) and Donald Booth of the Northport chapter grew a patch of seedless watermelons this year. Seedless melons are called triploids. They are true hybrids, and being sterile the seed must be made anew each year by crossing two parents. One of the parents of triploid melons is a normal watermelon while the other is derived by treating the bloom of a normal plant with a drug known as colchicine. The process of producing seed is complicated and the seed are very expensive. The melons are of a delicious flavor and are in demand because of the seedless characteristic.

Bad Brabma Bull

I was snappin' out broncs for the old Fly-in' U,
At forty a month, a plum good bucarro.
The boss comes around and he says, "Say, my lad,
You look pretty good ridin' hosses that's bad.
You see I ain't got no more outlaws to break,
I'll buy you a ticket and give you a stake.
At ridin' them bad ones you ain't so slow,
You might do some good at the big rodeo."

While they were puttin' the bull in the chute,
I was snappin' the spurs to the heel of my boot.
I looks the bull over and to my surprise,
It's a foot and a half between his two eyes.
On top of his shoulders he's got a big hump,
I clinche's my rigin' right back of that lump.
I lights in his middle and lets out a scream,
He comes out with a beller and the rest is a dream.

But he jumps to the left and he lands to the right,
I ain't no green horn as I'm still sittin' tight.
The dust starts to foggin' right out of his skin,
A wavin' his horns right under my chin.
At sunnin' his belly he couldn't be beat,
A showin' the buzzards the soles of his feet.
A dippin' so low that my boots filled with dirt,
He's makin' a whip of the tail of my shirt.

He's a snappin' the buttons right off my clothes,
A buckin' and a bawlin' and blowin' his nose.
The crowd was a cheerin' both me and the bull,
He needed no help, while I had my hands full.
And he goes to fit throwin' and a weavin' behind,
My head was a snappin' and I sorta went blind.
He starts to high divin' and lets out a groan,
We went up together, but he comes back alone.

Up high I turns over and below I can see,
He's a pawin' up dirt and just a waitin' for me.

I can picture a grave and a big slab of wood,
A sayin' "Here lies the twister that thought he was good."

Then I noticed there was somethin' that don't seem to be true,
The brand on his hip was a Flyin' U.
When I landed he charged, but I got enough sense,

To out run that bull to a hole in the fence.
I dives through that hole and I wants you to know,

That I ain't goin' back to no wild west show.
At straddlin' them Brahmas, you can bet I'm all through,

I'm a sore footin' it back to the old Flyin' U.
—Author Unknown.

—FFA—

TEN NEW FFA CHAPTERS LISTED BELOW ARE BEING CHARTERED THIS YEAR —

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Ariton | 6. Hackneyville |
| 2. Attalla | 7. Montgomery |
| 3. Chavala | 8. Priceville |
| 4. Clement | 9. Speake |
| 5. Guntersville | 10. Woodville |

Palmetto Member Top Electrician In Nation

John Brandon McCool, 17, hard-hitting right end for the Palmetto Tigers, received the national award for achievement in farm electrification.

With the award—made at the national convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City—went a check for \$250.

McCool, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCool, Reform Rt. 3, is a senior in vocational agriculture at Palmetto High School.

The 165-pound farm boy quickly learned the value of electricity around his farm home. He took to electric welding, rewinding motors, and applying electrical power to previously hand-operated functions.

Three other Future Farmers received awards as district winners at the 28th annual FFA session in Kansas City.

They are John Vaszauskas, 18, Middlebury, Conn., James C. Petty, 19, Gracey, Ky., and Joe Daniels, 18, Thermopolis, Wyo.

Brandon lives on a 210-acre farm in Pickens County. His father's farm has been in row crops for many years but recently hogs, poultry, and Grade B milk production were added.

Electric service was extended to the farm about 10 years ago. Brandon soon became interested in electrical projects and began making extension cords, repaired appliance cords, lamps and other small appliances. After seeing a demonstration on lamp-building, he built five lamps, two study type and three decorative type.

He also learned how to replace wall switches and do other simple repairs.

After enrolling in vocational agriculture, he studied electricity and saw demonstrations given by Alabama Power Co. representatives on lighting, electricity fundamentals, wiring and electric motors.

Electric motors interested him most, so he bought a kit and built a one-fourth horsepower split phase motor. He made it portable so he could use it for several jobs. He also built a speed reducer so he could use the motor on jobs requiring slower speeds.

He later converted it to a higher power output and bought a half horsepower 25-cycle motor, which he converted. He bought several junk motors, rewired them and was in the electrical business.

He built and operated a bench saw, grinder, grindstone, mower sharpener, meat grinder, ice cream freezer, portable fan, corn sheller, pea sheller and lawn mower.

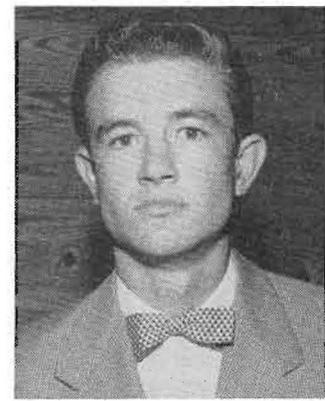
As he progressed with electricity, he

found he needed a place to work. Brandon converted an old storage shed into a farm shop. An infra-red heat bulb allows him to work there on cold days.

He completely rewired his farm home and installed 12 convenience outlets throughout the house. Ceiling light fixtures replaced old drop cords.

The barn was rewired. A heavy line was run between the house and barn, and from this heavy line, current was directed to four other buildings, the barn, chicken house and wash house at 120 volts and the shop at 240 volts. The water pump is served under-ground and with a positive disconnect switch for safety. All buildings have fused disconnect switches and grounds.

"I like working with all electrical projects," Brandon said. "I want to harness electric power in every way possible to make our work easier, more pleasant and more profitable on our farm."



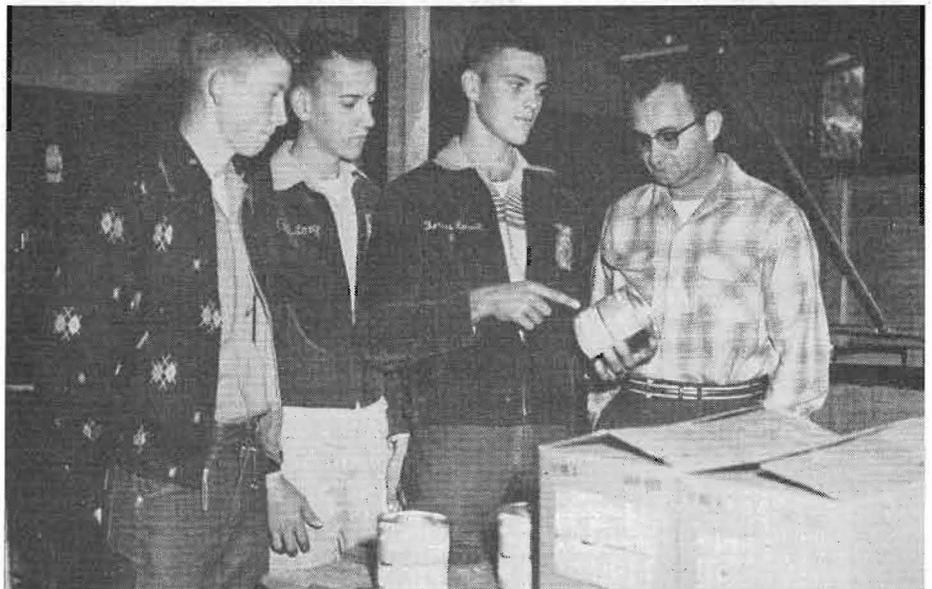
BRANDON McCOOL, Palmetto, national winner of the Farm and Home Electrification contest.

"It helps to save time and labor and adds to our family income."

Brandon has been aided in his projects by his vocational teacher, R. D. Claybrook.



BRANDON McCOOL, national winner of the Farm and Home Electrification Contest from Palmetto, at left, demonstrates the pea and bean sheller he made to R. D. Claybrook, his local adviser.



THESE THREE Boaz Future Farmers are shown with their vocational agriculture teacher, G. R. Powell (right), as they inspect the special FFA label on one of the 2,648 half-gallon cans of molasses made from eleven acres of sweet sorghum grown by members of the Boaz FFA chapter. Approximately \$250 per acre of sweet sorghum was made by the seven FFA'ers who grew the crop as a cooperative enterprise. Shown, from left to right, are Ronald Teal, Carl Long and Thomas Russell.

FFA ROUNDUP

SULLIGENT

For many years the growing of fat calves as part of their supervised farming programs in vocational agriculture has been of interest to FFA members at Sulligent. This year, six boys are growing eight calves.

S. J. Gibbs, vocational agriculture teacher at Sulligent, explained that these boys will show the results of some good feeding and management practices when they exhibit their animals at the fat calf shows next spring.

These young cattlemen are Harold Pinkerton, James Mayers, Jimmy Woods, Clarke Woods, Jimmy Trimm, and Jimmy Crump.

WHITE PLAINS

Gene Batson, 15, White Plains FFA member, is really putting the skills and knowledge gained in his agriculture classes to work on his home farm. He has 12 projects in his supervised farming program this year.

Gene has one-half acre of strawberries, six beef calves, 250 chickens, one gilt, two pigs, one acre of truck crops and six acres of corn as productive projects which supply him with a sizeable income.

His improvement projects consist of eight acres of pasture improvement, home and home ground improvement and garden and orchard improvement.

Knowing the value of a good fertile soil, Gene has seeded seven acres of legumes this fall to help hold the land and add nitrogen.

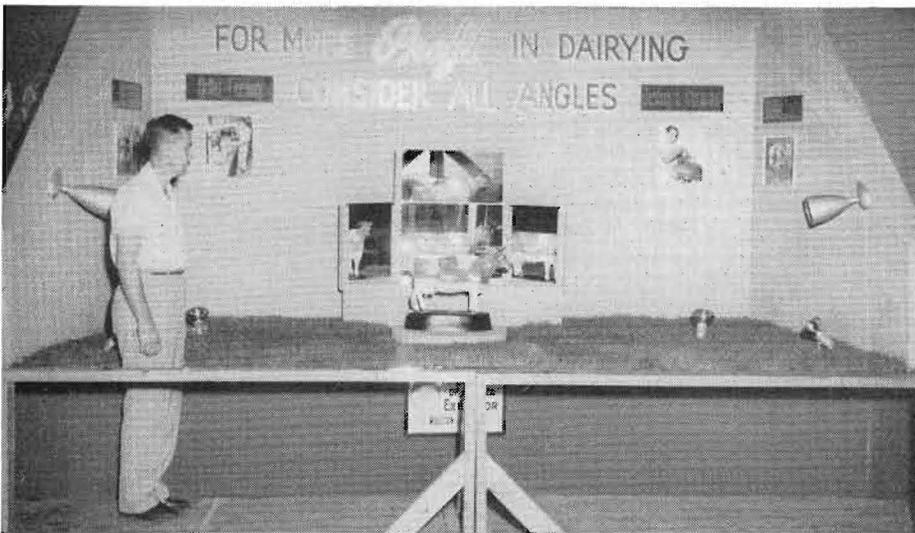
MILLRY

Rural mail carriers of the Millry area in Washington County will not have to look twice to see the mail boxes of vocational agriculture students at Millry High School.

These students recently constructed attractive mail box stands under the supervision of their vocational agriculture teacher, C. W. Crawford. "In addition to improving the appearance of their community these Future Farmers learned much about farm carpentry and painting from the project," Crawford said.

MONTEVALLO

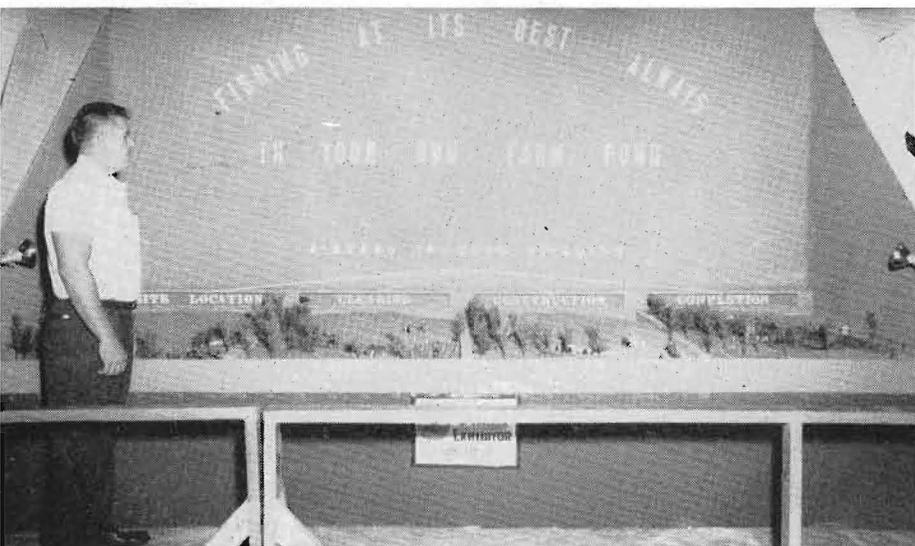
It was a day of excitement, fun, and activity for the Montevallo FFA boys when they staged the field day activities at Montevallo recently. Prizes were giv-



SHOWN ABOVE IS THE MOULTON CHAPTER FFA EXHIBIT that won first place during the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham. S. L. Canerday, local advisor, makes a final check-up on the exhibit.



THE PLANTERSVILLE FFA CHAPTER EXHIBIT above was displayed at the State Fair in Birmingham and also at the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery. It placed second in Birmingham and first at the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery. J. C. Shewbart is the local advisor, not shown in the picture.



THE CURRY CHAPTER FFA EXHIBIT is shown above with M. E. Ekstrom, local advisor. The Curry exhibit placed second at the State Fair.

en all those participating and favors were extended all present after the lunch hour. Montevallo merchants and interested persons gave a variety of prizes to the boys for various rodeo activities.

CAMDEN

FFA members at Camden High School who have done outstanding work in vocational agriculture and FFA were honored recently when they were presented awards at one of the school assembly programs.

Jimmy Faulk received the "Star Chapter Farmer" award. This award is presented each year to the FFA member who has done the best job with his project work.

Others who were honored and the honor received were: Dan Wilkerson, Farm Electrification Award; Harold Tait, Farm Mechanics Award; Brax McIntosh, Soil and Water Management Award; Mack Powe, Champion Corn Growing Award.

VERNON

Vernon FFA members continue their war on rats and mice. Going into the third week of the campaign to help rid the community of rats and mice, FFA members reported outstanding results in many instances.

The campaign is helping the chapter finances as well as helping to rid the community of these unwanted pests. The chapter makes a commission on each can of rat poison sold.

NORTHPORT

A patch of seedless watermelons proves to be a fascinating project for two members of the Northport FFA chapter.

Mit Mills and Donald Booth, seniors at the Tuscaloosa County High School, ventured into the new crop this summer on a small scale. The two youths stated that the melons have a delicious flavor and are in demand on account of the seedless characteristic.

The two Future Farmers explain that the seedless melons are called triploids. They are true hybrids, and being sterile the seed must be made anew each year by crossing two parents—one of the parents is a normal watermelon while the other parent is derived by treating a normal plant with a drug known as colchicine.

LAFAYETTE

A float built by members of the LaFayette FFA and FHA members won first place in the LaFayette-J.C. sponsored Christmas Parade. Fourteen floats and three marching bands took part in the gigantic parade and pre-Christmas program held around the courthouse square.

Members of the third year agriculture and Home Ec classes jointly sponsored

and supervised the planning and building of the first place winning float. They used as a theme for the float "Builders of Better and Safer Homes." This theme was chosen to carry out the state theme of the Future Homemakers of America and carry the idea of Christmas safety to be used by the local FFA chapter in their Farm Safety program.

BEAUREGARD

Eighteen members of the Beauregard FFA made a 1,100 mile trip through the states of Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Among the sights they saw were: Vulcan in Birmingham, Joe Wheeler State Park and dam, Wilson Dam, Helen Keller birthplace, Grand Ole Opry, Andrew Jackson homeplace, Fort Nashboro, Atomic Energy Museum at Oak Ridge,

Smoky Mountain National Park, Cherokee Indian reservation, and the Cyclorama in Atlanta.

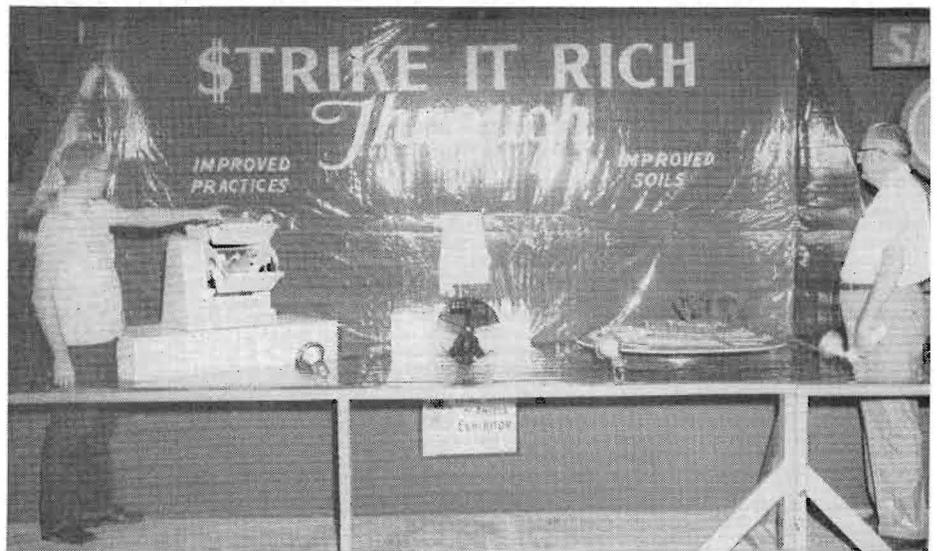
Their local advisor, J. A. White, and School Principal, J. W. Harris, also made the trip.

CARLOWVILLE

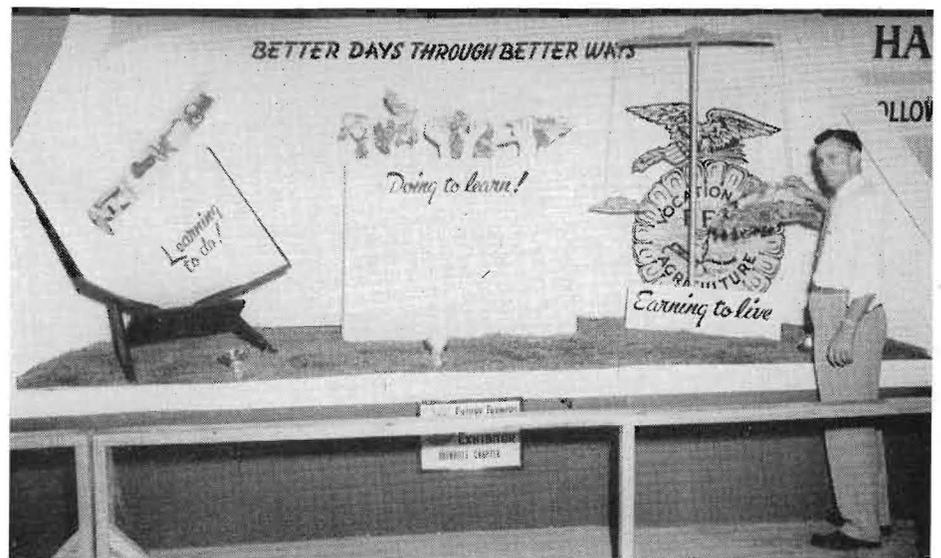
David Smith, a member of the Carlowville FFA chapter, realized a sudden increase in his hog business recently when his two sows farrowed a total of 27 pigs. All the young porkers lived.

Young Smith doesn't attribute this enviable record to beginner's luck. "Success in the hog business depends on selecting good breeding stock and providing the proper feed and management," he explained.

David is a senior at Carlowville High School this year in preparation for a



THE HARTSELLE FFA CHAPTER EXHIBIT above won third place in the State Fair in Birmingham. A member of the Hartselle chapter at left shows the exhibit to H. F. Gibson, district supervisor of vocational agriculture from Auburn, pictured at right. C. H. Rowe is the local advisor.



THE ODENVILLE FFA CHAPTER EXHIBIT shown above placed third at the State Fair in Birmingham. D. J. Bartlett, local advisor, is making final adjustments of the exhibit.

full-time farming career after graduation, he is planning to increase his swine herd to a total of 5 brood sows and to purchase his own boar this fall.

David's excellent corn crop, another of his supervised farming projects, will be used to feed out the 27 young porkers for market.

FOLEY

Maurice Blackmon, of Foley, has started his FFA and vo-ag work with plenty of enthusiasm. He is now in his second year of FFA and has one of the best supervised farm programs and FFA records of most any boy in this chapter. Maurice is also a member of the FTA and plans to be an ag teacher.

YORK

Can you make a profit of \$350 per acre? Well, a Future Farmer member, Buddy McElroy, of the York Chapter, in Sumter County did just that last year.

With a one-acre sweet potato project as a part of his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture, young McElroy harvested 225 bushels of the relished roots on October 10.

ALICEVILLE

Vocational agriculture students at Aliceville find that a study of cotton is more interesting when studied outside the classroom.

During the study, the students made a field trip to the farm of Bill Tomson to observe a mechanical cotton picker in operation. Tomson, who is a graduate of Aliceville High School and past FFA member, showed the farm youngsters how the picker was mounted on a tractor and how it could be taken off so the tractor could be used for other purposes. It was also noted that Tomson was producing over two bales of cotton per acre.

The gins in Aliceville were also visited

to study the ginning procedure. Here the students saw how cotton was taken from the trucks, how it was dried, how it was cleaned, how the seed were separated from the cotton, and how the cotton was pressed and baled.

A trip to the John H. Rodger's Cotton Co., in Aliceville, gave the farm youths a chance to learn how cotton is graded. Rodgers demonstrated how to pull cotton staples, and showed the students samples of low, strict low and middling cotton.

PRATTVILLE

The Prattville FFA Chapter is at present engaged in growing out 100 broilers for the Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet that is being conducted jointly by the FFA-FHA chapters at the Autauga County High School. The banquet will be held in December.

The broiler project is being sponsored by the Farm Store, Prattville, and is serving the two fold purpose of providing the agricultural students with some practical experience in broiler production, and will furnish some savory eating for members of the FFA and FHA chapters and their parents.

CITRONELLE

A cash award of \$70 and a blue ribbon was awarded the Citronelle FFA chapter for winning first place in the FFA exhibits at the Greater Gulf State Fair which was recently held in Mobile. Citronelle won top honors in competition with Theodore, second place; Semmes, third place winner; and Baker, winner of fourth place.

Boys enrolled in vocational agriculture, pooled their ideas and made the exhibit. This exhibit carried as its theme Forestry and Forest Products, a Major Enterprise in Mobile County.

One section of the exhibit was a dis-

play of five types of turpentine cups that have been used through the years in this area. Each cup was attached to a section of a tree trunk which had been properly chipped.

Another section of the exhibit showed the steps in making paper. First, there was the pulpwood; next, the chips; thirdly, the bleached and unbleached pulp; and lastly, the finished paper.

The prize money will be used to purchase more equipment for the Ag shop.

JEMISON

Six members of the Jemison chapter are planning to enter beef calves in the Birmingham Fat Calf Show and Sale next May, according to L. C. Shields, local FFA advisor.

These boys are John D. Barrett, Johnny Patterson, Jimmy Northcutt, Johnny Thacker, Bill Varden and Dannie Gilmore.

Shields states that these FFA'ers have selected good calves and now have them on balanced rations of home grown feeds. They are planning to pick up some prize money on their calves next spring.

HACKLEBURG

LaFaun Haynes, Hackleburg, is another FFA member who is a promising young hog farmer. LaFaun has three sows in his breeding herd, two of which have averaged 10 and 12 pigs per litter. This young Future Farmer states that his breeding stock has been saved from his older sow because of her good performance.

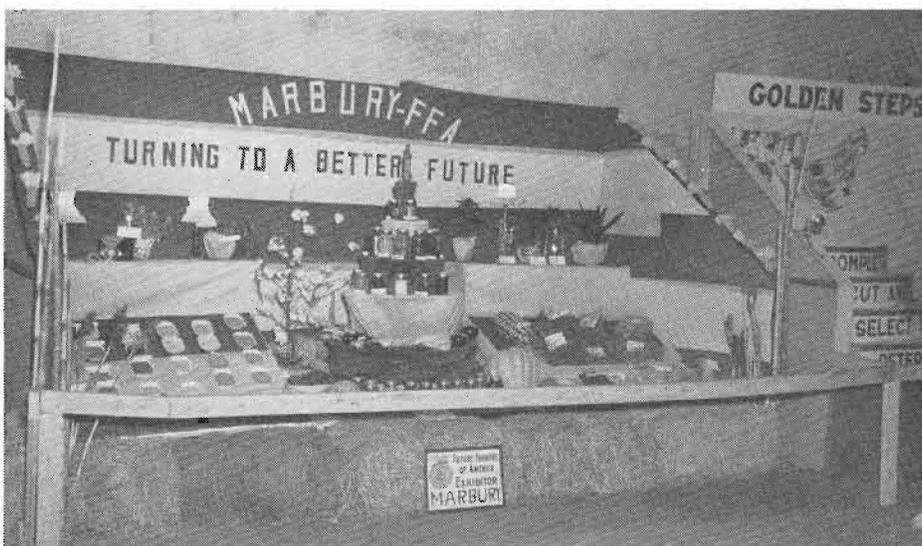
LaFaun has sold 33 pigs from one sow and now has another litter of 10 that will be going to the market soon. He reduces the cost of getting his hogs to top weight by growing most of the feed on his farm.

To provide for more experiences in farming, LaFaun has broadened his farming program to include pasture, one dairy cow and two dairy heifers. He is improving his home and home grounds.

PINE HILL

The Pine Hill FFA has under way the construction of a hog pasture in which the Chapter plans to pasture 7 or 8 hogs. All are to be grown to top hogs, except one which will be kept for a brood sow. This brood sow will replenish pigs for the next year's projects.

It is the policy of the Pine Hill Chapter to raise these pigs and place purebred stock in the hands of all FFA members who desire them. The FFA boys hope to make a fair profit from feeding out these hogs. They have on hand now about one hundred bushels of corn, which was raised on the FFA project plot for the purpose of fattening out these hogs.



THE MARBURY FFA CHAPTER EXHIBIT won third in the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery. The local advisor is C. M. Manning.

Sidney Lanier Member Tops In Soil, Water

Woody Bartlett, member of Lanier Chapter, FFA in Montgomery, was one of four boys from the entire nation receiving national honors at the 28th annual convention in Kansas City, Mo. for achievements in soil and water management.

Young Bartlett, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Haywood Bartlett, was graduated from Lanier High School in May. In June, Woody was awarded the state championship in soil and water management at the annual Alabama FFA Convention in Auburn. He also received \$100 in cash as a state prize.

Young Bartlett had three years of supervised farming during his senior high school days at Lanier.

When he enrolled in Lanier, he immediately became interested in vocational agriculture and pursued it vigorously until his graduation.

He started out by taking over management of a worn-out 50-acre farm owned by his father. With the help of his instructor, W. C. Locke, he immediately began making plans to build up the productivity of his acreage. Later, he became so engrossed in his farming operations, he bought 830 additional acres and improved it through a modern irrigation system and recommended farm practices.

Given financial backing by his parents, he began his improvement program on the original 50 acres through the development of an irrigation system. He had a 200 foot well drilled that would furnish 300 to 500 gallons of water per minute. The next step was to throw a dam in front of a four-acre swamp and run water from the well to fill the pond thus created.

He started out irrigating 40 acres of

pasture land and three acres of vegetables but soon found he needed more water. To correct this, another well was drilled.

With plenty of water through irrigation, proper fertilization and planting of cover crops recommended by his teacher, the youthful farmer developed 40 acres of pasture which furnished grazing for 80 head of cattle.

With an eye to a cash crop, Woody cleared the waste land, planted vegetables on three acres, and sold them at regular market prices.

Woody spent two years looking for extra acreage to buy, and finally found an 830-acre farm for sale at \$65 per

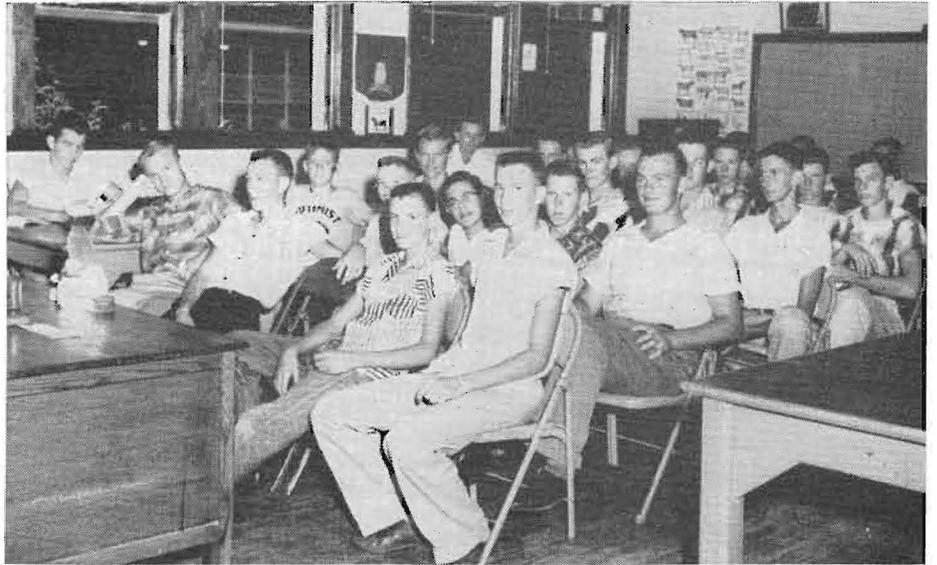
acre. Much of it, however, was not suitable for farming.

He conquered this problem by setting aside about half the acreage for a private game reserve for fishing and hunting. To attract game, he planted wild rice in the swampy areas, and other plants that will furnish wildlife food and cover.

He selected another portion that was suitable for croplands, drilled a well to provide water for irrigation and constructed four ponds for storing water.

This year, he irrigated 10 acres of corn from this water storage, and produced more than 100 bushels per acre.

Woody had 60 beef breeding cattle,



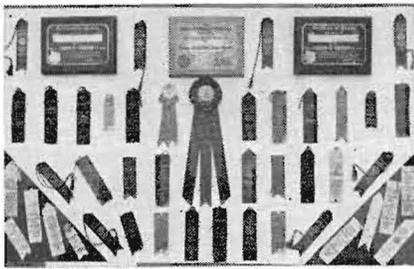
PICTURED ABOVE are the members of the various committees of the Foley FFA chapter. These committees held a special meeting to determine the theme of the exhibit to be placed in the Pensacola Interstate Fair.



THE RAMER FFA CHAPTER EXHIBIT shown above won second place in the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery. A member of the chapter is shown above. The local advisor is M. R. Browder.



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Woody learned to repair the farm machinery, build terraces, contour his farm, construct fireguards, control erosion by planting cover crops, control noxious weeds, build fences, plant trees for wind-breaks, put out pine seedlings and to clean up health hazards caused by marshy lands, and he learned to use his money wisely.

But most of all, he learned to love the good earth and the bountiful returns it will give for the proper treatment.

—FFA—

**National Convention
Highlights**

A registration of 10,500, five outstanding guest speakers, coverage on nationwide radio and television programs, a cover picture and story in TIME magazine; these were just a few of the highlights that made the 1955 national convention of Future Farmers of America one of the most successful on record.

Convention registration on the opening day, October 10, was the largest first-day registration in FFA convention history. More history was made that evening when Liberato Fiduya, Jr., of Lanai, Hawaii, won the national FFA public speaking contest — the first time in many years of participation that a Hawaiian had placed first.

Tuesday, the second convention day, was so jam-packed with interest that Kansas City's huge Municipal Auditorium arena remained filled with Future Farmers from early morning until the close of the night program.

First, there was the welcoming address by H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, who won the attention and admiration of the FFA members by his ability at the speaker's stand. There was time for a little official business after the Mayor's address, then another address, this one by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, was presented to the convention and broadcast over a nation-wide radio network.

Another outstanding personality, Harold E. Stassen, Special Assistant to the President of the United States, addressed the convention at the opening of the Tuesday afternoon session. He was fol-

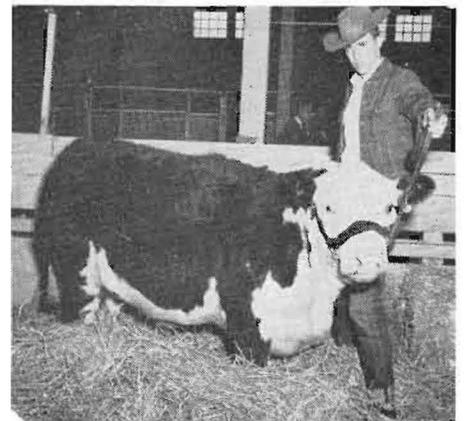


THE NORTHPORT poultry judging team represented Alabama in the Poultry judging competition at the National FFA Convention. They are from left to right, Woodrow Hobson, John Graham, Joe Brown, and Lewis Leatherwood. L. W. White, right, Northport FFA advisor, looks on as the team discusses their placing of one of the hens judged in the contest.

lowed by ceremonies conferring Honorary American Farmer degrees to about 50 persons, the American Farmer degree to 376 FFA members and the presentation of awards in the National Chapter Contest.

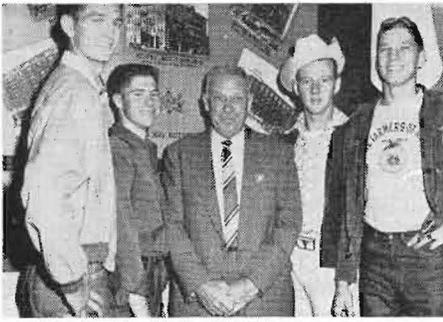
Delegates and guests had just enough time to get a bite of supper, then it was back to the auditorium for the impressive ceremony of presenting Star American Farmer Awards. Joe Moore, of Granville, Tennessee, won the \$1,000 FFA Foundation award as 1955 Star Farmer of America, and it was he who, one week later, was the subject of a cover picture and feature story in TIME Magazine.

Joe shared his honor with three regional Star American Farmers who received awards of \$500.00 each. They are Ross Smith, Jr., Monkton, Maryland, Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region; Richard K. Arnold, Plainwell, Michigan, Star Farmer of the Central



SHOWN ABOVE is Buddy Darwin, of the Riverton Chapter, with his prize steer that he exhibited at the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City, Missouri in October. Buddy's steer placed third in the Hereford Heavyweight division, which is certainly an outstanding record for the keen competition that he had.

Buddy's father and his local advisor, J. D. Wigley, accompanied him to the show and they are all to be commended for this outstanding record of achievement.



THE FFA LIVESTOCK judging team from Scottsboro competed against the top FFA judging teams from other states for national honors at the 1955 National FFA Convention. They are pictured above in the foyer of the State Hotel in Kansas City following the judging event. Members of the team are Comer Jacobs, Donald Jacobs, Billy Porter and Bill Riley. H. E. Phillips is their FFA advisor and coach.

Region, and Lynn Loosli, Ashton, Idaho, Star Farmer of the Pacific Region.

Their awards were presented against a backdrop of State Flags, borne by Star State Farmers from throughout the nation. Stirring music by the national FFA band and chorus added interest, and drama to the occasion.

To wind off the evening, the Star Farmer ceremony was followed by a sparkling two-hour entertainment program brought to Kansas City under sponsorship of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

Wednesday morning features of the convention included an interview with participants in the FFA international youth exchange program; some time was devoted to official business action by the delegates; there was an address by Herschel D. Newsom, Master of the National Grange, then a colorful pageant built on the theme of "Patriotism and the FFA."

While most of the convention visitors took tours to points of interest in Kansas City during Wednesday afternoon, the official delegates were busy in committee work, then, in the late afternoon, served as hosts in a reception given for donors to the FFA Foundation. Mean-



KENNETH COPELAND, above, was State champion of the Showmanship Contest during the State Fair in Birmingham. He won an all-expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention, which was sponsored by the Alabama State Fair Authority.

while, the national FFA chorus and Star Farmer Joe Moore had gone to television studios where they participated in the NBC television program, "Coke Time," with Eddie Fisher.

Wednesday evening was "Foundation Night" at the convention. Representatives of the Donors to the FFA Foundation were called to the platform and introduced, then regional and national awards were presented in Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Soil and Water Management, and Farm Safety. The winners of the Dairy Farming Awards, who had been announced a week earlier during the National Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, were called to the platform for introduction.

Award winners recognized included: Farm Mechanics: Russ Christie, Newton, New Jersey, national winner; Dwight Whitaker, Forest City, Illinois; LeMoyné Roberts, Tremonton, Utah, and Ronnie Persyn, Leming, Texas.

Farm Electrification: John Brandon McCool, Reform, Alabama, national winner; John Vaszauskas, Middlebury, Connecticut; James C. Petty, Gracey, Kentucky, and Joe Daniels, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Soil and Water Management: Ben Green, Ripley, West Virginia, national winner; Kenneth Floyd Serres, Harrison, Nebraska; Woody Bartlett, Montgomery,

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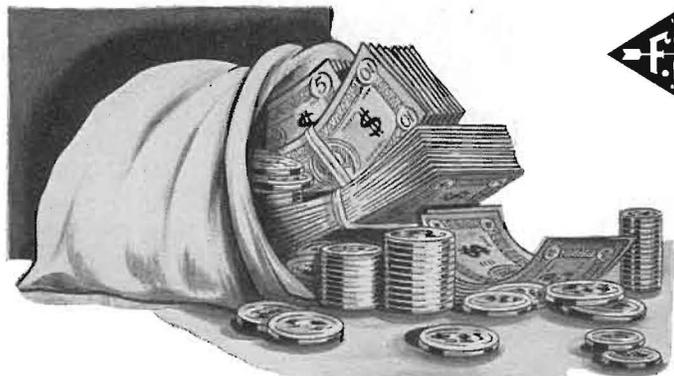
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Farm Safety: Brighton, Colorado, FFA Chapter, national winner; Louisa County FFA Chapter, Mineral, Virginia; Audubon, Iowa, FFA Chapter, and the Delmar, Delaware, FFA Chapter.

Dairy Farming: George Ford, Quincy, Florida, national winner; Sterling Griffiths, Beaver, Utah, Eldred Hitchcock, Montrose, Pennsylvania, and J. W. Foster, Monett, Missouri.

Following the presentation of the awards, Eddie Fisher made a surprise visit to the convention and, with his wife, Debbie Reynolds, won rafter-shaking applause with an hour's entertainment.



TWO Alabama Power Company officials, Hurst Mauldin, Birmingham, and John M. Spence, Tuscaloosa, assist the Alabama FFA delegation on trip to Kansas City.

Things were considerably more quiet on Thursday. Delegate business, officer

reports, and committee reports took up most of the morning. Just before noon, the group was addressed by A. Z. Baker, President of Rotary International. Early afternoon was devoted to a clean-up of the committee reports and other business, with the climactic election of new national officers.

Dan Dunham, Lakeview, Oregon, was the convention selection for national FFA president. His fellow 1955-56 national officers are Terrell Benton, Jr., Jefferson, Georgia, student secretary; Lennie Gamage, Cartersville, Virginia, vice president, Southern Region; Dale Ring, Wooster, Ohio, vice president, Central Region; Allen Colebank, Morgantown, West Virginia, vice president, North Atlantic Region, and Lynn Loosli, Ashton, Idaho, vice president, Pacific Region.

After the election, the new officers officially closed the convention, then about 1,200 invited guests boarded busses to Kansas City's Saddle and Sirloin Club where they were feted with a barbecue and entertainment.

Although the convention was officially over, there were still a lot of Future Farmers in Kansas City. A Friday morning breakfast sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce honored boys who had participated in the national judging contests. Dan Dunham, serving as master of ceremonies, got his first taste of "duty" as national president.

More FFA activities were on tap for Friday night when the national band and national chorus participated in the program of the famed American Royal Ball. Next morning, Saturday, the FFA Band led the American Royal parade through downtown Kansas City, and riding at the head in the official cars were



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PAUL HOLLEY, FFA Advisor at right, and Mrs. Clifford Edge, FHA Advisor, looking over Christmas toys made and repaired by members of their LaFayette chapters.

Star Farmer Joe Moore and the new president, Dan Dunham.

By Saturday night, the FFA blue jacket was no longer Kansas City's most common sight. It had been replaced by the western boots of visitors to the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show, which follows immediately after the FFA Convention.

— FFA —

Alabama Chapters Win Recognition

Four Alabama FFA Chapters won recognition at the National Convention in Kansas City.

Ramer and Riverton chapters won gold emblem awards, Sulligent won silver emblem and Suttle won a bronze emblem.

These chapters were also the state winners in the State FFA Chapter Contest.

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ALABAMA FFA boys were thrilled to see Debbie Reynolds (above) who, with her husband, singer Eddie Fisher, entertained the delegates at Kansas City's huge Municipal Auditorium.



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On The MARCH

ALICEVILLE—Scotty Carson keeping FFA bull; presented FFA Sweetheart a jacket; held annual corn luncheon with Aliceville Chamber of Commerce; made field trip to see FFA bull; 5 members secured official jackets.

ARAB—planned program of work; building 21 cedar chests; held joint social with FHA.

ARITON—started raising hogs to make money for chapter. will feed hogs from lunch room waste and corn that the members bring.

ARLEY—had chapter meetings; treated 300 fence post; had 4 officer training sessions; ordered several jackets, 20,000 bicolor plants and 10,000 pine seedlings.

ASHFORD—selected FFA Sweetheart; made plans for entering FFA Contests; committee for selecting Chapter Farmer appointed; made plans for initiating Green Hands.

ASHVILLE—held FFA - FHA party; earned camera for chapter by selling magazine subscriptions; ordered jackets; held 2 regular chapter meetings; making plans for Speaking Contest; ordered complete paraphernalia; 6 boys planting pine seedlings; have new projector screen; practicing tractor driving contest; training Dairy and Livestock judging team.

ATTALLA—collected dues; organized chapter; elected officers; held one meeting; made plans for initiation and financing chapter; ordered 4,000 pine seedlings and 26,000 bicolor seedlings; ordered 20 Green Hand pins and one jacket.

AUTAUGAVILLE—held regular meeting; Silver Anniversary Film shown; committee ap-



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pointed to plan social; 2 pigs returned to be added to pig chain; several members building metal feed troughs in welding shop; County officers met in department to plan contest eliminations.

BEAR CREEK—placing chain pigs; selling ads for fund raising calendar; ordered FFA jackets; planned Green Hand initiation; ten members bought project markers; hundred per cent members bought manuals.

BEAUREGARD—planned joint FFA-FHA social; purchased new arc welder and arc torch for shop, towel dispenser and towels for wash room, and venetian blind for office.

BERRY—painted FFA classroom; built walks for grammar school; made plans for beautification of school campus.

BEULAH—purchased 3 inch electric sander; officers purchased official jackets and pins; installing arc welder in shop; added 2 books to FFA library; treated 100 fence posts; practicing Parliamentary Procedure; raised \$57.98 on FFA Sweetheart contest; bought molding set for bench saw; received 22,600 pine seedlings; built 5 tables in shop.

BILLINGSLEY—bought 11 fat hogs; built fence around FFA hog pasture; bought tape recorder; initiated 16 Green Hands; sold ads for FFA calendar; cleared \$144 on concessions at football games.

BLOUNTSVILLE—initiated 36 Green Hands; had FFA-FHA fish fry; 14 members purchased official jackets, acetylene welder and three filmstrips on parliamentary procedure.

BLUE SPRINGS—held FFA-FHA party; received one pig from one of the FFA members; studying electricity; received FFA bull; making plans to purchase two purebred hogs for the chapter.

BOAZ—elected chapter officers; sold advertisement ads for calendars; elected FFA Queen; one member received American Farmer Degree.

BRANTLEY—purchased shaper and bits for shop; selling ads for FFA calendar; 8 members ordered pine seedlings and 6 ordered bicolor plants.

BRIDGEPORT—cleared \$200 from Calendar sales; paid \$65 for bred Hampshire sow; rented 3 acres of pasture land; held monthly meeting; built 3 new tool lockers and remodeled old tool lockers; picture and two news items in local paper.

BRUNDIDGE—held 2 meetings; made \$25 selling Progressive Farmer magazines and \$50 selling Christmas cards.

CAMDEN—gave school assembly program; District Forester visited chapter; raised money by selling concessions at football games; placed one pig in pigchain; attended county meeting.

CARBON HILL—painted tool room and re-arranged tools; caught 5,000 bollweevils for Experiment station; added \$50 to chapter treasury.

CARLOWVILLE—selling folding oak lawn chairs to raise funds.

CHEROKEE—FFA-FHA planning party; dues paid 100 per cent, also magazine subscriptions to National Future Farmer; Lincoln Welding Company sending representative to demonstrate electric welding.

CITRONELLE—held 3 regular meetings; conducted FFA-FHA box supper; distributed 18,000 pine seedlings.

COFFEE SPRINGS—held regular meeting; FFA quartet entertaining; initiated 17 Green Hands; FFA-FHA held joint party.

COFEEVILLE—ordered FFA degree pins, sweetheart jacket and pine seedlings; held officer training school; made plans for shop program; all members enjoyed short course in electricity taught by Mr. Cloud of REA.

COLUMBIA—ordered 11 cedar chests; sold subscriptions to Farm and Town Journal; added arc welder and drill press to shop; ordered pine seedlings; held 2 regular meetings; made plans for FFA contests.

CORNER—take an active part in helping with Community Canning plant.

COTAC—held 2 regular meetings and one officers meeting; officers initiated new chapter at Priceville; held joint party with FFA; castrated 14 pigs; dehorned 2 cows; gave out two pigs through pig chain.

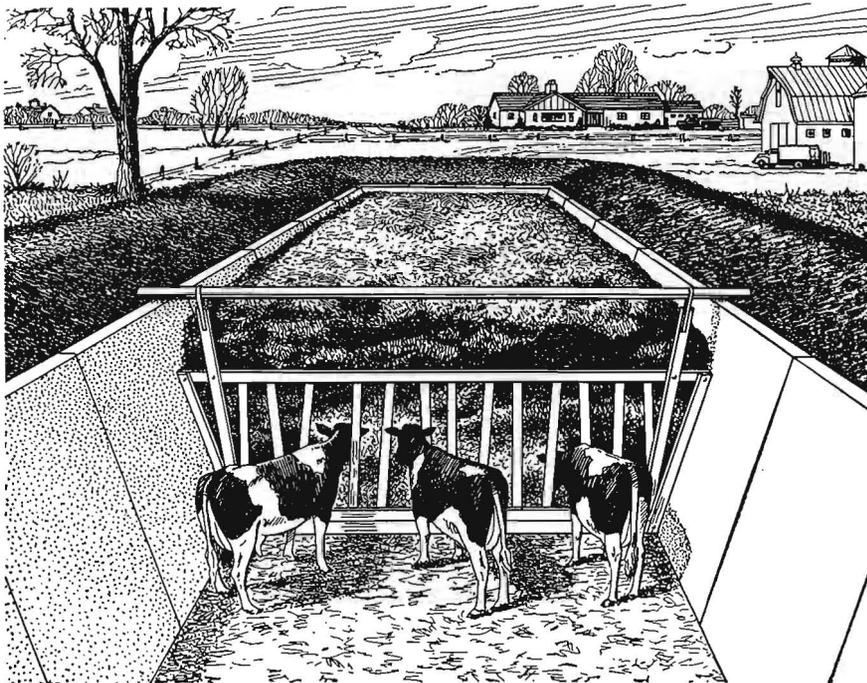
CROSSVILLE—ordered 17 official jackets; remodeling and finishing shop table project; several members ordered cedar material; bought 8 pigs to feed and top out.

CULLMAN—had a party; elected president for county meeting; working on public speaking contest.

DADEVILLE—had regular meeting; held FFA-FHA party; Green Hand initiation; next county meeting will be at Dadeville.

DANVILLE—feeding out four pigs; added Duroc and Poland China sows to pig chain; painted farm shop; initiated 15 members; joint party with FFA.

DOUGLAS—held meeting and initiated 2 new members; new project programs for year planned and beginning to develop; all classes completed unit in terracing and soil conservation; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings and 20 plantings



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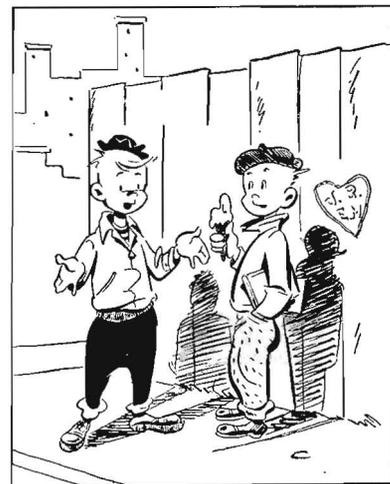
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of bi-color plants; several members growing hogs for market hog show and beef calves for fat calf show; working on FFA contests.

EAST BREWTON—managed concession stand at home football games; organized quartet; ordered 5,000 pine seedlings and lespedeza bi-color; nominated candidates for FFA Sweetheart; held annual party with FHA; definite plans under way for FFA road signs.

EAST LIMESTONE—ordered lespedeza bi-color plants; organized and trained corn judging team; members completed project records; initiated 16 Green Hands.

ELBA—initiated 14 Green Hands; ordered pine seedlings and fruit trees; held 2 chapter meetings; ordered bi-color lespedeza seedlings.

ELKMONT—held officers training; ordered 2 jackets and bi-color lespedeza seedlings; planned parent night; elected FFA Queen; made plans to award 16 members Chapter Farmer Degrees; boys studying Poultry Judging.

ENTERPRISE—initiated 12 Green Hands; held one chapter meeting; voted to buy a Sunbeam Electric Saw.

EUTAW—held annual barbecue; members sold chances on turkey to pay for barbecue.

FAIRHOPE—held class eliminations in Public Speaking; joint meeting with FHA; each class selected improvement project for the campus.

FALKVILLE—held 2 regular meetings; studied Soil Judging; host to county meeting; several boys plan to plant Pine Seedlings and bi-color; making definite plans for string band and quartet contest; boys writing speeches for contest; distributed 2 chain pigs.

FLOMATON—initiated 24 Green Hands; held chicken fry; sold Farm and Ranch magazines.

FLORALA—initiated 14 Green Hands; purchased acetylene torch; attended county meeting; ordered pine seedlings and lespedeza bi-color.

FOLEY—initiated 28 Green Hands; had fish fry; elected Ag Queen; all officers received official FFA jackets; added 120 books to Ag library; held one regular meeting and one special meeting; awarded 3 Honorary Chapter Farmer awards; making plans for TV program to be put on in cooperation with Florida FFA Association; gave out 6 gilts in pig chain.

FORT DEPOSIT—placed 2 pigs in chain; distributed farm machinery books among Green Hands; held tractor maintenance clinic; made \$25.25 on turkey project; presented awards to members.

GERALDINE—held officers meeting; planned to make and sell cedar chests; organized and

begun "Rat Killing Drive"; made agriculture sign for front of building.

GLENCOE—held one meeting; entering all contests.

GOSHEN—held two meetings; gathered farm corn.

GREENVILLE—inventory of tractor equipment includes a disk, a tiller, and easy flow fertilizer spreader and a mower; members attended county meeting at Akron; held joint party with FHA.

GROVE HILL—placed a gilt in pig chain; made plans for FFA-FHA party; elected FFA Sweetheart; sold 3 meat hogs to increase chapter funds; studying welding on Oxy-Acetylene and Arc Welding machines; put up three new welcome signs on highways.

HACKLEBURG—sent one news item to paper; put on musical program; helped local men's choir put on Christmas program; practiced FFA quartet.

HAYNEVILLE—held 2 chapter meetings; had movie on Parliamentary Procedure; plan party with FHA.

HEFLIN—distributed pine seedlings; held regular meetings; put on rat-killing campaign; making plans for FFA Week.

HIGHLAND HOME—sold Christmas cards to finance chapter activities; bought and growing out 2 pigs on lunchroom garbage; conducting chapter speaking contest; building cedar furniture in shop.

HOLLY POND—cooperating in Alabama Conservation program in Wildlife study with quail; selected FFA Queen; ordered jacket; selling popcorn at ball games.

HUBBERTVILLE—planned skating party; painted chapter room; elected FFA Sweetheart.

INVERNESS—had weiner roast with FHA; received Sears bull to use in improving herds of boys and farmers in community; budget set up for chapter; planted 10,000 pine seedlings; ordered 7,000 bi-color plants; studying and practicing arc welding.

JACKSON—held joint meeting with FHA; ordered 30,000 pine seedlings; made more FFA mail box posts.

JASPER—elected 1 honorary member; elected FFA Sweetheart and ordered jacket; 23 members ordered official jackets; purchased \$250 office supplies and hardware for general tool room; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings and 12,000 bi-color plants.

JEMISON—had weiner roast with FHA; or-



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dered 11,000 pine seedlings; will enter 14 state sponsored contests; sold ads and completed FFA calendar; sold scrap iron to raise funds for banquet; made plans for annual FFA-FHA banquet.

KINSTON—ordered 8,000 pine seedlings; 12 boys ordered bi-color plants; paid \$25 on purebred Jersey bull to be kept as a community service.

LaFAYETTE—entered 20 state sponsored contests; sold 2 registered pigs; ordered 19,000 pine seedlings; held joint party with FHA.

LEROY—ordered 22,000 pine seedlings; sent 3 news articles to paper; ordered Green Hand pins; held REA electrical short course; placed 1 FFA sow in pig chain; ordered shop tools; had FFA-FHA fun night; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings.

LOCUST FORK—organizing string band; encouraging members to participate in as many contests as possible.

LUVERNE—won flash camera for selling Farm and Ranch magazine; safety program under way.

LYNN—bought 2 bred heifers to sell as springers to raise money for chapter; studying pruning and location of orchards; plan to start shop work first of year.

MIDLAND CITY—chain gilt farrowed 12 pigs; initiated 25 Green Hands; held joint FFA-FHA social; held 2 regular meetings; ordered pine seedlings.

McKENZIE—cooked barbecue for homecoming; published two news articles; held 2 meetings; bought registered Duroc gilt for pig chain and a wood lathe for shop.

MILLRY—set out pine seedlings; made mail box post for new members; ordering fruit trees cooperatively; entering all State contests; built cedar chest.

MONROEVILLE—held 2 meetings; committees met and planned further activities for year; discussed various FFA contests.

MONTEVALLO—planned party; attended county-wide meeting; Green Hand group set out demonstration orchard.

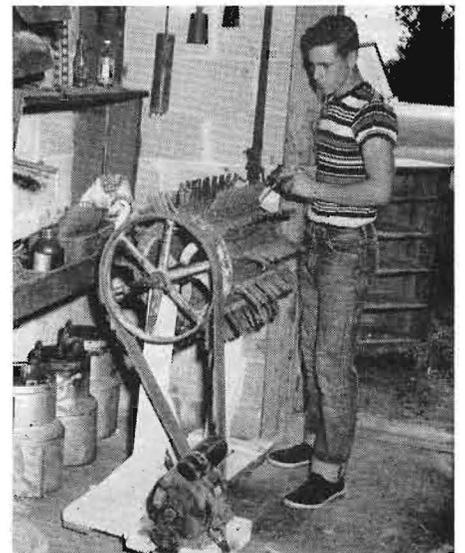
MOULTON—ordered road signs; ordered FFA jackets; placing FFA stickers on car windows; holding 2 regular meetings per month; placed 2 purebred gilts with members; bought new paraphernalia for officers stations; placed copy of chapter program of work with each member.

MUNFORD—awarded 10 Chapter Farmer Degrees; held 2 regular meetings; put FFA news in school paper; livestock committee drew up rules for members entering pig chain.

NEW BROCKTON—held monthly meeting; 12 boys have vo-ag libraries; discussed tractor clinic to be held at school; 8 boys get 8,000 pine seedlings and 7 boys get 11,200 bi-color plants.

NEW HOPE—held 2 meetings; appointed new activities committee; held initiation for 37 Green Hands; 4 members ordered jackets; continued rat killing campaign.

NEW SITE—received 6,000 pine seedlings; gave official pins to chapter members; held



MORRIS DEES, JR., of the Sidney Lanier chapter (Montgomery) demonstrates one of his projects, a chicken picker which he constructed in his home farm shop.

county-wide FFA meeting; selling magazines to get official FFA merchandise.

NEWVILLE—received 600 calendars and have put them up; studied electricity; made radio tables and furniture.

NORTHPORT—held meeting for presentation of Forestry Award; plan to increase number of acres in Forestry project and also increase plantings of bi-color and other conservation crops; FFA Bull placed on farm where it will be of more service to community and boys.

OAKMAN—held 2 regular meetings; initiated Green Hands; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings; placed 11 calves to be fed out for Fat Calf Show; ordered new paraphernalia; 10 members ordered official jackets; ordered 10,000 bi-color seedlings; put on chapel program; castrated 5 bulls and 18 hogs for farmers.

OHATCHEE—initiated Green Hands; building hog feeders; made first appearance with "Jug Band"; acquired Aberdeen-Angus bull; held executive committee meeting; sold subscriptions for farm magazine; holding public speaking contest; received pine seedlings; ordered cedar chests.

ONEONTA—made \$225 on concession stand; ordered 15,000 pine seedlings; initiated 14 Green Hands; ordered 6,000 bi-color lespedeza plants and 4 FFA jackets.

OPP—placed 10 FFA chain pigs; obtained Sears FFA Polled Shorthorn bull; ordered 10 official jackets and chapter room supplies, also all paraphernalia; initiated Green Hands; host to county organization.

ORRVILLE—ordered Chapter Farmer pins; plan to sell cokes at basketball games to raise money for chapter; sold \$39 subscriptions to Farm Journal and Town Journal magazines.

OXFORD—ordered 15,000 pine seedlings; making plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; helped pull corn for ill farmer in community; entered State Poultry Judging Contest; 100 per cent members paid; completed FFA handbooks.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY—added welding machine to department and learned to use it; enlarged pig chain; re-wired department; plan to enter several state contests.

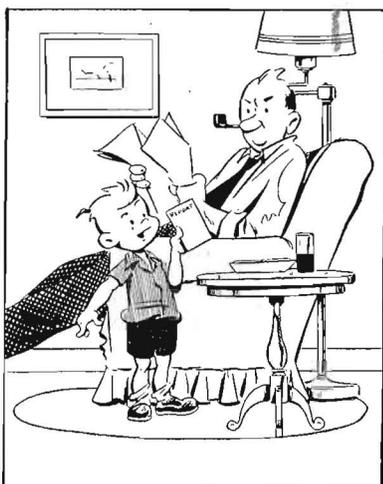
PELL CITY—saw 10 films this month; members setting out pine seedlings; initiated 34 Chapter Farmers and 36 Green Hands; 16 articles in newspapers; held social; started scrap book; sold popcorn and peanuts at ball games, cleared \$164; ordered 30 official manuals.

PINE HILL—four news articles published; purchased 3 new outdoor signs; ordered 15,000 pine trees; plan to improve rural mail boxes.

PISGAH—public speaking contestants preparing speeches; presented honorary members with FFA paperweight; presented radio programs; printed 7 news articles; elected Star Farmer and FFA Sweetheart; host to Jackson County delegation; added 50 books to chapter library; making plans for FFA banquet.

PLANTERSVILLE—5 articles and 1 picture printed in local paper; held 2 regular meetings and 1 special meeting; planned party with FHA; helped build community building; organizing quartet; working on speeches.

PRATTVILLE—held officer's meeting; worked on banquet plans; practiced speeches for speaking contest; quartet practicing; sold ads for calendars; initiated Green Hands; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; organized Poul-



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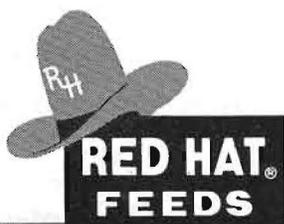


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WOODROW HOBSON of the Northport FFA chapter shows Wendell Shirley his bicolor planting for his wildlife project. Members of the Northport Chapter planted 40 thousand bicolor plants the past three years.

try Judging Team; held tractor clinic; organized quartet.

PRICEVILLE—Cotaco chapter initiated all members as Green Hands; ordered 5 official jackets; received paraphernalia; library now has 12 books and 12 more have been ordered; one article published in local newspaper; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings.

RAMER—purchased calf to show in Fat Stock Show; made pictures of officers and activities; working on FFA speeches; distributed 45,000 pine seedlings; ordered fruit trees.

RED BAY—held 2 chapter meetings; held joint FFA-FHA Thanksgiving party; ordered 6 official jackets and 6,000 pine seedlings; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; organized quartet; preparing for Public Speaking Contest.

RIVERTON—secured beef calves for Fat Calf Show; entered FFA contests; subscribed to magazine for department; held 2 regular and 2 officers meetings; had FFA-FHA party.

ROANOKE—held Green Hand and Chapter Farmer initiation; ordered pine seedlings and

fruit trees; mimeographed copies of program of work for each member.

ROGERS—initiated Green Hands; welcome signs put up on highways; another gilt placed in hog chain; selling drinks at basketball games to raise money for annual banquet; ordered saw filer for shop.

ROGERSVILLE—initiated 31 Green Hands; planning a quartet; planned for FFA contests; arranged with East Lauderdale Banking Co. for public relations calendars.

SIDNEY LANIER—cleared \$210.04 on barbecue; plan to purchase tape recorder for chapter.

SAMSON—held 2 meetings; purchased paint sprayer for shop; ordered 9 cedar chests; purchased 3 FFA jackets.

SARDIS—held 1 regular meeting and 1 county meeting; sold drinks at ball games; planned Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

SELMA—initiated 27 members; ordered 27 official manuals; subscribed to 4 magazines; added 7 reference books to chapter library; organized quartet; held weiner roast; secured 2 calves for calf show.

SMITH STATION—initiated 9 chapter farmers; held fish fry; planning barbecue; planted fruit trees; built 16 typing tables.

SOUTHSIDE—initiated Green Hands; ordered FFA jackets; treated 85 fence posts; ordered 15 manuals and FFA stickers; sold ads on calendar; feeding out 3 pigs for market.

SPEAKE—elected officers; secured 2 registered gilts for starting pig chain; entered public speaking contest; received official jackets; selling seed and rat poison as fund-raising projects.

SPRING GARDEN—topping out 7 hogs for market; bought officer pins; elected chapter Sweetheart; 7 boys plan to set bi-color lespedeza plants; ordered 11,000 pine seedlings; all members entering at least one contest.

SULLIGENT—keep "information" box on membership; received 13 official jackets and national Silver Emblem; working on contests; initiated and presented buttons to 28 Green Hands; elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered 17,000 pines and 35,000 bicolor seedlings.

SUTTLE—initiated 10 Green Hands.

TANNER—had FFA banquet; held joint social with FFA; added 3 gilts to pig chain; 20 members working on public speaking contest.

THEODORE—100 per cent ag students enrolled in FFA; operating concession at ball games; have 25 purebred gilts out with members; feeding out 13 hogs for chapter.

THOMASTON—enrolled 2 new members; built cement walk for school; raised 15 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; added new books to library.

THOMASVILLE—sold ads for calendar; installing up-to-date power tools in shop; working on FFA contests; added new film strips to file.

TOWN CREEK—held party with FFA; conducted annual rat control campaign; elected chapter Sweetheart; bought manuals for each member; sold Farm Journals; working on contests; placed another gilt in pig chain.

URIAH—plan joint party with FFA; decided to charge 25c for anyone who is in school and misses 2 FFA meetings in a row to get back into chapter; two gilts placed in chapter to use in pig chain.

VERNON—held FFA meeting twice during month; initiated 23 Green Hands into chapter; ran weekly news column in local paper; presented Green Hand pins to all Green Hands.

VINA—placed 2 purebred hampshire gilts; sold 4 top hogs; reworked classroom floor; elected chapter farmer for 1955.

VINCENT—took a trip to State Fair; wired concession stand; initiated 14 Green Hands; received 16,000 pine seedlings; had skating party.

WALNUT GROVE—ordered 4 jackets; held Green Hand initiations; presented officer pins to Chapter officers; elected FFA Sweetheart; assigned members to various committees.

WATERLOO—remodeled chapter room; had joint party with FFA; bought new Emblem; will have string band program to raise chapter funds; started work in shop.

WETUMPKA—sold drinks at ball games; ordered 24,000 pine seedlings; sold 400 fruit trees; canned 736 cans of potatoes; had Standard Oil tractor clinic; distributed 125 official FFA calendars.

WHITE PLAINS—held 2 meetings; working on public speaking contest; Green Hand film shown to all school; added compressor and paint spray gun to shop.

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

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Every Farmer Using a Mechanical Picker Should Plant G-710. Its Large Ears and Strong Stalks Make It Tops. Produces High Yields and Top Quality.

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- G-714A) } Yellow prolific corns with excellent keeping qualities.
- G-714B) }
- G-740 } Farmers tell us it's the best silage corn on the market.
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- G-737A } Companion hybrid to G-740.
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- G-714B) } are just what they have been looking for to complete
- G-785W } Pure white, flinty, and has high shell out.
- G-792W } Large eared white dent hybrid . . . a little later maturing
- G-50 } Best quick maturing yellow hybrids for hogging off.
- G-134 }

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