



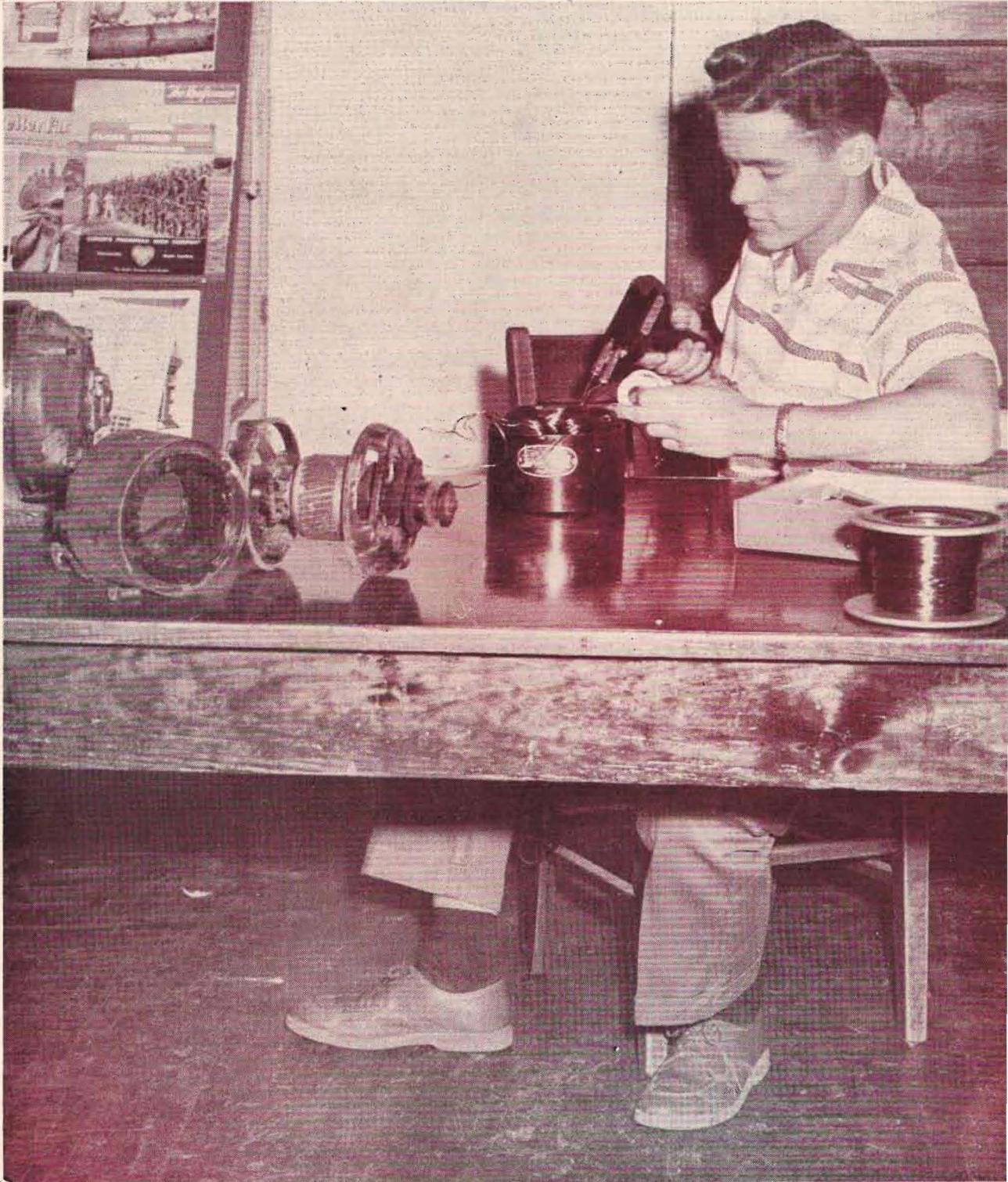
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ALABAMA'S RAYMOND JUNKIN IS THE NATION'S TOP ELECTRICIAN.

FARM SAFETY IS FFA PROJECT THIS YEAR

Delegates at the State Convention Voted to Sponsor Farm Safety This Year as a Special Project. Notice There Are \$600 in Awards to be Given the Winners. Now is the Time to Get Started. Every Chapter Should Go All Out and Have a Huge Safety Campaign.

Secretary Benson Speaks On Farm Safety

Here are highlights of the address by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson on "Farm Safety," before the President's Conference on Occupational Safety.

1. The Secretary says accidents are one of the primary enemies of human happiness. The only preparation for the tragedy of accidents . . . is preparation to prevent them. Safety measures would help protect the happiness of millions.

2. We are concerned not only about the safety of employed persons . . . but also about the safety of their families. In farm homes there are five disabling accidents for every three in farm work. Farm safety therefore is a family affair.

3. More farm workers are killed by accident than in any other major occupation . . . 3,700 last year. Another 310,000 farm workers suffered disabling injuries. The farm death rate per person employed was exceeded only by the mining and construction industries. The number of farm residents — men, women and children — killed accidentally last year was 13,000 . . . and 1,100,000 others were disabled.

4. The National Safety Council estimates that the accidental death rate of farm residents declined from 62.4 deaths per 100,000 persons in 1950 to 58.5 in 1955. This is significant in view of the increase in farm mechanization, use of electric power and more lethal and toxic pesticides, and other activities requiring special knowledge and skills.

5. Farm children often are exposed

to accident hazards, and farm youths often are injured for lack of safety training. In more than 10,000 fatal farm accidents from 1950 to 1953, three out of ten of the victims were less than 20 years old. One out of 12 was under five years of age.

6. Motor vehicles are the principal killers of farm persons. Rural highways are more hazardous than city streets. About 1,100 farm persons lose their lives in tractor accidents every year . . . one-third of them on highways. Three-fourths of all motor vehicle fatalities occur on rural highways.

7. Needless accidents not only cause deaths, but financial loss . . . about \$1,500,000,000 annually. There is a need for safety research . . . which lags behind other research for helping farm people.

STATE ADVISOR RECOVERING AT HOME

Mr. J. C. Cannon, State FFA Advisor, had a heart attack September 14th in Tuscaloosa and was confined in the hospital there until October 5th.

His condition is much improved and he was taken to his home at 2738 Sumter Avenue, Montgomery Alabama, on the 5th of October where he will remain until completely recovered.

We all wish for him a speedy recovery.



NEW OFFICERS—(Left to right) Jacky Pennington, Sulligent, Reporter; Ronald Rogers, Prattville, President; George Guess, Jr., Stevenson, Vice President; Lawrence Lipscomb, Foley, Treasurer; Johnny Jenkins, Geneva, Secretary; T. L. Faulkner, Auburn, Executive Secretary; and J. C. Cannon, Montgomery, Advisor.

Pisgah Chapter Promotes Farm Safety

In recent years many accidents have happened on the farm and in the farm shop in the Pisgah, Alabama locality. Determined to offset this great enemy of the human race, the Pisgah FFA Chapter set out to whip it by sponsoring an annual community-wide safety program and adopting this special project as a major part of their yearly activity program.

As the FFA motto clearly states . . . "Learning to do; doing to learn," the Pisgah, Alabama Chapter of Future Farmers of America eagerly started their campaign for farm safety by first learning the causes of accidents and secondly setting up ways and means of prevention.

Realizing that the farm shop is the scene of many accidents, the Pisgah FFA Chapter has undertaken a group project to rid the community of such dangers. First of all farm shop machinery is given a thorough check-up, repaired, and arranged in a convenient and safe working position. Next helmets and goggles and other protective devices are placed by the machine with which they should be used. And before members are allowed to undertake any job, thorough instructions are given.

Transportation accidents are something that hasn't been overlooked by these safety-minded individuals. They have achieved numerous goals ranging from enrolling in driver's education courses to building more stable truck and trailer beds. In the use of farm equipment and tools they have practically performed miracles — keeping equipment in good repair, teaching members to read instructions, and many other activities pertaining to this phase of safety have constituted a big job, but one well accomplished.

As to safety around livestock, members performed such functions as de-horning cattle, giving special attention to sick animals, and placing rings in the noses of bulls. Chemicals can cause injuries and safety at Pisgah has been achieved by such means as disposing of empty containers, washing thoroughly after application, and storing in original, marked, and closed containers.

"Smoky the Bear" has many cooperating friends in the Pisgah FFA boys. Preventing forest as well as farm and home fires has been a number one goal of these boys. Practicing fire drills, plowing ditches around woodlands, conducting programs against rats, and providing wa-

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You Can Be A Leader For Safety

By **HAROLD E. HELDRETH**
National Safety Council

Do you want to influence people, to make a mark in life, to be pointed out as an example, to receive recognition, to have others say, "Yes, he has made my life a little better?" Then you want to be a leader.

If you would remember that every moment that you are not alone — you may be influencing someone, you may be setting an example, you are a leader. Your kid brother, your best friend, the man on the farm next to yours, or maybe a guy you've never even met, but who saw you run a stop sign, are all a part of your audience.

You have a tremendous amount of influence. Every action or lack of action is a yardstick by which you are being measured. How do you measure up? The kind of leader that you are, the way you use your influence, what example you set — only you can decide.

Be concerned about others! Safety is a social and moral cause, and furthermore it is good manners.

To a surprising degree there is a superstitious belief that misfortunes such as accidents "just happen" or that "they can't happen to me." Correction of this negative attitude toward accident prevention is the greatest problem in safety education. Some rural areas have found that most accidents can be eliminated through systematic planning and efforts of all individuals and all agencies of community life.

The prevention of accidents is a national effort that involves many people in all walks of life. In industry, where safety engineers and safety directors work on this problem full time, the accident rate has been reduced by more than fifty per cent in recent years, but accident prevention in rural communities has not kept pace. However, you as a leader can join the national effort to prevent accidents.

A good safety program should be based on the major needs of the immediate community and should be developed on a year-round basis. The goals should be to make each member of every family safety conscious while at home, at work, at play and on the highway. This program will stimulate pride of achievement by each individual member taking part.

LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT

Remember that your leadership is a most important factor in the success of a safety program.

If your community or county has a safety committee, find out its goals and offer your cooperation and the cooperation of your youth group. Of course, you can carry out an effective safety program even though there is no safety committee in your county. You will find that safety work provides a splendid opportunity for community service.

You can build an effective safety program around learning to recognize hazards, eliminating them or learning how to cope with them. Your habits and attitudes are important because they set an example. You can create positive action by beginning in your immediate circle of friends. Talk to your teachers, your club leaders, your parents and your friends. Future Farmers of America Chapters, Future Homemakers of America Chapters, 4-H Clubs, Boy Scout Troops, Camp Fire Girls, Junior Safety Councils, farm organization youth groups and others are found in most rural communities. All of these have as one of their objectives the teaching of safety for more wholesome living. They may assist in solving many of the safety problems with which the community is faced.

Young people have developed effective safety programs by:
Actively taking part in safety activities in the community.
Assuming responsibility for respecting laws and regulations.
Cooperating with youth and adult groups in planning community safety programs.
Conducting systematic and periodic hazard hunts on their home farm and neighbors' farms.

Developing safety demonstrations and plays and presenting them before rural groups.

Teaching their families to consistently practice safe habits at work, at play, and on the highway.

Encouraging local youth groups to take part in national, state and local safety contests.

Doing an effective job in promoting safety in your community requires more than being basically interested and giving casual "lip service" to the accident pre-

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vention problem. Sure, we all want to be leaders, but do you realize that being a good leader means carrying many responsibilities?

SOME RESPONSIBILITIES

Go to meetings even though you would rather stay home.

Give freely of your time and ideas.

Ask yourself, "What Can I Do?" rather than "What Can I Get Out Of Doing?"

Be a booster rather than a knocker.

Believe in safety and express this belief by practicing safety as well as talking safety.

Furthermore, a good leader must also be a good follower!

Effective safety programs gain recognition when young people become actively interested and assume individual responsibility. The most important contribution that you can make to the safety of your family, friends and community is to recognize your individual responsibility and take advantage of your influence on people.

POSITIVE INFLUENCE

Each day you are acting as a leader of men. It is important to know that you are a positive influence. You should be always alert to those who are a part of your life and to the effect that you have on them. Set the example that will save your life and theirs too. REMEMBER, you can have influence and you can be a leader.

SAFETY—A Moral Obligation

By R. H. HOY

In a day and age when life is speeded up at such a fast tempo, we need to "play it safe" more than ever before. Life today is more complex and mechanized. We use more gadgets, motors and machinery. Especially on the farm, which twenty-five years ago was rather simple and less mechanized, we have now a multitude of electric motors, gas-propelled machines, and labor saving devices which greatly increase the risks and dangers of our lives.

Recently I read the statement that more children die from accidents than from any other cause. These little children God-given, and entrusted to our care and nurture, are the most precious possessions we have. We need to exercise the utmost care and caution in preventing harm from coming to them.

A grandfather once told me about the time he went to visit his first grandson. As the babe was placed in his arms and he looked down into its eyes, he seemed to hear God say to him: "I place this babe, pure and innocent, in your arms. I am entrusting it to your care. You have a definite responsibility for its welfare. See that when it comes back to me, at the end of its earthly life, that it is just as pure and innocent and unblemished as it was when it was given to you."

So many accidents are caused by carelessness and thoughtlessness. An old board pile where rusty nails point upward, an unprotected electric outlet, an old rickety ladder, forks carelessly used or left about the barn, and guns which "we were sure were unloaded" are usually the cause of many uncalled for accidents and tragedies. Trucks and tractors cause their share of accidents, many of them fatal. Some time ago I read of a father backing his truck out of the barn, running over his little son, fatally injuring him. Another youngster was badly injured by riding with his head sticking out of an open car window. All the remorse and self-condemnation one might experience, cannot restore such a precious little life.

Yes, these little ones were given to us as a trust. In the Bible Job tells us that a foolish father provides no safety for his children. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety. We often become careless in letting our children ride on tractors and other pieces of moving machinery. Let us think twice, use the utmost caution, that we not "cause one of these little ones to stumble." We have a moral obligation to bring our children up in safety, as well as in virtue and character. Let us have a definite purpose in this matter. And may it never be said of you or me that we caused one of these little ones to fall or become injured.

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ter systems are a minor few of the many jobs accomplished.

Safe use of electricity has also been accomplished at Pisgah. Such activities as replacing worn out and frayed electric cords, encouraging the use of low am-

perage fuses, grounding electrical equipment, and spending two class weeks in studying safe principles and procedures of electricity.

An outstanding program in farm safety has brought the Pisgah FFA Chapter success in elimination of farm accidents and also first place in the state of Alabama in the "Farm Safety Contest."

Palmetto Member Was The Nation's Top Electrician

Raymond Junkin, 17, of Route 2, Reform, Alabama, was named winner of the Future Farmers of America national award for achievement in Farm Electrification. He received a \$250 check during the Wednesday night session of the 29th annual national FFA convention in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium.

Raymond is a senior vocational agriculture student this fall in the Palmetto High School at Reform, Alabama. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Junkin.

Raymond has done considerable electrical wiring on the home farm, including the extension of service from the house to the barn and to the farm shop, installation of two pole lights in the farm yard, and extending an underground cable to the electric pump that handles the farm water supply.

He changed the house wiring from an overloaded one circuit to four circuits, installed a new light fixture in the living room, placed eleven new switches and nine convenience outlets. Other jobs done by the Future Farmer included complete wiring for a church in the community and for a neighbor's barn.

Raymond got a lot of practical experience in electrical wiring two years ago when the vocational agriculture students took on a project of completely rewiring the school's agriculture and home economics building. Their instructor, R. D. Claybrook, used the wiring job as a method of teaching through actual experience, and a rural engineer of the Alabama Power Company gave professional supervision. The class spent about three weeks on the job.

Raymond has built several pieces of electrical equipment for use on the home farm, his latest project being a grain elevator. Built on a wooden framework and powered by an electric motor, the machine will elevate grain up to 15 feet.

"Our corn storage bin is high off the ground, and this elevator will speed up unloading and take most of the work out of the job," Raymond says.

He also has built a bench saw, jig saw, two portable fans, and a pea sheller. A speed reducer built in the school farm shop is used to attach electric motors to the ice cream freezer, meat grinder, and corn sheller. Other jobs have included converting a grindstone to use electric power, building a desk lamp, and a portable light.

Young Junkin owns about \$100 worth of tools that he has purchased with money earned through his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture. He has three electric motors that

he obtained secondhand and rebuilt, and a fourth motor that he built from a kit.

The Junkins have a 96-acre farm seven miles north of Reform, following a diversified program of crops and livestock with cotton for a cash crop. Raymond's own farming program during the past year included six acres of corn, two and a half acres of cotton, three-tenths acre in truck crops, one dairy cow and one sow.

Three other Future Farmers received awards of \$200 each as winners of regional awards in farm Electrification. They are Harold H. Harper, 19, of Dry Fork, West Virginia, a member of the Harman FFA chapter; Kenneth E. Krause, 18, Route 1, Kilbourne, Illinois, a member of the Easton FFA chapter, and Jimmy Ray Mathews, 17, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Funds for the awards were provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., which is supported by annual contributions from some 300 business and industrial firms, organizations, and individuals. Representatives of the Foundation donors were platform guests during the convention session when awards were announced. Each of the four winners previously had received \$100 for being tops in his State, and they shared a \$250 fund that is provided to help pay their expenses to Kansas City.

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Jemison Club Operates Roadside Fruit Stand

Jemison FFA members have busied themselves as salesmen during the summer months as operators of a fruit and vegetable roadside stand. L. C. Shields, their vo-ag teacher, reports that the boys displayed good salesmanship abilities and made a nice profit for the FFA chapter. He says that the boys offered a variety of farm produce to the traveling consumers and members of the community who noticed the vegetable and fruit stand and stopped to fill their grocery needs with fresh, health-giving products.



JOE CAROTHERS of Winfield shows Champion Guernsey at Fayette Show. Advisor W. D. Hunt displays his ribbons.

Millport Scores At Dairy Show

Millport members showed 19 head of registered cattle at the Fayette District Dairy Show, September 6 and 7.

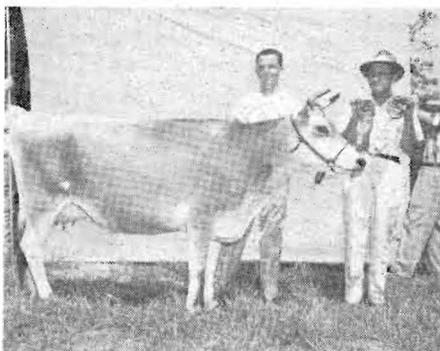
Their judging team won first place. Members of the team are: Dan Richards, Bobby Ray, Larry Hunt. They will compete at Birmingham, October 1.

Dan Richards won first place in showmanship and best fitted. They showed five first place animals.

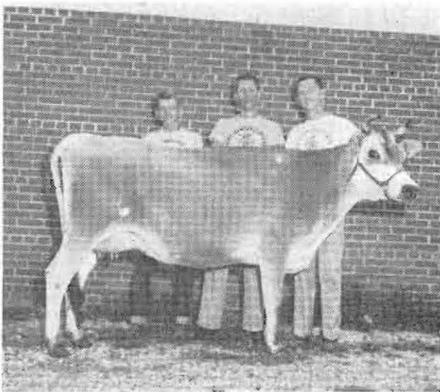
Larry Hunt showed the Grand Champion registered Jersey of the show.



O. L. HUNT, Advisor at Millport, congratulates Dan Richards, showmanship winner at the Fayette District show.



LARRY HUNT (at left) shows Grand Champion Registered Jersey at Fayette Show. Advisor O. L. Hunt displays ribbons.



MILLPORT'S judging team wins first place at Fayette Show. They are Bobby Ray, Dan Richards and Larry Hunt.

Foley Member Chosen Outstanding Farmer

Thomas Malone, Jr., of the Foley chapter, is working and managing his family's 240 acre farm with professional efficiency.

Malone now has 13 head of purebred Duroc hogs, all stemming from the FFA Pig Chain. He has received two gilts and a boar from the chain. One of his gilts farrowed 13 pigs recently and he will return four gilts from the litter to the pig chain.

Planting 60 acres to soybeans this year, the young farmer has prospects of making one of the best crops in the community. He does all the work and planning on the farm and has built up a flock of about 60 breeding ewes for the family enterprise. According to his ag teacher, Malone is one of the best sheep shearers in the county.

Young Malone planted 8 acres of corn and one of these acres averaged 88 bushels per acre.

Chairman of the FFA chapter Safety Committee, and a prospective State Farmer, Malone practices safety on the farm as evidenced by his cultivators, tractors and other machinery being kept in a well mowed space so weeds and grass do not hide the disks, rakes, etc.

"Tony" is now preparing to remodel his family home as his FFA Home Improvement project.

According to vo-ag teacher and FFA Advisor, B. C. Nix, Malone is a perfect example of what vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America organization is trying to attain with the young farmer of today.

—FFA—

Mrs. Turner E. Smith Awards FFA Scholarship

In memory of her late husband, Turner E. Smith, a native of Madison County, Alabama, Mrs. Smith has established an educational trust fund, the proceeds from which are to be awarded annually to Alabama's outstanding FFA member. This trust fund is managed by a self-perpetuating advisory board, insuring its permanency through the years.

Since Mr. Smith pioneered in the publishing of high school books on vocational agriculture written especially for the South, Mrs. Smith chose the Alabama FFA to receive this award.

Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year will receive this award. All active FFA members are eligible to be considered and a special form will be mailed to each chapter in November to be used for nominating the chapter winner.



DON TURNER

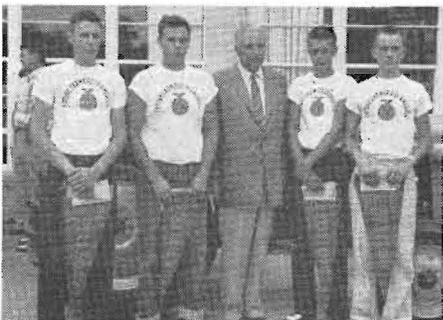
FFA Employs New News Editor

Don Turner has been employed by the Alabama FFA Association as FFA and Vo-Ag Editor. He started work September 1 with headquarters at the State FFA Office in Auburn.

Mr. Turner is a native of Lawrence County and graduated from High School at Town Creek and earned his State Farmer Degree in FFA while there. He received his degree in Agricultural Education from API in June of this year.



WINNERS of the FFA Quiz Contest the past year were Bob Helms, Grove Hill, 1st place; John Eubanks, Carrollton, 2nd; Jacky Pennington, Sulligent, 3rd; and Clatis Tew, Millry, 4th.



AT CENTER is H. C. Heerman, president, Southeast Ford Tractor Company, along with the four District Star Farmers this past year. They were Donald Alford, Boaz; Joe Carothers, Winfield; Charles Colvin, Pleasant Home; and Buddy McElroy, York.

FFA ROUNDUP

CORNER

Recently 37 members from the Corner chapter packed their lunches and boarded a school bus to tour companies that actually purchase and process farm products. The first stop was at Armour Packing Company. Here the boys saw the hog from the time he is unloaded until he is processed, packed, and ready for sale. The same process was seen in beef cattle. This actual "on the spot" demonstration was concerned with many of the things the boys had learned in the classroom.

Other places visited were Cosby-Hodges Milling Company, Barber Milk Company, and other sights of interest to the farmer-consumer.

GENEVA

Future Farmers at Geneva are working hard these days to develop an outstanding program. They have also elected and installed officers; ordered 12 FFA T-shirts; and made a project tour of members' farming practices. Seven boys from Geneva received their State Farmer Degrees at the State Convention.

HARTFORD

Hartford FFA'ers recently enjoyed a "Father-Son" barbecue on a river trip. Other activities at Hartford have included placing 3 Hampshire gilts in the pig chain; sponsoring Rat Control program; electing new officers; building mailboxes; and holding a "Parent Night and Fish Fry" with an attendance of well over 250.

SUTTLE

The Suttle FFA chapter held its annual officers training school recently at



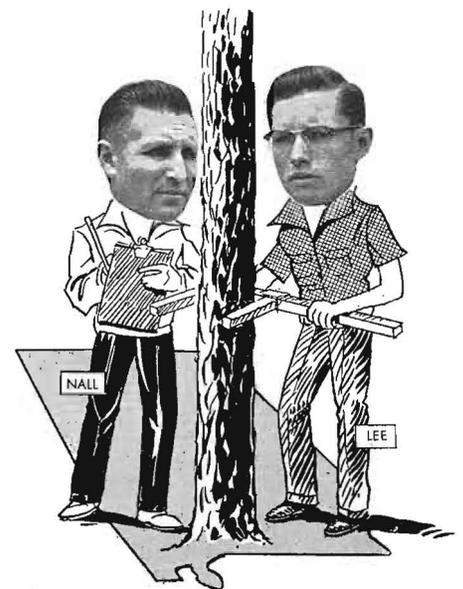
R. N. HOSKINS, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Airline Railroad, at left, presents Wilson Lee, Bay Minette, first place award in the FFA Forestry Contest this past year. B. H. Nall, local advisor, is at center.

the Vocational Agriculture building to plan the year's program of work.

A few other features in the program included: expanding the pig chain; raising show calves; completing roadside park; rat control program; community mailbox improvement; forestry improvement; entering FFA contests; and conservation of natural resources.

STEVENSON

Rural mail carriers will not have to look twice to notice the newly constructed mailbox stands at Stevenson. These new mailbox improvements were made by Stevenson FFA members under the supervision of C. D. Richardson, local FFA advisor and Vo-Ag teacher. Richardson said that the mailbox program was part of a statewide improvement program among FFA chapters to make the job of mail carriers much easier. This program, he said, not only makes the mailman's job less fatiguing



B. H. NALL, at left, supervises work of Wilson Lee, Bay Minette, who was State winner in FFA Forestry Contest.

Bay Minette Member Has Outstanding Record In Forestry

Here is the record of the State Forestry winner, Wilson Lee of Bay Minette chapter.

Project Accomplishments:

- Planted 68,000 seedlings
- Improvement cut 33 acres
- Thinned 25 acres
- Pruned 15 acres
- Hardwood control 60 acres
- Control burned 50 acres

Products harvested:

- 25,000 board feet saw logs
- 110 cords pulpwood
- 10 cords fuel wood

but appearance is improved and the mailbox is given an attractive look.

STRAUGHN

Members of the Straughn FFA chapter recently made a trip that was a thrill of a lifetime for most of them.

Sixteen members made the trip to Lookout Mountain, Rock City and Nashville. Mr. Woodrow Wilson, coach at Straughn, acted as advisor in place of Mr. M. C. Brand who was unable to attend.

The first day was spent traveling, with a brief stop to tour Berry College near Rome, Georgia.

The first night was spent in a hotel in Chattanooga.

The next day was spent sightseeing at Lookout Mountain and Rock City.

The third and last day of the trip was spent in Nashville where the boys attended the Grand Ole Opry.

GOSHEN

The presentation of a purebred Hampshire gilt to the Goshen FFA chapter by Sanders Gin Company recently marked another step in the continued effort of both the business concerns and the local FFA chapter toward improvement of the quality of hogs in the community.

The eighty-pound gilt was placed with Rendell Clark who will return two pigs from the first litter as payment for the animal. The pigs will then be placed with other boys on the same basis.

The addition of the Hampshire pig to the pig chain program brings the leading breeds of the community represented on FFA pig chains to three. In all the chapter has five pigs distributed among its members.

The other members having pigs are: Jimmy Carter, Richards Sanders, Gene Milton, and Jerry Barnett.

TUSKEGEE

The Tuskegee Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has launched a program to put more meat and less lard on Macon County Hogs.

First step in the program was the purchase recently of a purebred Yorkshire gilt at a cost of \$100 from J. A. Bufford and Son, purebred hog breeders of Buffalo, Alabama.

This gilt is a granddaughter of the Grand Champion boar at Ohio State Fair and she is bred to the Grand Champion boar of the 1955 Alabama State Fair.

Johnny Daniel, of Fort Davis, will have charge of the gilt. He will turn over to the FFA chapter two gilts from her litter.

GREENVILLE

"Doing to Learn" is part of the motto of the Future Farmers of America. The members of the Greenville FFA chapter

will really have an opportunity to put this part of the motto into practice this coming year.

The FFA chapter now owns a tractor, tiller, disc, mower and fertilizer spreader. They plan on buying other pieces of equipment as soon as chapter funds will permit.

The members also built the shed in which their equipment is stored.

HAYNEVILLE

Comer Coker, vo-ag student at Hayneville High School, is doing a good job of wildlife conservation along with his farming program.

Last January he secured 1500 bicolor lespedeza plants from Mr. Hardie, his County Soil Conservation representative, and planted them as recommended. Comer did a good job of setting out his plants, fertilizing and cultivating them and has been rewarded by an exceptionally good stand of healthy plants which will furnish good quail food this fall.

Comer also has on his farm six acres of sericea lespedeza which not only furnishes good quail food and cover but also provides two or three cuttings of good quality hay each year. He has set



J. C. CANNON

State Advisor Honored

The "FORESTRY BULLETIN" of the Seaboard Airline Railroad had the above photograph of Mr. Cannon on its cover for September. It also carried the following statement about Mr. Cannon:

"J. C. Cannon, Alabama's state supervisor of vocational agriculture, directs an agricultural education program that is training more than 25,000 boys, young men, and adults to become efficient farmers. An Auburn graduate, Mr. Cannon has been in his chosen field since 1923. Before he was elevated to his present position in 1945, he had served as teacher of vocational agriculture, high school principal, critic vocational agriculture teacher, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, and associate supervisor of vocational agriculture.

"Realizing the importance of good forestry management and conservation to the welfare of all citizens of Alabama, and particularly the farmer, Mr. Cannon has stressed the inclusion of practical forestry instruction in the teaching programs of all teachers of vocational agriculture. Mr. Cannon, an able administrator, is held in high esteem in all Alabama educational circles and throughout the South. Through Mr. Cannon's leadership, many Future Farmers of America chapters in Alabama have established demonstration forestry plots to show the results of good forestry management. As a direct result of his emphasis on forestry, Alabama Future Farmers have planted more than a million seedlings each year for more than a decade, with a 1955-56 peak of 1,995,000 pine seedlings set by this group."

out approximately six acres of Kudzu on steep hills and in gullies to control erosion. He uses the Kudzu as temporary pasture when his permanent pasture is slowed down by drought.



During a lecture on science, the instructor said to one student: "This gas contains poison. What steps would you take if it escaped?" "Long ones," came the reply.

"Any big men born around here?" asked the tourist in condescending tone. "Nope," replied the native. "Best we can do is babies. Different in the city, I suppose?"

Sarge: "Don't you know better than to point an empty gun at me?" Private: "But this one isn't empty."

"I can't get my report card back," said the boy to his teacher. "You gave me an A in something and they're still mailing it to relatives."

Reports say jet planes have passed the speed of sound, and are fast approaching that of gossip.

Lady: "Are you a good little boy?" Little Boy: "No, ma'm, I'm the kind of child my mother won't let me play with."

Teacher: "Now what in the world did I do with my pencil?"

Boy: "It's behind your ear." Teacher: "Come, come. You know I'm a busy man . . . which ear?"

I used to think when I was young,
All girls were sweet as pie.
Now when I think of what I think,
I think I think a lie.

TRAFFIC TROUBLE . . . There are too many drivers who can't think as fast as their cars will go.

A formula for successful farming: Rise early, work late, and strike oil!

"Get ready to die. I'm going to shoot you."
"Why? I've never seen you before."
"I said that if I ever saw anyone who looked like me, I would shoot him."
"Do I look like you?"
"Yes."
"Shoot."

PRATTVILLE

The Prattville FFA Dairy Judging Team won first place in the Dairy Cattle Judging contest which was held in connection with the Montgomery Dairy Cattle Exposition on September 10.

The team won an expense paid trip to Birmingham where they will participate in another judging contest on October 1, at the Alabama State Fair.

Members of this team are George Derden, Ronald Rogers, and Gordan Allen.

ELKMONT

The Elkmont Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has recently purchased from the Lawrence County Duroc Breeders Association a registered bred Duroc gilt.

The money for the gilt was granted by the Sears, Roebuck Foundation.

The boys received the gilt with much enthusiasm as some of them are looking forward to getting one of the pigs. This pig was needed badly by the FFA boys

because of a shortage of good swine stock in the Elkmont community.

The boys who are to receive the pigs are to be selected by a committee made up of three boys from the chapter. Each boy will receive an eight week old gilt and will breed it to a registered Duroc boar. He will then return an eight week old gilt to another boy.

ECLECTIC

The Vocational Agriculture classes of Eclectic High School will present a television program on WSFA-TV, Wednesday, October 17, 1956 at 11:30 a.m.

This will be a continuation of the TV programs being presented by Vocational Agriculture classes of central and south Alabama.

The subject of the program will be "Home Fire Prevention." The discussion will take up cost of home fires in dollars and cents and also in cost of lives lost annually.

ECLECTIC

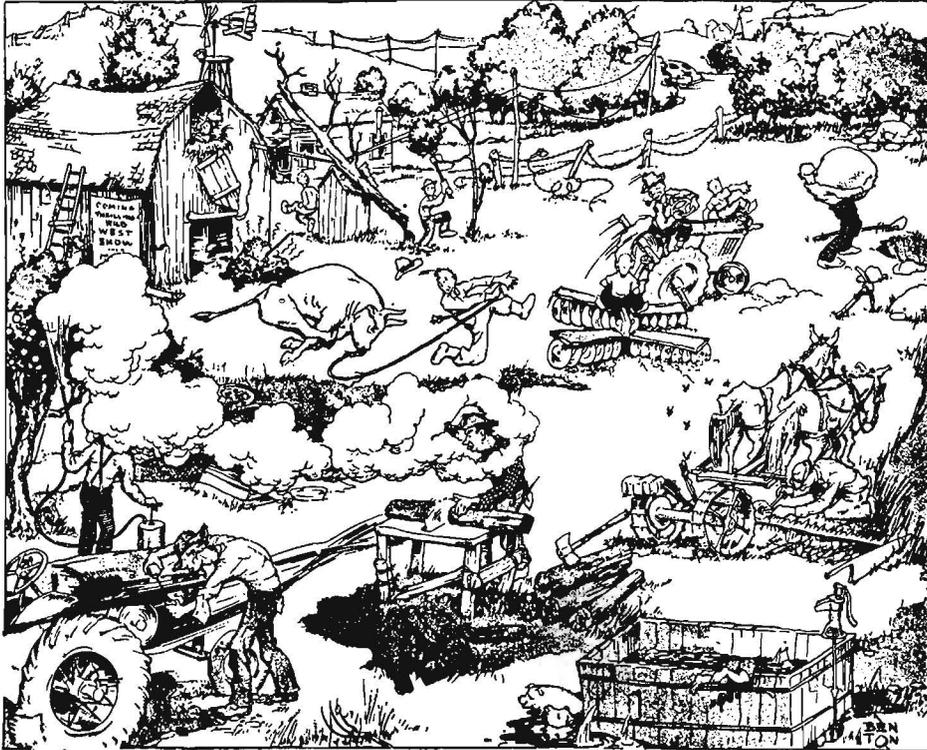
Jerry Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Caldwell of Route 1, Tallassee, has been selected to receive a scholarship presented by the Sears Roebuck Foundation at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn.

Jerry graduated from the Elmore County High School at Eclectic in June. He was an outstanding member of the FFA chapter there. He received his State Farmer Degree while a student at Eclectic.

Jerry will enroll in Agricultural Science at Auburn during the fall quarter.

He was selected to receive one of the twelve scholarships given because of his overall outstanding record and especially for his interest in agriculture.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



ANSWER - WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

1. Failure to stop tractor when oiling.
2. Sloppy sleeves around machinery.
3. Unguarded saw.
4. Careless handling of log, endangering thumb.
5. Unbolted sleeves near saw.
6. Broken legs and supports on saw table.
7. Man at saw carrying sharp tools in pocket.
8. Double blade axe left unguarded.
9. Axe with broken handle.
10. Sharp pointed hay fork on ground.
11. Boy playing around water tank.
12. Unsanitary mudhole around tank - leaky water trough.
13. Unsanitary condition of well.
14. Working in front of mower.
15. Horses unprotected from flies.
16. Pick left sticking in ground.
17. Broken handle on pick.
18. Man overfilling.
19. Shovel presents tripping hazard.
20. Boy riding on tractor.
21. Turning sharply at high speed with tractor.
22. Harrowing with tractor rear wheels in narrow position.
23. Tractor driver not watching where he is going.
24. Child riding on harrow.
25. Failure to lead bull with a staff.
26. Broken fence.
27. Trees create blind entrance to highway.
28. Dangling electric wire over driveway.
29. Tree chopper's axe caught in tree because he is standing incorrectly.
30. Unsafe windmill could fall on someone.
31. Unsafe windmill could fall on someone.
32. Pal resting on platform of windmill may fall off.
33. Stovepipe in window of home.
34. Upturned rake near house.
35. Smoking in haymow.
36. Door of haymow may fall on someone.
37. Faulty electric wiring near barn.
38. Nails in board on ground.
39. Broken ladder.
40. Broken wheel on ground is tripping hazard.
41. Spraying against the wind.
42. Chimney on house too low.
43. Rickety barn - roof sagging and whole barn in disrepair.
44. Barn stall in disrepair.
45. Ladder leaning against rotten barn roof.
46. Man in haymow too near opening - may fall out.
47. Manure pile poorly placed in front of barn.
48. No safety blocks on saw-tractor wheels.
49. Smooth patch on outside of tractor tire-tread.
50. Pump not braced.
51. No platform around pump.
52. Hose of fruit spray between man's legs liable to trip him.
53. Spraying trees after they have borne fruit.
54. No guard rail on windmill.
55. No lightning rods on farm buildings.
56. No guards on wheels of tractor.
57. Seat missing from tractor.
58. Seat missing from tractor.
59. Seat support on mower broken and inadequately repaired with wire.
60. Doubletree kingpin about to come out of mower.
61. No guards on gears of mower.
62. Reins dropped between horses attached to mower.

SULLIGENT

Members of this chapter showed 10 head of dairy cattle at Kennedy on Saturday, September 1, placing first in two divisions.

The judging team, composed of Jimmy Crump, Jacky Pennington, and Larry Flynn, placed second in county competition.

Larry Flynn was second high man in dairy judging in the county.



MEMBERS of the Spring Garden FFA and FHA enjoy educational tour.

Plan Your FFA Farm Safety Campaign

Most studies of accidental deaths show that more persons are killed annually by accidents, while engaged in farming, than in any other industry. Two factors influence these findings. First, more persons are engaged in the pursuit of agriculture than in any other occupation, and second, safety rules are not enforced on the farm and they are in organized industry.

The time to be concerned about accidents is before they occur. One may be too many. Most farm accidents could have been prevented if the necessary precautionary measures had been taken.

The primary purpose of this campaign is to make farm people more "safety-minded." Emphasis will be given to locating farm hazards and removing as many of them as possible.

Procedure for Conducting the Campaign

1. Devote one chapter meeting to a discussion of common farm accidents and their causes.

2. Take a field trip to a member's home. Using the Farm Hazard Survey Sheet, make a systematic survey of the farm to locate hazards and record them.

3. When a safety hazard is located mark its identity on the back of a "Danger tag" and tie or tack the tag in a prominent location at the place of the hazard. Keep a record of the number of tags used.

4. Encourage each member to do the same on his home farm.

5. Place emphasis on the removal of hazards. The tag is not to be taken down until the hazard is removed or precautionary steps taken to lessen it. Record on the back of the tag the corrective action taken.

6. Each member will turn the tags in to a Farm Safety chairman as they are removed and will receive credit against the number originally used.

7. At the end of a specified period of time (1 to 6 months) the record of hazards removed will be evaluated.

This may be set up as a contest in which the member who most effectively removed the greatest percentage of hazards will receive the chapter FFA Foundation medal for Farm Safety for the year.

8. Public news releases should be made of the activities and accomplishments in this campaign.

—FFA—

"Next to creating a life,
the greatest thing
man can do . . .

is save a life."

The Safe Farm Test

Can You Answer "Yes" To All These Questions?

BUILDINGS AND FARMYARD

1. Are ladders and steps well built and kept in good repair?
2. Are ladder openings and stairways hand-railed; are hay chute openings properly protected?
3. Do you avoid storing loose materials overhead?
4. Are haymows adequately lighted, with switches located conveniently, or hooks provided for lanterns?
5. If buildings have lightning rods, are points, conductors, and metal parts of the building properly grounded?
6. Are ladders kept where they are quickly accessible in case of fire? Are they long enough to reach roof of highest building?
7. Are nails promptly removed from loose boards?
8. Do you protect water tanks, cisterns, wells or pools, hazardous to the lives of children?
9. Do you keep the farmyard clear of garden tools, forks, rubbish, waste, etc.?

ANIMALS

10. Are you careful not to surprise animals when approaching them?
11. Have cattle been dehorned and boars tusks cut short?
12. Are small children kept away from pens and barns?
13. Do you use special care in handling animals with new-born young?
14. Do you avoid handling the bull by providing a safe bull pen?
15. Are horses securely tied before leaving them? Is the harness in good repair?

MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, AND HAND TOOLS

16. Do you keep tractor wheels spread when possible to reduce tipping hazards?
17. Do you check haying equipment before haying season for worn or unsafe rope, pulleys, etc.?
18. Do you keep guards in place on power shafts, belts and chains?
19. Do you turn off the power before adjusting or unclogging machinery?
20. Do you keep children away from machinery?
21. Do you see that the tractor is out of gear with the brake set before attempting to crank? Do you avoid gripping crank with your thumb around it?
22. Do you avoid stepping over or under moving belts?
23. Do you avoid wearing loose fitting, torn clothing or ragged gloves around moving machinery?
24. Do you avoid operating the tractor on dangerous inclines or near treacherous banks?
25. Do you avoid attempting to push a running belt from a pulley with your foot?
26. Do you keep tractor speed under four and one-half miles per hour for off-the-road operations?
27. Do you do all pulling from the draw bar and avoid hitching to the axle?
28. Do you avoid climbing over or around farm machinery when operating?
29. Do you avoid getting in front of the mowing machine to make adjustments while the machine is in gear?
30. Are hammer and axe heads secure, handles in good condition?
31. Do you have a definite place for every tool when not in use?
32. Do you stroke from behind when whetting tools to avoid cutting the hand if blade moves too far forward?

ELECTRICITY

33. Are all electric circuits equipped with proper size fuses or circuit breakers? (Light circuit fuses should not exceed 15 amperes.)
34. Do you cut off current when working on an electrical conductor?
35. Do you use moisture proof cords for outside weather conditions; heavy rubber cords for motors and motor driven appliances?
36. Are you using an approved electric fence controller?
37. Are all electrical appliances in proper condition; are they being properly operated?
38. Do you know how to treat electric shock cases?
39. Do you avoid replacing burned out fuses with coins, wire, or other metal?
40. Are electric motors kept clean and free from trash accumulation?

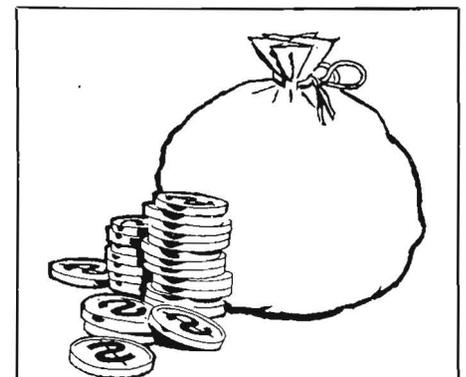
FARM HOME

41. Are stairways clear of boxes, mops, brooms, tools, etc.? Are they adequately lighted?

42. Do your stairs have at least one strong handrail?
43. Do you keep steps, porches, and stairways in good repair?
44. Are sharp knives kept in a rack or separately from other knives and tableware?
45. Do you keep handles of cooking utensils on the stove turned back from the front?
46. Do you immediately mop up spilled grease or water?
47. Do you use a safe step ladder instead of makeshifts?
48. Does the power washing wringer have an easily operated hand release?
49. Do you avoid placing vessels of hot water or hot fat where they may be overturned?
50. Do you provide special containers for broken glass, etc.?
51. Is there a definite place for bicycles, wagons, scooters, skates and other playthings?
52. Do you avoid leaving small children alone in the bath tub?
53. Do you have an enclosed play area for children under 18 months?
54. Are matches kept out of the reach of children?
55. Do you disconnect electric iron when not in use? Do you have a metal or asbestos stand for your iron?
56. Are small rugs securely fastened at the head and foot of stairs and from landings so as to prevent slipping? Is stair carpeting securely fastened?
57. Do you have electric cords repaired or discarded when they become frayed or worn?
58. Do you keep medicines properly labeled and out of reach of children?
59. Do you do all dry cleaning out of doors when using flammable materials?
60. Are guns kept unloaded and locked up?
61. Do you have a light switch or lamp near your bed which you can reach safely in the dark?
62. Do you follow directions carefully when canning food? Do you have the pressure gauge on the pressure canner checked annually?

SANITATION AND HEALTH

63. Do you avoid over exposure to sun, and avoid heat collapse by drinking plenty of water and taking plenty of salt?
64. Have you a first aid kit? Do you know first aid?
65. Do you avoid starting and running gasoline equipment in buildings with closed doors?



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66. During an electrical storm, do you avoid standing under a lone tree or near wire fences?
 67. Is there drainage away from the well, and a distance of at least 100 feet to septic tank or other sewage disposal? Is the well sealed from contamination by surface water?
 68. Have you learned to apply artificial respiration?

HIGHWAY

69. Do you always observe and obey highway signs and markers?
 70. Do you always use the proper signals for turns and stops?
 71. Do you always slow down, look and listen before crossing railroad tracks?
 72. Is there good two-way vision where your own driveway enters the highway?
 73. When forced to stop, do you pull completely off the travelled portion of the road, or at least the safest spot available?
 74. Do you always carry a light, front and rear, on any vehicle you drive on a road at night?
 75. Do you keep your arms inside when driving or riding in a truck or other vehicle?
 76. Do you always stay at least one car length for each 10 miles per hour behind another vehicle that you do not intend to pass?
 77. Do you have your vehicles checked periodically to keep them in good condition for safe driving?
 78. Do you go down steep or slippery grades in low gear?
 79. Do you avoid passing another vehicle near the top of hills, or curves, or any other place where vision is obstructed?
 80. Do you always make sure that no one is in the way when you reverse?
 81. When walking on a road do you always face traffic, in other words, keep to the left?
 82. When walking on a road at night, do you always carry a light or wear something white?

FIRES

83. Do you have an emergency water supply available? (Pond, barrels in buildings, or hose attachment to water system.)
 84. Do you have boxes of sand in buildings to supplement other equipment in fighting oil or gasoline fires?
 85. Do you avoid leaving oil-saturated or paint rags lying around?
 86. Have you eliminated weeds, brush, old lumber, and other similar fire hazards from around buildings?

87. Are lanterns hung on convenient hooks or wires?
 88. Do you avoid using kerosene to start a fire?
 89. Is your gasoline stored in one of the following ways: under ground, or in an isolated tank at least 40 feet from buildings?
 90. Are all gasoline containers painted bright red?
 91. Are all tractor or truck motors stopped before refueling?
 92. Have you approved type of fire extinguishers at building entrances and are they checked at regular intervals?
 93. Are brooder houses at least 100 feet from other buildings and from each other?
 94. Are cars, trucks, and tractors kept in buildings separate from barns?
 95. Do you avoid burning rubbish on a windy day or near buildings or hay stacks?
 96. In the absence of an organized rural fire department, do you have definite arrangements with neighbors to come with tools and ladders in case of fire?
 97. Do you have chimneys and stovepipes inspected and cleaned regularly?
 98. Do you avoid carrying loose matches in your pockets?
 99. Do you avoid smoking in and around farm buildings?
 100. Do you watch the temperature of newly stored hay?

FARM ACCIDENTS, 1952

	Deaths	Injuries
Total	14,800	1,200,000
Motor Vehicle	6,000	210,000
Home	3,500	540,000
Occupational	3,800	320,000
Public non-motor vehicle	1,300	150,000

—FFA—

Accidents On The Farm

City people consider the farm a place of safety and quietness. As we look at statistics, we find that farming is the third most hazardous occupation.

Last year, the members of our chapter wrote more than 400 safety letters which were distributed to the public. We also used highway signs, with large letters. An example: one of our signs read: "It's better to be ten minutes late in this world than fifty years early in the next." Another one reads, "Does your carelessness cause this?" A large arrow points to a grave with a tombstone at its head. A tourist stopped at a farmhouse about a quarter of a mile from the sign and asked the man who lived there why a person was buried down the highway. He was told, "there was a wreck there, and the man was killed and buried." When he found out the tourist was in earnest and wanted to know why a man was buried there, he explained that it was part of our safety program.

Previous speakers have talked about accidents involving farm machinery, especially at night. There's another problem in which we have tried to help. Last year we purchased 400 feet of Scotch-Lite tape and applied the tape to 180 machines. We hope it will help someone prevent an accident.

Another method we believe to be a good one is the use of comic posters. I don't know whether the majority of you here still have rural schools, but back where I come from we still have quite a few of them. We deliver posters to these schools, to the grade schools and to neighbors in their community. It is a

means of getting more people involved, getting children working in safety.

How many of us on our farms have livestock that have horns? Did you ever stop to think about the fact that you're betting your life, a limb, or an eye against a few cents or the little work it would take to dehorn these calves when they are young?

Another thing that would prevent many accidents in the home is attention to electrical wiring. In our vocational agriculture classes, we learn about electrical wiring, and, when we go on a home survey, we ask to see the family's electrical box to see what circuits they have. If they are not properly fixed, we have a red tag which has a skull and cross-bones on it. On every hazard we find, we leave one of these tags with written recommendations across the back. These surveys have a total of 191 common hazards that are found on a farm. Last year, we surveyed 281 farms, 211 of which we had surveyed previously.

After last year's Congress, I went home with the idea of getting not only our own chapter, but also the entire sub-district to work at safety. We now have a sub-district safety program with 11 chapters participating, involving approximately 500 members. I'm glad to say that this year it has grown to the extent that the sub-district safety council has two delegates to this year's National Safety Congress.

This year, let's see if we can reverse the saying about youth. Instead of going out and pulling foolish and dangerous tricks, let's see if we can hear the public say, "There's a generation of safe youth growing up." When we go back, let's all have a meeting devoted entirely to safety. (FFA chapter in Missouri.)

—FFA—

BICYCLE SAFETY

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Conduct a series of bicycle riding skill tests on the school playground — straight line riding, circle riding, weaving among obstacles, etc.

Have a group of pupils check the safety features of a bicycle. Let students explain what needs adjusting in order to make a bicycle fit riders of different heights.

Discuss with the class or a panel the safe practices which pupils have worked out for bicycling between home and school.

Review with pupils the local rules and regulations for bicycle riding.

Demonstrate the use of bicycle racks and other facilities and practices on school grounds used to safeguard younger children in the vicinity.

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DRIVER SAFETY

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Show and have students discuss a driver education film.

Arrange a panel or class discussion of "Rules of the Road."

Have groups of students demonstrate how to perform simple maneuvers and exercises (backing, parking, turning around, starting on upgrade, etc.).

Have students demonstrate psychophysical testing devices (vision, reaction time, etc.) by testing parents and discussing the results.

Hear student reports on results of traffic surveys they have made in the community.

—FFA—

Put Your Hands To Work For Safety

One day a farmer stopped plowing and sat down and started to talk to his mule.

"Which way we going, Pete? Which road are we going to travel? You're just a mule, and I'm a man made in the image of God. But we work hitched up together year in and year out, and I often wonder if I work for you or you work for me.

"Anyway, it's a partnership. We cover the same distance, we do the same amount of work. I do it on two legs and you on four, so I do twice as much work per leg as you. Soon we'll be putting in our corn crop, and, when we harvest it, I'll give one-third to the landlord, one-third to you, and I'll get the remainder. You eat all yours but the cob, while I have to divide mine with my wife, six children, three hogs, 60 hens and a dog. If you and I both need shoes, you get them first. Yes, Pete, you're getting the best of me, and I don't believe it's fair for you to swindle man, the image of the Creator, and the most intelligent of all animals."

Well, that ends the discussion of the farmer and the mule, and it's not a particularly accurate view of farm life. But when we stop to think about it, perhaps it does have a point. Few, if any, of the rural youth here today have the relationship between the farmer and "Pete." Yet, how many of us are headed in the same direction? We've become so entangled in matters that we forget to act intelligently. We become so tied up in going to school, doing our chores, and a thousand and one other things that we forget that we have an obligation to fill to ourselves and to our community.

Today, I would like to bring to your attention one of the most serious problems which has ever faced the farm people of America. It is a problem in which

every one of us has a direct stake. If the farm youth of America would devote their customary enthusiasm and energy to this problem, it could very well become in a few years as nearly extinct as a jar of whipping cream.

This, fellow delegates is the problem of the ghost, Mr. Accident, on the farms of America. It is a nightmare to thousands of mothers and farm wives. It's a nightmare to 1,300,000 unfortunate victims of who last year thought, "It can't happen to me." But it did!

You see, Mr. Accident operates especially well in rural areas because less has been done to combat him there. Until just a few years ago, the farm was thought a haven of safety. It has been acclaimed as a calm, quiet, secure life — free from the dangers of factories, business streets, and highways.

But what is actually happening? Each year, thousands of American farm people are killed and injured by some queer quirk of fate which, in most cases, a little education in farm safety could have prevented. Yes, fellow delegates, most rural homes are dangerous places in which to live.

I would like to cite an example of what we found on West Virginia farms when we worked on a community improvement project and checked for hazards. Members in West Virginia located some 20,000 hazards on only a very small number of farms. Think of the job that really needs to be done in our state! How can an FFA chapter have a really successful program of activities unless they have a definite place in their program for a community improvement project? Yet, many fine farm youth organizations, including FFA, FHA, Boy Scouts, 4-H, and church organizations, do not have an active safety program.

Perhaps you wonder why this is so. I would like to present to you several reasons why I believe that more of these clubs do not promote safety work in our communities.

The first of these is that boys and girls just have not been presented with the opportunity and educational background, and do not understand how badly a safety program is needed. I would like to discuss what you as delegates can do when you get back home to promote safety in your community.

The old saying, "Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm," is certainly true. For enthusiasm which is coming directly from a conviction that a job needs to be done is a lot like the heat of a glowing fire on a cold day. It warms everyone who comes near, but before the fuel can warm others, it must first catch fire. This is also true of safety campaigns. The leader must show his enthusiasm before he can instill it in other members.

Back home, a speech class teacher told

me that every person in the world is a salesman. Not all of us consider ourselves salesmen, but I believe we are. We don't think of a doctor as a salesman, but he must sell himself to his patients. A preacher must sell his ideas to his congregation. In the job of selling your safety campaign, nothing succeeds like enthusiasm.

Another necessary quality you must develop in your fellow officers and club members is the will to achieve. "The will to achieve" is a phrase which indicates a strong and determined purpose — a "keep-on-trying" attitude. Through the centuries, it has been responsible for all of man's progress. You know the difference between an average club and an outstanding one. You know the difference between an average club president and an enthusiastic, hard-working leader. One tries to get out of everything he can; the other assumes responsibilities for the leadership of his club. One is content to dream and drift, and finally fizzles out like a burned-out firecracker. He is content with average progress, with little action and small results. Contrast such a leader with a forceful and determined boy or girl who has seen that his or her community is a harbor of thousands of dangerous hazards to human life and limb, and who has developed a plan of action. (FFA member in West Virginia.)

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Same Old Story

"Accidents are caused." That's a phrase you've probably heard and read hundreds of times — maybe you're just plain fed up with hearing it over and over again. But have you ever given it any thought and considered all its implications?

Accidents are caused by human faults. Consider that. Accidents are caused by lack of knowledge or training, fatigue, recklessness, stubbornness, haste, laziness, failure to provide adequate safeguards.

Such human faults can be corrected and accidents can be prevented — by you.

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In the old days if anyone missed a stage coach he was content to wait a day or two for the next one. Now, he lets out a squawk if he misses one section of a revolving door.

Too many people are in a hurry these days, and for no particular reason. They're just caught up in the whizzy, whirly ways of the modern world, which cause people to run to catch buses, dash across streets when they don't have the walk sign, to rush through a job so they won't miss a coffee break. Haste makes waste, sure. But haste makes broken bodies, too.

Slow down and live! At work, at play, on the highway, at home. That doesn't mean loafing or letting things slide. It does mean applying calm, sure, safe and steady habits and attitudes in everything you do.

— FFA —

Save Your Eyes

Eyesight is priceless, eye protection is cheap. Those big baby blues of yours need a lot of protecting, because eye hazards are numerous as people complaining about the heat.

For instance . . .

You may be grinding, when bits of metal from the work and particles of carborundum from the grinding wheel shoot out at you with bullet-like speed.

You may be welding without goggles, and the ultra-violet rays seriously burn your eyes without you ever realizing it.

You may be drilling, when small particles of metal or wood are hurled into your eyes from the spinning drill.

You may be using an air hose, and a blast of air sends dust and fine particles sailing toward your face.

You may be chipping, when pieces of chipped metal or paint fly into your eyes, or the chisel cracks and sends a sliver of steel into your face, or an off-center blow sends the chisel itself flying out of control.

Wear eye protection — your insurance against eye injury.

Tractor Accidents Can Happen To You

America leads the world in mechanized agriculture. Tractors by the thousands operate faithfully and efficiently in fields throughout the country. Some are old and dull; some are new and shiny. Altogether there are more than 2,000,000 of them and they play a vital role in making America the greatest producer of food and fiber.

American farmers point with pride to their tractors except when an accident has sabotaged the savings and pleasure the tractor has brought to its owner.

An accident seldom hurts the tractor much. It hurts the operator, his family, his friends, his pocketbook and his food production. Death or lifelong disability are frequent consequences. Sometimes it means a farm has to be sold or abandoned.

Tractor operators, like American automobile drivers, who drive the world's best cars, are piling up a shameful record of needless tragedies. Manufacturers are trying to make tractors safe but they cannot make them foolproof.

Good judgment is all that is necessary to prevent tractor accidents. It is easy to avoid tragedy. Just be on the alert and practice safety!

Tractors are used more than most other farm machinery. There are also more accidents with tractors than any other piece of farm equipment. In some states 75 per cent of the recent fatal accidents with farm machinery involved tractors. These accidents seem to fall into four main classes: (1) overturning, (2) falls, (3) power takeoff entanglement, and (4) a miscellaneous group with a wide variety of causes summarized by the safety rules listed below.

Tractor Safety Rules

1. Before starting a tractor see that gear-shift lever is in neutral. When crank-



"Let him drop his bombs where he wants and dig your own fox holes like everyone else."

ing tractor, place thumb and fingers on same side of crank.

2. Always drive tractor carefully, avoid excessive speed, holes, ditches or other obstructions, reduce speed when turning, and use extra care on hillsides, rough ground or highways.

3. Engage clutch gently, especially when pulling uphill, out of ditches or heavy loads.

4. To reduce speed or stop always brake wheels equally (use brake connecting latch if provided).

5. Always keep power line shielding in place and stop power take-off before dismounting from tractor.

6. Never allow extra riders on tractor.

7. Be careful refilling radiator on overheated tractor or with pressure cooling system.

8. Avoid refueling or other service work while tractor is running or extremely hot.

9. Do not operate a tractor in a closed building or where exhaust will contact flammable material.

10. Stay on seat while tractor is in motion, never dismount until it stops.

11. Always hitch to tractor drawbar, especially heavy loads.

12. Keep tractor in gear going down steep hills or grades.

13. Always stop tractor before removing or replacing a belt.

14. It is dangerous to let children operate tractors.

15. Keep tractor platform, pedals, foot rests, steps, etc., free of dirt, grease, trash or other tripping hazards.

16. Keep tractor in good mechanical condition. Check brakes, clutch, lights, fuel line and control mechanism frequently.

17. Be careful coupling implements to tractor. (Special hitches or a hook to handle drawbar make hitching safer and easier with light pull behind equipment.)

18. Avoid wearing loose, sloppy clothing while operating tractor.

19. Observe standard traffic signals when operating on public highways.

20. See that everyone is in the clear before starting a tractor.

21. Use lights for night operation, don't operate in the dark.

22. Use wide wheel treads whenever possible.

Farm Safety Awards

STATE AWARDS

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There were approximately 2,350 deaths due to firearms during 1950. Seven times as many males were killed as females. The highest death rate was among boys and men 15 to 24 years of age.

About one-third of all the fatal acci-

dental shootings, in 1950, occurred in connection with hunting trips. The principal circumstances involved in both fa-

1. Persons mistaken for game or stepping into the line of fire.

2. Striking gun against ground or other objects when hunter stumbled or fell.

3. Carrying loaded guns while climbing over obstacles or walking through brush.

4. Pulling loaded guns, muzzle first, through a fence.

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3. Always store sprays and dusts in original containers and keep them tightly closed. Never keep them in anything but the original container.

4. Never smoke while spraying or dusting.

5. Avoid inhaling sprays or dusts.

When directed on the label, wear protective clothing and masks.

6. Do not spill sprays or dusts on the skin or clothing. If they are spilled, remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash thoroughly.

7. Wash hands and face and change to clean clothing after spraying or dusting. Also wash clothing each day before re-use.

8. Cover food and water containers when treating around livestock or pet areas. Do not contaminate fish ponds.

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On The MARCH

ALEXANDER CITY—making plans for coming year; held special officers meeting; entered county dairy cattle judging contest; made plans for mailbox program.

ALICEVILLE—selling magazines; attended sheep meeting and tractor demonstration; getting chapter bull ready for State Fair; ordered 6 jackets; selling concessions at ball games; training officers.

ARDMORE—placed 4 pigs in pig chain; elected officers; held joint barbecue with FHA; 36 boys went on camping trip; initiated 21 members; sponsored magazine drive.

ATTALLA—held officers training school; collected dues; ordered FFA notebooks; have 5 new members; plan program for year; appointed committees.

AUBURN—24 new members; working on program of work; plan to build 30 mailbox posts; quartet holding daily practices; string band held 2 practices.

BERRY—elected officers; have 27 Green Hands; discussed securing road signs to be erected; selling subscriptions to Farm and Ranch magazine; hung Chapter Charter on wall.

BLOUNTSVILLE—purchased towel dispenser for shop; sold cold drinks and popcorn at ball game; all members subscribed to National Future Farmer magazine; held weiner roast.

BLUE SPRINGS—held officers training meeting; planned program of work; visited Pfister corn projects; member and advisor attended forestry camp.

BOAZ—elected officers for new year; planned initiation for 19 new members; sold calendars; received new banners.

BRANTLEY—corn crop averaged 72 bushels per acre; all ag students are FFA members; finance committee selling ads on FFA calendar; planned social with FHA.

BUTLER—held two regular meetings; all members subscribed to National Future Farmer magazine; plan rat poison campaign; plan to purchase new Chapter room station markers; making plans for mailbox drive.

CAMDEN—special meeting to elect officers; planned TV program over WSFA; operating school store; welcomed 23 Green hands.

CAMP HILL—14 new members; plan to build mailbox stands for each home represented and also for sale to others; ordered 100,000 pine seedlings as a co-op project of Camp Hill FFA and Mr. E. E. Huey, local pulpwood yard owner. Mr. Huey will buy tree planter and loan, free of charge, to members and adult farmers who wish to plant pines; appointed initiation committee; all ag boys are FFA members.

CARLOWVILLE—organized Dairy Judging team; planned officer training school; FFA sow farrowed 8 pigs; bought new tools for shop; subscribed to 12 magazines; had 2 news articles in local paper; sponsoring Donkey Basketball game; have 10 new members; placed 2 registered gilts in pig chain.

COFFEEVILLE—purchased new meeting equipment; five members growing out beef calves; each member purchased FFA Manual and parliamentary procedure manuals.

COTACO—held 2 officers meetings; planned Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; initiated 23 Green Hands; plan to build 150 mailboxes for sale; organized committees for year; ordered new FFA paraphernalia.

CEDAR BLUFF—held officer training school; started pig chain; received \$100 from sponsors to advertise while announcing football games.

CHEROKEE—member attended Forestry Camp at Selma; reconditioning shop equipment for school year; planned 100 per cent membership of vo-ag boys.

CLEMENTS—planned regular schedule for meetings; pig chain committee selected boy to receive Sears gilt; making plans to raise money to buy shop equipment; string band practicing; collecting dues from first year FFA boys and have set our goal for 100 per cent membership.

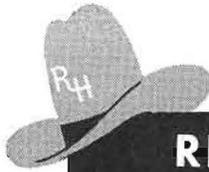
COLD SPRINGS—held first meeting; elected officers; selling mailbox posts and school supplies.

COLLINSVILLE—voted to purchase 2 new P&H welders for shop; awarded .22 automatic rifle to member for highest number of calendar ads sold; added 12 new books to Ag library.

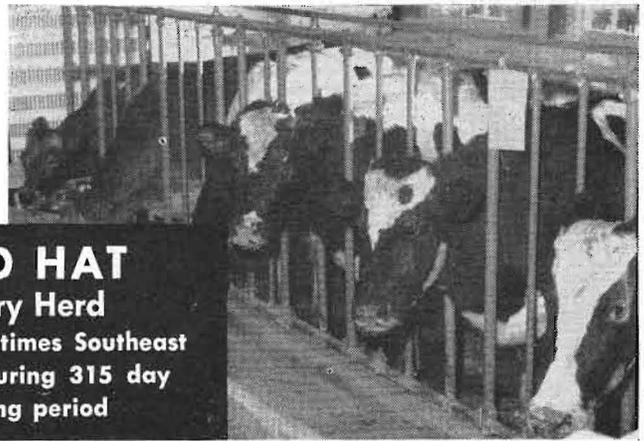
CURRY—held first regular meeting; appointed standing committees; initiated 25 Green Hands; raised 15 members to Chapter Farmer Degree; ordered and received FFA pins, secretary and treasurer's book; FFA officers to attend State Fair; held joint social with FHA.

DADEVILLE—held officers meeting; string band practicing; member attended Forestry Camp in Selma.

DANVILLE—educational tour of Florida;

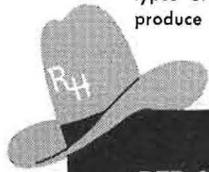


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three sows in pig chain to be rotated; held officer training meeting; 2 pigs being topped.

DOUGLAS—elected officers; checking corn yields; ordered FFA jackets and chapter supplies; plan initiation for 38 Green Hands.

EAST LIMESTONE—held officer training school; installed 3 electric water coolers for school; member to receive American Farmer Degree at National Convention; working on program of work for year.

ECLECTIC—holding regular meetings; sold calendar ads for Farm and Ranch, made \$190; selling ice cream; holding officer training program; plan good publicity program; working on mailbox and safety programs.

ELBA—bought and installed water cooler jointly with FHA; collected dues; enrolled 17 Green Hands.

ELKMONT—elected officers; bought registered Duroc sow and started pig chain; selling Farm and Ranch magazines; quartet made several appearances; got more books for library; made plans for building mailbox posts; ordered complete set of station markers.

FAIRHOPE—held 1 chapter meeting; bought new tools for shop; getting ready for initiation of new members.

FALKVILLE—operating concession stand at home football games, made \$50; repaired fence around football field; sold Sears, Roebuck bull; growing out 2 beef type heifers for chapter.

FLORALA—paid \$3 on official jackets for officers; purchased new large size banner; made \$140 for treasury by selling ads on Farm and Ranch calendars.

FOLEY—completed outline for Safety Program for year; secured sponsor for local safety contest and fire prevention contest; 29 Green Hands; placed 3 pig chain hogs; ordered 30 Green Hand pins, 20 Chapter Farmer pins, all officer guards and pins, official treasurer and secretary books, honorary chapter farmer plaques; sold football programs.

FORT DEPOSIT—member attended Forestry Camp at Selma; made plans for 1956-57 school year; purchased 2 calves to enter in show; gathering pecans on campus to help finance projects; planning year's program of work.

GAYLESVILLE—Bankers and tractor dealers are sending advisor and boy to Kansas City to FFA Convention; held 2 meetings; ordered official manual for officers.

GENEVA—held regular monthly meeting; gave program on hog production; presented assembly program; cooperated with Keep Geneva Green issue of Geneva County Reaper; plan to enter hogs in Southeast Alabama Fair.

GEORGIANA—held meeting; resumed operation of school supply store; added \$60 worth of equipment to shop; made plans for annual initiation.

GLENCOE—held one meeting; selling subscriptions to Farm and Ranch magazine; plan to enter several state sponsored contests.

GORGAS—held first meeting; discussed plans for barbecue; planned trip to State Fair; elected officers.

GRAND BAY—held one meeting; showed 2 calves in dairy show; enrolled 38 new members; appointed committees; entered dairy judging contest.

GRENVILLE—held regular meeting; committee appointed to carry out activity program; Activity Program adopted.

GROVE HILL—elected new officers; held 2 chapter and 2 officer meetings; placed 4 gilts in pig chain; working on chapter program of work; all members subscribing to National Future Farmer magazine and buying official FFA manual; bought new equipment for shop.

HACKLEBURG—training new officers; plan to raise some money to purchase equipment for shop; held 2 meetings; making plans to repaint class room; organizing String Band; all members to enter one or more contests; added 25 new books to library; installed water in shop.

HAMILTON—held chapter meeting; String band and quartet put on radio program; conducting rat poison campaign; published FFA News regularly in local paper.

HARTFORD—held weiner roast and first meeting of year; each vo-ag class elected officers; several members ordered jackets; bought new tools for shop; 10 members trying out for quartet; Hampshire sow farrowed 8 pigs.

HARTSELLE—held officers work shop and joint cleanup day with FHA; went on cotton ride and crowned king and queen cotton.

HATTON—worked on Activity Program; held 1 meeting; held officers training program.

HIGHLAND HOME—purchased portable sander for shop; plan to grow out hogs on lunchroom garbage; purchased 20 new notebooks for members; 3 members showing hogs at South Alabama Fair; 11 new members.

INVERNESS—held officers training program; ordered FFA supplies; 2 pigs added to pig chain; American Farmer appeared on TV program; initiated 10 Green Hands; ordered 19,000 pine seedlings.

JASPER—held officers training program; purchased wide-angle lens for camera; held meeting for Green Hands; operated machines for FFA finance committee; purchased new industrial drill press for shop.

JEMISON—held monthly meeting; planned officers workshop; ordered 4 official jackets; initiated 27 Green Hands; ordered 10 official manuals and station markers for each officer; plan to attend State Fair.

KINSTON—15 boys took a 3-day recreation trip to Gulf Shores; 2 pigs in pig chain registered; held officers training program and made chapter plans for coming year; bought 6 hogs to feed out; planned Green Hand initiation.

LEROY—two pig chain sows farrowed 24 pigs; added a pure-bred boar to pig chain; held 2 regular meetings; ordered manuals and station marker symbols for officers; appointed all permanent committees for year; 2 members purchased purebred gilts.

LOCUST FORK—initiated 21 Green Hand members; elected officers; went on week-end fishing and camping trip; FFA-FHA joint weiner roast; working on Activity Program for coming year.

LOUISVILLE—held 2 regular meetings and officer leadership training school; put on TV program; planned year's program of work and a social with the FHA.

LUVERNE—selling ads for FFA calendars; conducting rat killing campaign; working on Safety Campaign for chapter; ordered 5 new jackets; new officers training program started; held FFA meeting; organized Activity Program.

LYNN—tested soil; studied pasture and electricity; installed new tools in shop; put in order for new electric welder; have 14 new members.

McKENZIE—21 new members; all members have FFA manual; bought new sander for shop.

MAPLESVILLE—held first FFA meeting; holding Sweetheart contest; added 2 pigs to

"Next to creating a life,
the greatest thing
man can do . . .
is save a life."

—Abraham Lincoln

pig chain; held officers' training school; elected 2 new officers.

MIDLAND CITY—held 2 regular meetings; sponsored "Miss Midland City" contest; meetings held twice each month.

MILLRY—elected officers; completed Activity Program; held joint social with FHA; making plans to enter contests; placed pig in pig chain; ordered jackets and manuals; initiated Green Hands; added new books to library.

MONTEVALLO—planned trip to State Fair; made \$65 on sales in concession at ball game; plan to make 50 mailbox posts; enrolled 26 Green Hands; planning cooperative orders for animals and trees.

MONTGOMERY—ordered FFA notebooks; mailbox program off to good start; put large banner up in classroom; made plans to purchase tractor for chapter.

NEW BROCKTON—made stands for PE class and first grade class; working on FFA Calendar for year.

NEW HOPE—initiated 24 Green Hands; Duroc gilt farrowed 11 pigs; ordered Green Hand pins; sold \$320 worth Calendar ads.

NEW SITE—nominated officers for year; initiated 9 Green Hands; planning mailbox program; planning to enter several state sponsored contests.

OAKMAN—entered 12 animals in Fair; placed 1 gilt in pig chain; adopted Activity Program; started 2 calves on feed for fat calf show; held 2 meetings; purchased FFA station wagon.

OHATCHEE—received pigs for money making projects; planned Green Hand initiation; bought truck for FFA use; selling ice cream to make money for chapter; fixing chapter sign; making plans to fix mailboxes; added 35 new books to library; ordered jackets and supplies.

ORRVILLE—bought tape recorder for classroom use; subscribed to 10 Ag magazines; bought 10 copies of "Southern Crops" text; set a goal of 100 members; won a bred heifer for breeding work with Sears bull program; put on TV program.

PINE HILL—planned TV program; appointed committees for year; planned initiation for Green Hands; elected new officers.

PISGAH—moved into new shop; made study of pastures and farm fish pond; vying for national farm safety honors; bought new typewriter and gas welder for shop; held fish fry; members subscribed for FFA manual.

PRATTVILLE—held officers training school; entered Forestry contest; organized new quartet; 2 members entering Farm Electrification contest; 100 per cent of members joined FFA; bought 8 jackets, 20 official manuals and 20 ag notebooks; bought drill press for shop.

PRICEVILLE—sold steer; plan to purchase 2 calves to put on pasture for winter.

RED BAY—planning program of work; ordered official secretary and treasurer books; planning Activity Program; holding officers' training school; ordered 3 jackets, chapter farmer and Green Hand pins.

RIVERTON—held 6 chapter meetings and 3 officers' meetings; had joint FFA-FHA party; held 2 meetings of initiation committee and initiated 13 Green Hands; purchased 25 manuals; spent \$10 on FFA magazines.

ROGERS—held first meeting; going to get order for jackets and T-shirts in early; second year boys to put some kind of exhibit in North Alabama Fair; to start work on Activity Program.

ROGERSVILLE—added 2 pigs to pig chain; have a new table saw; making plans for year's work; planning trip; made \$130 selling drinks at football games; gave all first year boys an FFA manual.

SAND ROCK—made educational trip to Daytona Beach, Florida; held officer training school; appointed social, finance, and program of work committees; had ice cream supper; initiated 12 Green Hands.

SILAS—working on membership drive; putting on a rat, roach and ant killing campaign, chapter to receive 50 per cent of total products sold; working on assembly programs for year.

SOUTHSIDE—chapter sow farrowed 14 pigs; 6 boys to take hogs to Fair; planted crimson clover and ryegrass; operating concession stand during football games; sold seven top hogs for total of \$244.44; selected chapter corn grower.

SPEAKE—held fishing and camping trip on Tennessee River; purchased a Sears gift from Lawrence County Duroc Association of FFA pig chain; have 100 per cent membership including 15 new members; placed 1 gilt in pig chain.

SPRING GARDEN—25 FFA-FHA members toured points of interest in Florida, money for the trip was raised through hogs topped out by the chapter and the sale of magazines.

STEVENSON—elected 2 honorary members; initiated 40 Green Hands; placed 2 purebred hogs and 2 purebred bulls in community; added 10 gilts to pig chain; ordered 8 FFA shirts and 6 rings; worked out program of work for year; ordered 41 chapter farmer pins.

STRAUGHN—held 2 business meetings; plan to show 2 pens of hogs in hog show at Montgomery; 19 new members; string band and quartet met for practice session.

SULLIGENT—entered National Contest; opened FFA school supply store; laying plans for a great year in FFA work; published 29 news articles; elected new officers; 100 attended ice cream party.

THEODORE—held officers' training school; made plans for exhibit at State Fair; donated 1 gilt to Friendship for Korea ship.

THOMASTON—held officers' meeting; showed dairy calves in county and district dairy show; held regular meeting; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; ordered road signs; finished paying for FFA truck.

THOMASVILLE—elected officers for coming year; field trip on treating peach trees for borers; repaired concession stand; field trip to cotton gin; bought electric welding machine; held officer training school.

TOWN CREEK—building exhibit for State Fair; have 100 per cent membership in FFA; 2 members built farrowing crates; held regular meeting; have 27 Green Hands.

VERBENA—bought bench saw for shop; sold concessions for chapter treasury; initiated 22 Green Hands; studied Parliamentary Procedure by viewing film strips; planning to rewire and light classroom; plan to attend State and South Alabama Fair.

VERNON—weekly news article in local paper; sold ads for FFA Calendar; held 2 regular meetings; initiated 47 Green Hands; ordered 14 FFA jackets; conducted officer training program.

VINCENT—elected officers; visited annual State Fair; appointing committees which will work to improve leadership, scholarship, chapter finances and recreational activities.

WEST LIMESTONE—35 members have completed FFA mailbox posts; held annual officers' training school; elected chapter FFA Sweetheart; planning initiation for 26 new members.

WEST POINT—purchased "Handbook for Conducting FFA Meetings" for library; discussed contest work for year; 80 boys taking vo-ag; held 2 officers' leadership schools; making plans for year; purchased 24 official FFA T-shirts.

WETUMPKA—sold drinks and peanuts at ball games; check yields of corn projects; have 25 new members; plan to enter boar and gilt in Montgomery Fair; ordered \$56 worth of books and 5 official jackets.

WICKSBURG—made plans to buy tools for shop; initiated 20 members; held 2 meetings; made plans to order official jackets and purchase equipment to become a standard chapter.

WOODVILLE—put on magazine sales campaign; elected FFA Queen; planned picnic; enrolled 21 new members; organized quartet; elected safety committee; had regular FFA monthly meetings.