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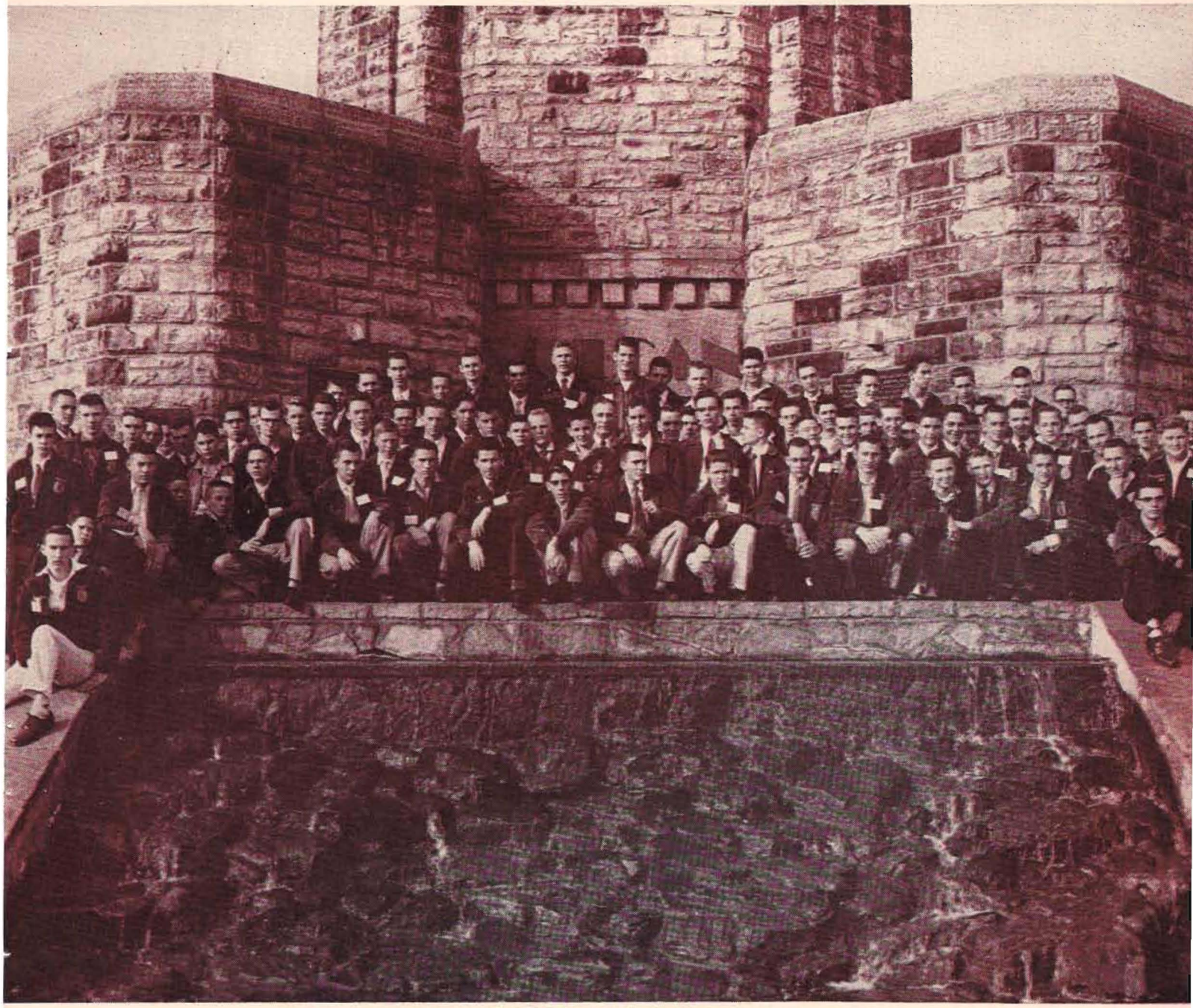

SHOWN ABOVE are 85 FFA delegates and officers from the 67 counties throughout Alabama. The county FFA President was the official delegate to represent their county during the annual FFA meeting in Birmingham with the Agricultural Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Mr. J. A. Beaty, Agricultural Director of the Chamber of Commerce, was in charge of the meeting.

T. L. FAULKNER

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New State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and State FFA Advisor

T. L. Faulkner, 46, widely known throughout the state of Alabama as an Educator and FFA Leader, has been named to succeed the late J. C. Cannon as State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and FFA Advisor. His appointment was made through the State Merit System and was based on his high rating in the Merit System and his wide experience and training for this important job. The Head Supervisor's office is located at the State Department of Education in Montgomery.

In this capacity he will supervise the State Program of Vocational Agriculture which includes Vo-Ag Departments in 344 High Schools in Alabama. This involves the training of 25,000 farmers and farm boys annually, and serving as State Advisor to the 14,000 Alabama FFA members and students of Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Faulkner has served as assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture in Alabama for 16 years, seven of which was District Supervisor and nine years as State FFA Executive Secretary. He was reared on a farm in Lamar County, Alabama. His father was a leading farmer and his mother an outstanding school teacher. He holds a B.S. degree from Mississippi State College and an M.S. degree in Agricultural Education from A.P.I., Auburn.

Before coming to Auburn in 1941 as assistant state supervisor, Mr. Faulkner taught in Junior high school, served as school superintendent, principal, and taught vocational agriculture. He is a journalist and also has published a weekly newspaper, has edited several national publications, has edited *The Alabama Future Farmer* for eight years, and has had a variety of other experiences in public relations.

Mr. Faulkner's background in vocational agriculture, FFA, and related courses well qualify him to supervise the state Vo-Ag and FFA program with experience and foresight. To his new responsibility he will also bring a broad knowledge of farm crops, livestock, forestry, soil conservation, farm mechanics and farm marketing. He also has much experience in training youth in citizenship, leadership and cooperation.

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Attention Graduates:

Career Opportunities In Agriculture

Today, tomorrow and always . . . there's a big job ahead for you in agriculture! It's a great job and one that offers many worthwhile opportunities.

Agriculture is a science, a business, a profession, an industry! Agriculture provides more jobs and careers in the city than on the farm . . . more jobs and careers than any other industry!

Perhaps you feel you know all about agriculture — what it is; where it is; how big it is! If you live on a farm, you know agriculture as the farmer knows it. If you live in a city, agriculture probably means what you see on a drive in the country . . . fresh milk on the doorstep . . . fruits and vegetables at the grocery . . . exhibits at the county fair.

But agriculture is much more. It's big, broad and basic! It's the basic industry — the BIG JOB! Look at these figures! Of 62 million employed Americans, 25 million work somewhere in agriculture — 10 million on farms, 6 million produce and service farmers, and 9 million process and distribute farm products. In addition, a quarter-million scientists directly serve agriculture.

About 40 per cent of all jobs are in agriculture — jobs important to everyone, jobs with futures, jobs with financial and personal rewards!

Agriculture supplies our food, most of our fiber, and some of our building materials. As long as we eat, wear clothes, and live in houses, there'll be jobs in agriculture. Where else can you find more opportunity, more challenge, more of a possibility for success?

Agriculture Is Top Alabama Industry

Many FFA graduates have already chosen farming as their life's occupation. Others will select occupations closely related to farming. The list below illustrates the many jobs in agriculture — it is still Alabama's leading industry.

FARM OCCUPATIONS

1. General Farmer
2. Dairy Farmer
3. Fruit Farmer
4. Livestock Farmer
5. Poultry Farmer
6. Truck Farmer

OTHER AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS

7. Agricultural Chemist
8. Agricultural Economist
9. Agricultural Engineer
10. Agricultural Statistician
11. Agronomist
12. Auctioneer
13. Bookkeeper
14. Buyer (Groceries, Produce, Meats, etc.)
15. Conservation Aid
16. County Agricultural Agent
17. County Supervisor (Farmers' Home Administration)
18. Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) Supervisor
19. District Manager for Chain Grocery Stores
20. Entomologist
21. Extension Specialist
22. Farm Journalist
23. Farm Agent for Banks, Railroads, etc.
24. Farmer Cooperatives
25. Feed Salesman
26. Feed Store Manager
27. Feed Store Clerk
28. Field Man for Creamery
29. Florist
30. 4-H Club Agent
31. Gardener and Grounds Keeper
32. Greenhouse Manager
33. Hardware Merchant
34. Hatchery Manager
35. Inseminator
36. Land Appraiser
37. Landscape Architect
38. Livestock Buyer
39. Marketing Specialist
40. Nurseryman
41. Office Assistant PMA Offices
42. Principal Clerk PMA Offices
43. Rural Representatives for Electric Companies
44. Sanitarian
45. Soil Conservationist
46. Soil Scientist
47. Tree Surgeon
48. Veterinarian
49. Vocational Agriculture Teacher and FFA Adviser

Birmingham Grand Host To County Presidents

SHOWN ABOVE are leaders in the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and of the Alabama State Fair Authority during the annual meeting of the FFA delegates in Birmingham.

THE DADEVILLE FFA Quartet, above, entertained at the Birmingham Meeting and they are, from left to right: John Wade Davis, Tommy Cooksey, Annice Patterson, Terry Cooksey, and Reggie Buckner.

SHOWN ABOVE is J. A. Beaty, of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, at center, talking to T. L. Faulkner, State FFA Advisor, at right, and Ovies White, Jr., of the Flomaton Chapter.

BOBBY DENTON, of the Cherokee Chapter, entertained during the Birmingham meeting.

THE HUBBERTVILLE FFA String Band entertained at the Birmingham Meeting and they are, from left to right: Robert Little, Ralph Moore, Charles Fowler, Neal Moore, Harold McDonald, and Ted Sprinkle. Seated is Jimmy Tate.

Annual Meet With CofC Enjoyed By Everyone

Eighty-five Future Farmers, serving as county presidents, state officers and in entertainment groups were royally entertained at their annual meeting in Birmingham with J. A. Beaty and the Agricultural Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce on February 14 and 15.

The boys registered at the Redmont Thursday morning and were officially welcomed by Mr. Beaty. Thursday afternoon the group made a tour of the city and Vulcan Park. Places of interest were pointed out by Terry L. Jackson and Paul R. Moon of the Alabama Power Company, who served as official guides.

Thursday night the boys were guests of the Alabama State Fair Authority and The Standard Oil Company at a banquet at the Redmont Hotel. Special activities at the banquet included: presentation of FFA talent by Mr. Faulkner, an inspiring address by Ronald Rogers, presentation of leadership awards to state officers, and speeches and comments by Birmingham business and civic leaders. The banquet was followed by a movie at the Alabama Theatre, courtesy Norris Hadaway, manager.

An early breakfast at Britling's Cafeteria, courtesy J. H. Holcomb, president of Britling's, started off the activities on Friday. The breakfast was followed by an educational tour of the new Farmer's Market and the Greater Birmingham Food Terminal.

A luncheon at the Redmont with the Birmingham Agricultural Club, brought the exciting two-day festivities to an end. During the two days the "Magic City" and the farm boys from over the state got a good look at each other, with each seemingly satisfied with what they saw.

SHOWN ABOVE are the State FFA Officers during the Birmingham meeting while they were presented certificates of citations and President Rogers a beautiful loving cup.

The Birmingham News Salutes Alabama Future Farmers

If the nation is to maintain its high level of agricultural production, it must have a constant supply of new farmers every year to replace those who die, retire or otherwise leave the farm. These must be men with enough experience and training to become successful farmers. Generally, they must be men who have begun farming at an early age, so that by the time they are ready to establish their own families they will be firmly established in a good farming program that promises a good future.

That is where the Future Farmers of America comes in. This national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture aims at turning out high school graduates who can take over farms fully trained in the best methods of modern agriculture. Its program also provides for the development of character, good citizenship, cooperation, thrift and patriotism among its members. There are now 382,342 active members in 8,990 chapters in the 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Alabama has 13,341 members in chapters in 263 high school departments of vocational agriculture over the state.

In view of the nation's need for new farmers, it is fitting that recognition be given these young men who are preparing for careers in farming. A great responsibility in maintaining the country's agricultural position will fall upon these youths. (Featured in *The Birmingham News* during National FFA Week.)

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FFA and State CofC Pine Seedling Program Successful

More than 900,000 pine seedlings were planted this year by Alabama's Future Farmers, according to records released by the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce. A total of 974 boys from 56 chapters in 36 counties participated in the program.

The ultimate goal of this tree planting program for FFA, which is sponsored by the State Chamber of Commerce and the Forestry Division of the State Department of Conservation, is one million seedlings planted annually . . . or at least a thousand boys planting a thousand seedlings apiece each year.

The FFA'ers do the planting, the Forestry Division supplies the seedlings and the State Chamber of Commerce processes all the applications and partially pays the express charges on the seedlings. The only cost to the boy who receives the seedlings is fifty cents a thousand to help defray express charges. A thousand seedlings will plant approximately an acre.

Since the plan was started in 1942 more than ten million seedlings have been planted by FFA members. Because of the shortage of seedlings during some years, the average for the period since the plan was begun is slightly under the desired annual goal. More seedlings will be available for the program in the future since the state opened a new nursery a couple years ago.

To be eligible to receive the seedlings an FFA member must have the approval of his vocational agriculture teacher. Each Future Farmer who participates in the program must agree to practice sound forestry procedures and also agree to regular inspection of his project.

Sponsors of the plan feel that it serves a dual purpose; it teaches the participating FFA'ers sound forestry practices; and in a few years, the State will have many thousands of acres of forest land which can be used to replace timber now being cut.

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SHOWN ABOVE are FFA members from Chambers County with the Guernsey heifer calves that will be used to start a calf chain in their local chapter. This outstanding livestock improvement program is being sponsored by the West Point Manufacturing Company. They are, left to right: Bobby Sims, Harold Kendrick, Wayne Stephens, Henry Lovelace, Jr., Tommy Burton, Joe Lamber, and Rodney Sims.

TROY

The Troy FFA Chapter has placed two additional pigs in their pig chain. Aubrey Barron of the Needmore community and Jerry Davenport from Mossy Grove were given a purebred Duroc gilt each, to keep as a link in the chapter's pig chain.

The purpose of the chain, according to Mr. Milton McKeller, chapter advisor, is to improve the quality of hogs grown in the Troy locality, and to create a better market with increased profits for the hog growers.

Chambers County FFA Organize Calf Chain

The three FFA Chapters in Chambers County (Milltown, Five Points & LaFayette) have started a Guernsey Heifer Chain with funds donated to them by the West Point Manufacturing Company. A total of $2,000 was given them with which they bought six purebred Guernsey heifers and one purebred Guernsey bull.

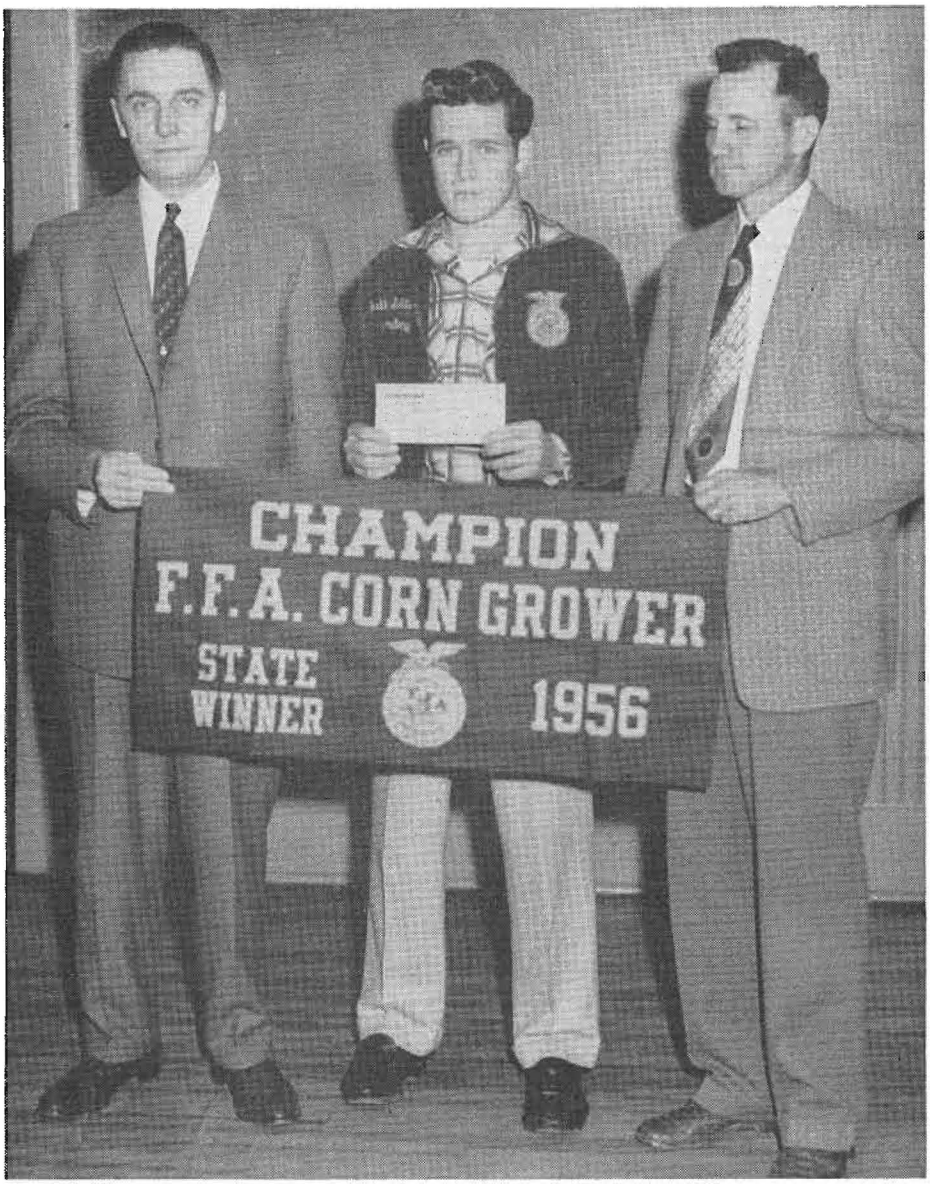
Under the FFA Guernsey Chain Program each FFA chapter received two Guernsey heifers which were placed with two FFA members who are interested in dairying and who wish to get a good foundation for a high producing herd.

The FFA members agreed to feed, train, fit and show the heifers at county, district, and state shows. The heifers will be bred to the Guernsey bull owned by the chain and a good heifer will be given back to the chapter at which time the original heifer becomes the property of the boy.

The Chamber County FFA Guernsey Chain is a program designed to teach young prospective dairymen the principles of good dairy practices and management. The program is also designed to teach the importance of high quality breeding stock.

The heifers and bull are from cows with an average milk production of 11,434 pounds per milking period, with an average butterfat of 5%. Based on the price of Grade A Milk in Chambers County these cows would average a gross return to the farmer of $792.38 in milk sales. Most of the above state record was made on a 305 day milking period with two times a day milking.

The heifers and the bull in the chain came from the Edisto Guernsey Farm in Denmark, South Carolina.



ABOVE is T. L. Faulkner, State FFA Advisor, and M. R. Browder (at right), local Advisor of Ramer, as they present the State Champion FFA Corn Grower, Billy Sellers of the Ramer Chapter, with the championship banner. The $100.00 check had previously been presented to Billy by T. L. Jefferies, who is sponsor of this program with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau.

ARE YOU A SAFE DRIVER?

- Do you always observe and obey highway signs and markers?
- Do you always use the proper signals for turns and stops?
- Do you always slow down, look and listen before crossing railroad tracks?
- Is there good two-way vision where your own driveway enters the highway?
- When forced to stop, do you pull completely off the traveled portion of the road, or at least to the safest spot available?
- Do you always have a light, front and rear, on any vehicle you drive on a road at night?
- Do you keep your arms inside when driving or riding in a truck or other vehicle?
- 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?
- Do you have your vehicles checked periodically to keep them in good condition for safe driving?
- Do you go down steep or slippery grades in low gear?
- Do you avoid passing another vehicle near the top of hills, on curves, or any other place where vision is obstructed?
- Do you always make sure that no one is in the way when you reverse?
- When walking on a road do you always face traffic, in other words, keep to the left?

Champion FFA Corn Grower Named

Billy Sellers, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sellers, Hope Hull Community, Montgomery County, is the new Alabama Champion FFA Corn Grower.

Billy, who is a member of the Ramer FFA Chapter, produced 186.6 bushels per acre on his best acre of corn to win the championship title. He had a total of seven acres of corn in his supervised farming program with an overall average yield of 120 bushels per acre.

Billy won the title from 6,792 Alabama FFA members who entered the corn growing contest. These FFA'ers grew a total of 22,560 acres of corn. The average yield for the county winners was 93.84 bushels.

Billy received an award of $100 and a banner as first place prize in the state contest.

The Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau in cooperation with the Vocational Agriculture Service sponsored the contest.

In growing his prize winning corn, Billy planted Dixie 18 variety on May 14 in rows 3½ feet apart and left plants about 12 inches apart in the row. He applied 250 pounds of 4-10-7 fertilizer at planting and side-dressed with 200 pounds of Nitrate of Soda about 38 days after planting.

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Sylvania Members Study Forestry On Field Trip

Fifty Future Farmers of America from Sylvania chapter made a field trip to Mr. M. B. Bell's farm near Sylvania recently where a good demonstration was made by Mr. Frank Moses, T.V.A. Forester, on procedure to follow in selective cutting of pines. The students were given some rules of thumb that they could put into practice at the demonstration as well as on their individual farms. Most of the boys took advantage of the lesson by actually marking those trees that should be removed for sale as pulpwood and as sawlogs.

Mr. Paul Cash, Forest Ranger of DeKalb County, informed the students as to the type of service that could be expected from the Forestry Service, including help in times of forest fires, how to secure pine seedlings, and other tips the students can use in the farm forestry projects.

Mr. Gilbert M. Butler, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Sylvania, supervised the activities devoted to forestry.

A Former FFA Member Gives Advice To Future Farmers

1. **START SLOW AT FIRST** – When you get out of school, find a place to rent and don't go over your head until you have a chance to get a "feel" of farming on your own. After you've done this for awhile, you gain confidence and you get a good idea of how much you can handle. Try to build up capital and a credit rating at this stage of the game. Pay your bills promptly and show your creditors that you are a good risk.

2. **WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR MOVE, MAKE IT BIG** – As soon as you know exactly what you can handle, you're ready to start looking for something bigger. Rent or buy a place that is just as big as you can handle. It's hard to make money on a small farm.

3. **DON'T BE AFRAID TO BORROW** – It takes money to make money. Don't be afraid to ask for loans. It sounds strange, but often you can pay off a big loan easier and quicker than a small one. You can carry this too far, of course. Before you borrow, be sure you know just exactly where you're going to get the money to pay it back.

4. **DON'T UNDERSELL YOURSELF** – If your plans look workable, don't be afraid you can't carry them out. Never go halfway because you are afraid something will go wrong if you go all the way.

5. **KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS** – you don't have any way of knowing where your money is going unless you keep records. The time you spend on your record books makes more money for you than the time you spend on any other job.

6. **GET ALL THE HELP YOU CAN** – This is important. Talk to your ag teacher, your county agent, your SCS specialist – anyone that can give you management advice. They'll show you ways to make money that you would never have thought of yourself. These people are the best friends you have.

7. **MARRY THE RIGHT GIRL** – This is very important. Your wife should like farming and should be willing to work. You simply can't succeed unless your wife is with you 100%.

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LINEVILLE

The Lineville FFA String Band, now in its second year, has made an outstanding record for itself and is keeping up its good work this year. The members of the band recently played in an entertaining fourteen-act talent show at Lineville High School, and placed first.

They have played for all FFA-FHA socials and plan to play for all school dances.

CHARLIE CHAMBLEE, member of the Blountsville FFA chapter and State winner of the "Efficient Cotton Production Program," is shown above with his vo-ag teacher, J. J. Lewis.

Charlie produced 1078 pounds of lint cotton on his one acre of cotton land to win the title. He made a net profit of $204.45 from the sale of his crop. For winning the contest Charlie will receive an expense-paid trip to Kansas City, Mo., to the National FFA Convention. He also receives a certificate and lapel button for winning on the local level.

Charlie had, in addition to his cotton project, two acres of corn and two sows and their litters. He was secretary of his chapter in 1955. He has earned three letters in football and has played on the FFA basketball team for two years.

Pisgah Members Promote Hog Program

Hogs constitute a major portion of the farm income in Alabama and in Jackson County. For this reason Future Farmers of the Pisgah Chapter have included pork production in their supervised farming program and vo-ag training at Pisgah High School. To follow up their classroom instruction, these Future Farmers, under the supervision of Mr. Earnest Pruett, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor, have started fifteen "piggies on their way to the market." The only difference, however, from the bedtime story is that the pigs will be porkers instead of piglets when they reach the market.

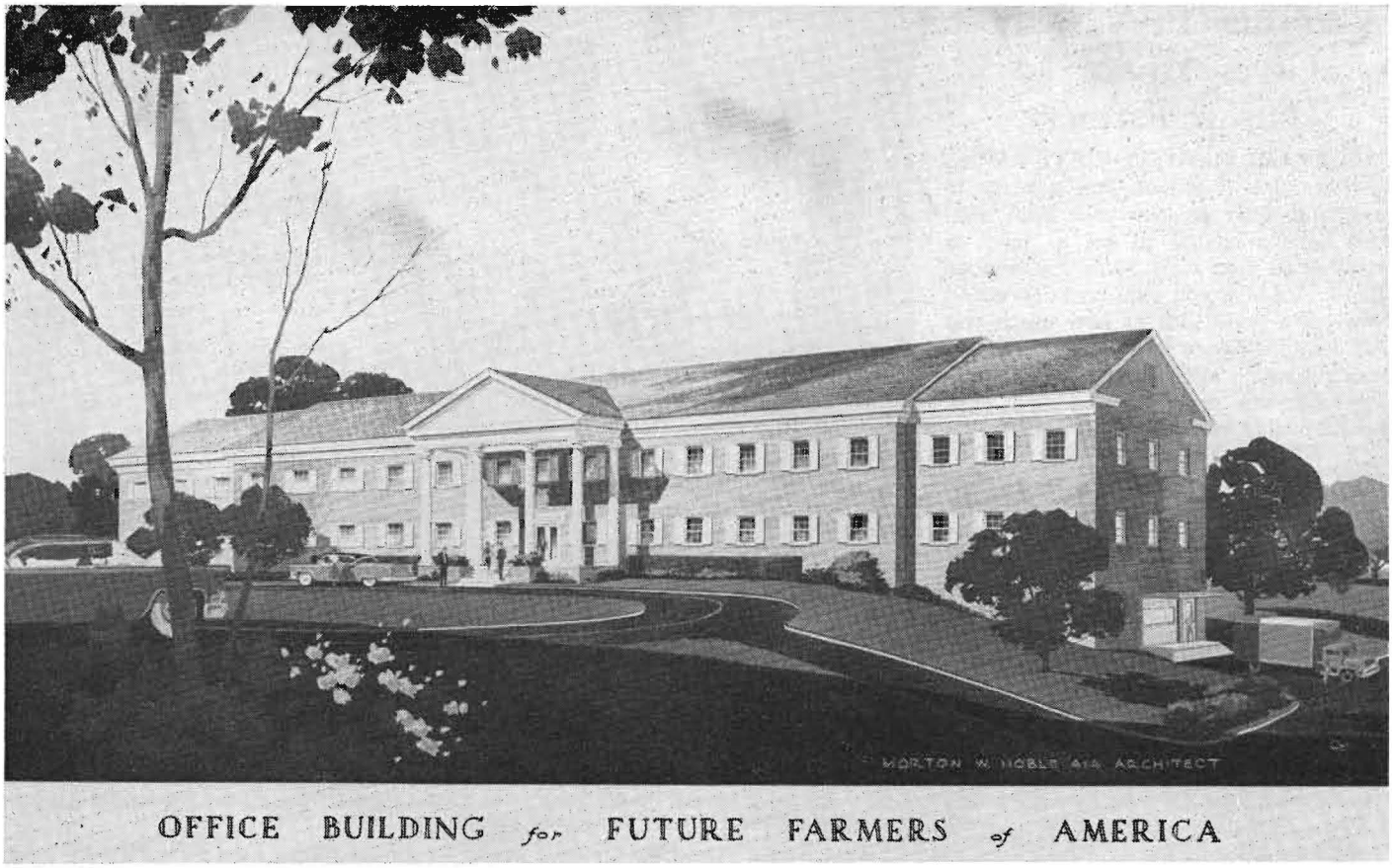
These Pisgah FFA boys have been rather outstanding in their swine project. A long story of accomplishment in this field began four years ago when the Sears Roebuck Foundation gave the Pisgah Chapter four gilts and one boar to begin a pig chain. With this rather small beginning, coupled with the interest and work of the vo-ag students, the Pisgah FFA Chapter now ranks with the best of hog producers. Showing their animals at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham and the Interstate Fair in Chattanooga, they have won approximately two hundred ribbons and awards, including two-time Grand Champion, three-time Reserve Grand Champion, and one-time showmanship award winners.

To highlight their activities each year in vo-ag, the Pisgah FFA'ers entertain with a "Father-Son Banquet" which features a menu of delicious barbecued pork grown and processed by the Future Farmers themselves.

State FFA Convention

THE ANNUAL State FFA Convention dates have been set by the executive committee for June 6, 7, and 8. It will again be held in Auburn.

Each chapter will have one delegate and others to attend will be candidates for State Farmer Degree, state officer candidates, local advisors, award winners, and those participating in contests and other programs at the convention.



NEW OFFICE BUILDING FOR FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA—Pictured above is an artist's sketch of the $275,000 office building being constructed by the National FFA Organization near Alexandria, Virginia. Completion of the building is expected next spring. It will be used to house the Future Farmers' Supply Service and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

National FFA Magazine And Supply Service To Have New Home

National officers of the Future Farmers of America participated in a brief ground-breaking ceremony July 24 for a $275,000 office structure the organization is building South of Alexandria, Virginia, near the intersections of Mount Vernon Boulevard and U. S. Highway 1, approximately 15 miles southwest of Washington, D. C.

Dan Dunham, 20-year-old national president of the FFA from Lakeview, Oregon, turned the first spadeful of earth before construction equipment was pulled on the site to begin excavations. He was joined in the operation by his fellow national FFA officers, Terrell Benton, Jr., Jefferson, Georgia, student secretary; and the four vice presidents, Lynn Loosli, Ashton, Idaho; Lennie Gammage, Cartersville, Virginia; Allen Colebank, Morgantown, West Virginia; and Dale Ring, Wooster, Ohio. Dr. W. T. Spanton, Director of the Agricultural Education Branch in the U. S. Office of Education and national advisor of the FFA, also participated.

The new Future Farmers' building will be a brick structure in colonial architecture containing two stories plus basement. The central section of the building is 118 feet long by 36 feet wide. Two wings 32 feet wide will extend 29 feet from either end, giving an over-all length of 176 feet. A front portico approximately 29 feet by 10 feet in size, will be supported by four round wood columns extending up to the roof line.

It will face Mount Vernon Boulevard, setting back about 630 feet from the road. The location is on a 30-acre property originally purchased by the FFA in the late 1930's for a national camp and leadership training school.

Construction is to begin immediately, with completion expected next spring. Morton W. Noble, AIA, of Washington, is the architect. Altimont Brothers, Builders, of Bethesda, Maryland, have the contract for building.

The building will be used to house The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, a bi-monthly publication published by the organization, and the Future Farmers' Supply Service, a mail-order business operation selling jackets, jewelry and other official supplies to FFA members throughout the country.

Both the magazine and supply service are wholly owned and operated by the national FFA organization. About 30 persons are currently employed by the two units and housed in old buildings already located on the site. Additional employes are hired on a temporary basis during fall and early winter rush seasons. Both the magazine and the supply service expect considerable expansion in their business and number of employes within the next few years.

The magazine, which was begun as a quarterly in 1952, has a circulation of about 180,000 and just this year switched from a quarterly to a bi-monthly publication. Operation of the Future Farmers' Supply Service was begun in 1948. Its volume of business handled last year exceeded a million dollars.

National headquarters of the FFA will remain with the U. S. Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare building on Independence Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets, S. W., in Washington. The organization operates under a charter of incorporation granted by Congress which provides for sponsorship in the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education, with the national FFA advisor, the executive secretary, and four members of its adult Board of Directors to be members of the Agricultural Education Branch staff.

The property upon which the new building is to be located was originally purchased by the FFA in 1939 for use

as a national camp. Two wood frame buildings were constructed, a barracks building to house 75 boys, and a dining-recreation hall with a capacity of about 100 persons. Shortly after completion of those buildings, however, the outbreak of World War II caused cancellation of all plans for a national camping program, and the camp was closed until the summer of 1946 when the facilities were made available to FFA chapters for housing members while they were touring the Washington area.

Supply Service Started

By 1949 the property was beginning to assume the looks of a white elephant. National Treasurer Dowell J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia, presented figures to show that from a cold cash standpoint the FFA would have saved money by furnishing free hotel rooms in downtown Washington to touring FFA members. Delegates at the 1949 national FFA convention voted to give the Board of Trustees authorization to dispose of the property.

In the meantime, though, the Future Farmers' Supply Service had been started and one of the buildings was used to house those offices. It expanded so rapidly that before any sale of the property could be arranged, the space of both buildings was needed. Checking into the proposition of renting or buying other facilities in the area revealed that little, if any, savings could be made by selling the camp.

What once appeared as a white elephant has turned into a good investment for the FFA. Rising real estate values in the immediate area place the land at a worth considerably more now than its original cost.

Future Plans Laid

About eight acres, including a 760 foot frontage on U. S. 1, has been zoned for commercial use and is being offered for sale by the organization. Only about ten acres will be required for the grounds of the new building, but the FFA has no plans at present for disposing of the remaining acreage.

When plans for the new building were approved by the national FFA officers last year they also arranged for the purchase of two vacant lots facing Mount Vernon Boulevard. The purchase gives a 268 foot frontage on the Boulevard. Although not included in the original building contract, future plans call for a circular driveway from the Boulevard to the building, with nearby paved parking facilities for 30 cars. The old buildings will remain in use until the new one is completed, then it is expected that they will be demolished.

Your Temper

When people "lose their temper"
It doesn't always stay
In just the place they lost it,
But travels miles away;
And when they find and bind it,
It may be it has done
A mischief never to be healed
Unto the farthest sun.

When people "lose their temper,"
It runs and rages far.
It strikes at friends as well as foes,
Not caring who they are;
And when its cruel force is spent,
Its words and deeds go on
Down many ways through many days,
Unreckoned and unknown.

When people "lose their temper,"
It never stays that way –
Its owner always finds it
To use another day.

Vernon Plants Pines

Members of the Vernon FFA Chapter have received and set out a total of 50,000 pine seedlings. This total represents about 50 acres of new forests for Lamar County. The seedlings were received from the State Chamber of Commerce.

The Vernon FFA members receiving the pine seedlings were: Paul Thompson, Bobby Atkins, Johnny Hays, Larry Hopper, Thad Boman, Danny Atkins, Earl Ray Barham, Buddy Thonley, Charles Morrison, Dan Pennington, James Cargile, Leland Jones, Byrum Borke, Don Randolph, Jim Barnes, Robert Earl Penington, Bobby Cantrell, Jerry Mitchell, James Cole, Roy Cunningham, Johnny South, Paul Curry, Jimmy Greer, Farrell Wheeler, and Jerry Barnes.

Scholarships Available To API Freshmen

Sears-Roebuck and Kroger scholarships having a value of $200 each are available to freshmen entering the API School of Agriculture.

The scholarships, financed by grants from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and the Kroger Company, are open to graduates of Alabama high schools who are interested in some field of agriculture and who need financial help to get started in college.

Each scholarship is divided into three parts, with the winner getting $75 at the beginning of both the fall and winter quarters and $50 at the beginning of the spring quarter. As gift scholarships they do not have to be repaid.

Application blanks may be obtained from vocational agriculture teachers and high school principals. Application blanks must be mailed before April 1 to Dean E. V. Smith, API School of Agriculture, Auburn.

DONALD CHANDLER, Howard Fraizer, and Jimmy Kilgore, members of the Jasper FFA Chapter, are shown removing one of the first Jasper Chapter cement mailbox posts from the forms. The Jasper FFA boys have constructed 75 such posts. By the end of the school year the Vo-Ag students hope to have 150 official FFA mailbox posts in the Jasper area. The finance committee asks members $3.20 and non-members $5.00 for the posts. The above price includes delivery and installation.

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The McKenzie FFA is working hard on a big project, farm safety. Their goal is to make every man, woman, boy, and girl in the McKenzie area more safety conscious. One way of doing this, as recognized by the McKenzie Future Farmers, is to display attractive posters to catch the eye of the public.

Two big signs featuring farm safety have been erected and placed in store windows in town. One sign asks the question, "How Safe is Your Farm?" and brings out the fact that farming is one of the most dangerous occupations. This is confirmed by statistics showing that 310,000 people were injured by farm accidents in 1955, and of this huge number 3,700 were killed. The other sign is centered around a lighthouse which throws out a large beam of light. In this light beam people are asked to join the McKenzie FFA'ers in helping to prevent farm accidents.

These signs have been the center of attention in the community since the day they were first displayed. Much discussion has arisen because of the efforts of these FFA boys to encourage farm safety and many people have offered suggestions and comments on different ways to prevent farm accidents. These suggestions and this interest encourage the boys to concentrate greater effort toward achieving their goal of no avoidable accidents in the McKenzie area.

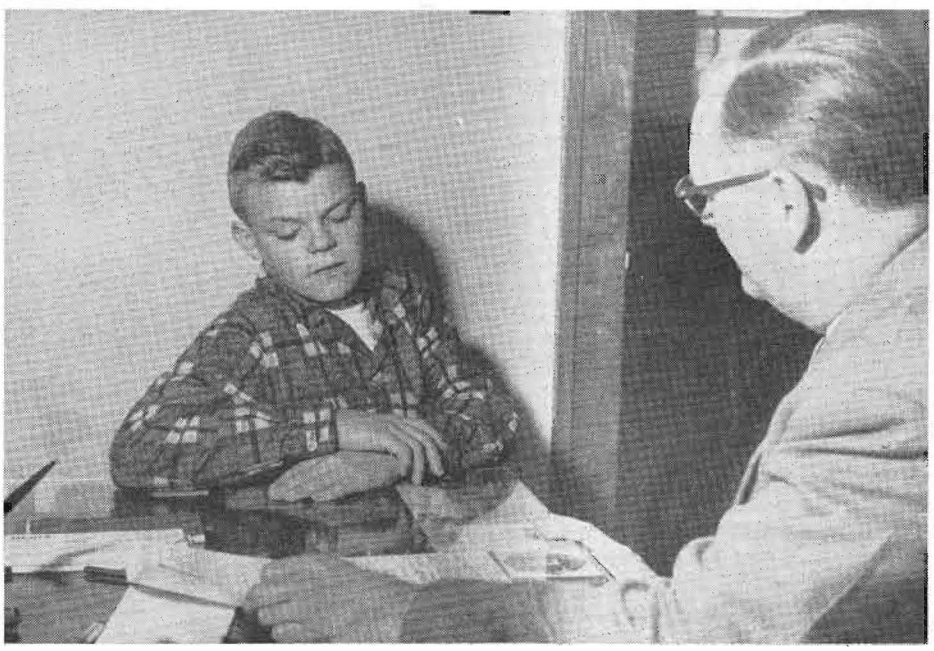
FFA And Farm Youth

By LARRY BELL, Reporter
Pisgah Chapter

Ask any FFA member or anybody who has been associated with the FFA organization what the club means to the farm youths of America and their answer will be one of great commendation and appreciation. Moreover, they would probably be more than willing to cite specific incidents in which the FFA has supplied encouragement and recognition for worthy endeavors of accomplishment. They would also testify of the leadership ability gained in FFA through holding chapter offices, working in committees, and accepting numerous other responsibilities.

The community in which an FFA chapter functions is also proud of this youth organization because the harmony in which the club cooperates is most ideal. The local chapter participates in measures for the future development and improvement of a community. Some of the work done in this line is culling poultry; setting out shrubbery, and constructing church signs.

Observe the appearance and general conduct of the Future Farmers and you will be inspired in both respects. The nationally worn jacket brightly colored with blue and decorated with corn gold emblems is certainly a delightful symbol of a progressing club. The other official merchandise and FFA jewelry makes any boy proud to wear the title



HONORARY CHAPTER FARMER J. Wesley Davis, vice president, Bank of York, Alabama is shown sitting at his desk with Freeman Powell, chapter reporter, as they complete papers to purchase a dairy calf for Freeman. Mr. Davis says that the Bank of York is happy to cooperate with the FFA members by financing these dairy calves. A total of 17 calves has been purchased by the York FFA members this fall. These calves range in age from 10 days to six months. The ultimate goal of these clubsters is to grow out a family milk cow by putting into practice jobs studied in their Vocational Agriculture.

DR. R. E. CAMMACK, director of vocational education for Alabama, is shown above at left while being presented a citation for outstanding service.

Cammack Honored

Dr. R. E. Cammack, director of vocational education of the State Department of Education, has received the top award for service given by the American Vocational Association.

The award, a citation for outstanding contributions to vocational agricultural education, has been awarded to only one other Alabamian, Sen. Lister Hill. Four such awards are presented annually in the United States and territories.

The award cites Dr. Cammack "in recognition of your distinguished leadership in vocational education. Your contributions to the advancement of practical and useful education are of great importance to the security and well-being of our nation.

"The American Vocational Association salutes and commends you for faithful service to the people of the United States of America."

Dr. Cammack, with the department of education since 1921, was elevated to head the vocational division in 1943. He is the second man to direct the division since its organization.

A graduate of Auburn, Dr. Cammack received his bachelor of science degree there, then earned his master's degree at Cornell. Auburn later conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Science for his outstanding work in education.

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of Future Farmers of America. Look at the smile of achievement and the lasting glow in the eyes of the FFA member, and you have a lasting picturesque of sincerity and initiative.

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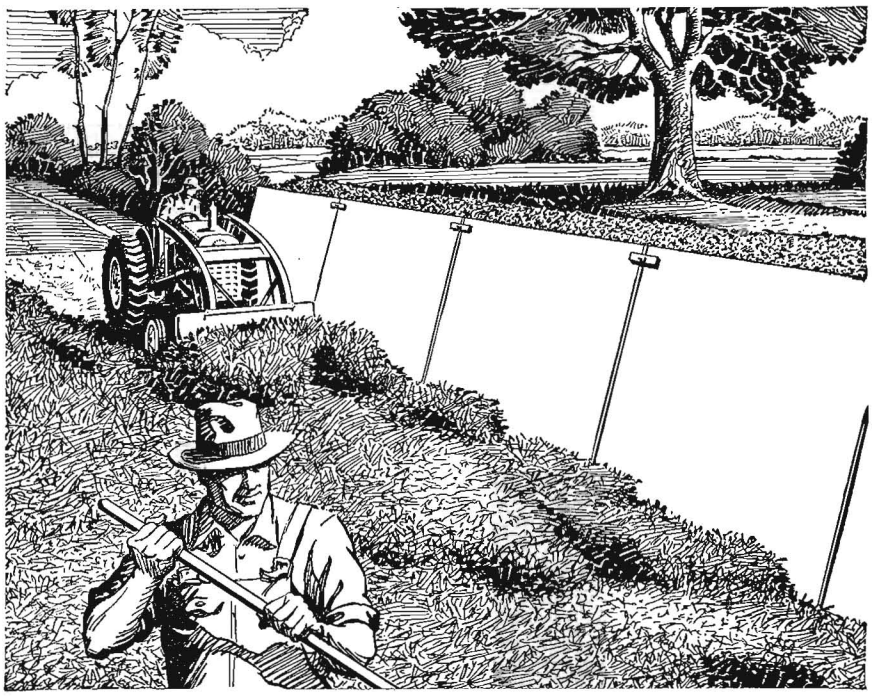
Susan Moore Chapter Wins Basketball Tournament

The basketball team representing the Susan Moore Chapter of the Future Farmers of America won the Blount County FFA Basketball Tournament held at the Susan Moore High School recently.

Members of Susan Moore's winning team are: Jack Foster, Glen Rigsby, Vernon Wigley, Eugene Singleton, and Floyd Hogeland. Reserves are: Ethridge Scott, Bill Smallwood, James Jones, and John Wilson. The team was coached in the tournament by Johnny Smallwood and Jerry Ridgeway.



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FFA On The MARCH

ALICEVILLE—held chapter public speaking contest; set out 16,000 pine seedlings; made poultry field trips.

ASHVILLE—purchased 200 chicks to feed for chapter project; acquired purebred Duroc gilt for pig chain; chapter bought pickup truck to be used for fields trips and light hauling; set out 24,000 pine seedlings; making plans for Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet.

ATTALLA—built 12 official FFA mailbox posts; obtained FFA material; presented awards to contest winners; studied Farm Tractor safety.

BAKER HILL — held 2 meetings; raised money for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; joint meeting with FHA; held FFA-FHA banquet.

BEAR CREEK—held 2 meetings; had Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; represented Marion County in State meeting; won 2nd and 3rd places in county contest.

BERRY—building FFA mailbox posts; presented 10 members with Chapter Farmer degrees and pins; ordered 3 FFA jackets; held monthly meeting.

BEULAH—started recreation club; operating hotbed; entered county Public Speaking contest; purchased records for recreation program.

BOAZ—held county speech eliminations; member won county Public Speaking contest; second year class started six weeks in shop.

BRANTLEY—received 1957 John Deere Tractor from Luverne Implement Company; held chapter eliminations for safe tractor driving contest; made plans for FFA-FHA barbecue; ordered FFA Calendars, "T" shirts and jackets; elected FFA Sweetheart; FFA-FHA presented P-TA program.

CAMP HILL—ordered 24 "T" shirts and 8 FFA rings; FFA Quartet members sang at special FFA chapel program; received 15,000 pine seedlings making a total of 43,000 pine seedlings received and planted by FFA members this season; building plywood wall shelves for mounting new official officer station markers in chapter room.

CITRONELLE—held chapter tractor driving contest; ordered 12 "T" shirts, FFA cups and napkins; made and placed large sign at Forestry plot; built concrete post form for Jaycees; members participating in local Forestry contest; planted 25,000 pine seedlings; made dibbles to plant pine seedlings; making plans for FFA-FHA Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

CLANTON — members checking height to prune 1,000 peach trees; making soil samples.

CLEMENTS—presented chapel program during National FFA Week; had articles in local paper during FFA Week; string band making preparations to enter District contest; added one registered gilt to pig chain; presented pro-

MISS GRACE MANGRUM has been elected chapter sweetheart of the LaFayette FFA chapter.

gram to P-TA members during National FFA Week.

COFFEE SPRINGS—held yearly parent night banquet with FHA; chapter corn growing award presented; Advisor gave talk on improving FFA; members who bought FFA pins and jackets were recognized.

COFFEEVILLE — building mailbox posts; seven members showing calves in Spring calf show; all members have planned farming programs; putting on a "Prevent Forest Fires" drive; selling Progressive Farmer magazines.

COLUMBIANA—building FFA mailbox posts; elected FFA Sweetheart; held tractor driving contest; members entering FFA contests; had FFA-FHA party; had 3 meetings during month.

COLLINSVILLE — made cabinet for Home Economics department; built 4 tables for the commercial department; purchased a pick-up truck; initiated 9 Green Hands; held annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son covered dish supper; constructed mailbox post forms.

CULLMAN—plan to sell calendars to raise money for chapter; plan to have Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; making mailboxes for members.

DADEVILLE—quartet appeared on FFA program in Birmingham; quartet and string band practicing; young farmer class studying welding; presented program before Kiwanis Club and in school assembly; held Sweetheart dance; prepared FFA display in Western Auto Store during National FFA Week.

DANVILLE—attended county FFA meeting and Lawrence County Duroc sale and show; elected FFA Sweetheart and Honorary members; helped to install rest rooms in grammar school; making plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

EAST BREWTON—received cooperative fruit tree order; members ordering Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; raised 16 members to Chapter Farmers; mailbox project well under way; put on radio program; purchased electric hand saw for shop.

EAST LIMESTONE—quartet placed first in the county contest with five chapters participating; have enough mailbox stands constructed for one-half of the members to date; livestock and dairy judging teams organized and working; several members ordered FFA buttons.

ELBA—presented TV program on National FFA Week; studied electricity with representative from our Electric Coop instructing; presented chapel program on National FFA Week; set up committees to plan parents night program; ordered Green Hand, Chapter Farmer and Officers pins; ordered 19 FFA "T" shirts and 3 official jackets; made plans for corn growing contest; ordered 125 fruit trees.

ELKMONT — selected dairy team; entered county Public Speaking and Quartet contests; planning tractor driving contest; published page in paper for FFA Week; held annual parent-son night; awarded 6 Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees; bought sander for department; working on Poultry, Livestock and Dairy Judging teams; published article on Champion Corn Grower.

ENTERPRISE—held 2 FFA meetings; started working in shop; held tractor driving contest; ordered fruit trees; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

FALKVILLE — member won first place in Morgan County Public Speaking Contest and Quartet won first place; made 10 mailbox posts for members; 52 vo-ag students plan to carry out 120 productive projects and 90 improvement projects during the year.

FORT DEPOSIT — held 2 meetings; held county FFA Speaking Contest; put on exhibit during FFA Week; held FFA poster contest; passed out Future Farmer papers to members; put on FFA assembly program at high school; displayed FFA posters from state office.

GERALDINE—made plans for FFA Assembly program; presented jacket to chapter Sweetheart; FFA quartet placed 1st in county; chapter made signs to put at city limits to welcome visitors to Geraldine; FFA operated concession stand at basketball games; invited a local banker to explain all banking privileges and loan procedures.

GREENVILLE—observed National FFA Week; cooperating in mailbox program; won county safe tractor driving contest and public speaking contest; elected FFA Sweetheart.

GROVE HILL—held school assembly program during National FFA Week; holding Safe Tractor Driving contest; planning FFA-FHA social; held instructions on tractor servicing and maintenance.

HALEYVILLE—made 75 mailbox posts; received and set out 19,000 pine seedlings; held one meeting; planned Father-Son banquet; put posters of FFA Week in windows in town.

HARTFORD—held county Public Speaking and Quartet contests and a TV program on brooding baby chicks; had special 2 page section of Hartford News-Herald during National FFA Week; placed 1 Hampshire boar on a farm of community.

HATTON—presented a chapel program observing National FFA Week; made posters and placed in downtown windows giving emphasis on National FFA Week; presented jacket to chapter Sweetheart; making plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

HAYNEVILLE—purchased FFA jacket; held FFA barbecue; bought tools for shop; ordered 9,000 pine seedlings and fruit trees for students and community; planned ways to make money for summer trip; ordered new books for classroom; purchased magazines for FFA chapter; had pictures taken of FFA projects.

HAZEL GREEN—member won county public speaking contest, his subject was "America's Future in Wood."

HEFLIN — continue making mailbox posts; completing shop work; made field trip on Forestry; held officers training meeting; ordered bi-color lespedeza; selected trees to be cut and thinned; held demonstration on table manners; sold Farm and Ranch magazines; doing shop work.

HIGHLAND HOME—held county speaking contest; bought three hogs to grow out on lunchroom garbage; bedded sweet potatoes to have "draws" for members; held annual barbecue; secured a Landrace gilt for pig chain.

HOLLY POND—building mailbox posts; planning a camping trip; purchased tools for shop; completed sale of FFA corn and sorghum.

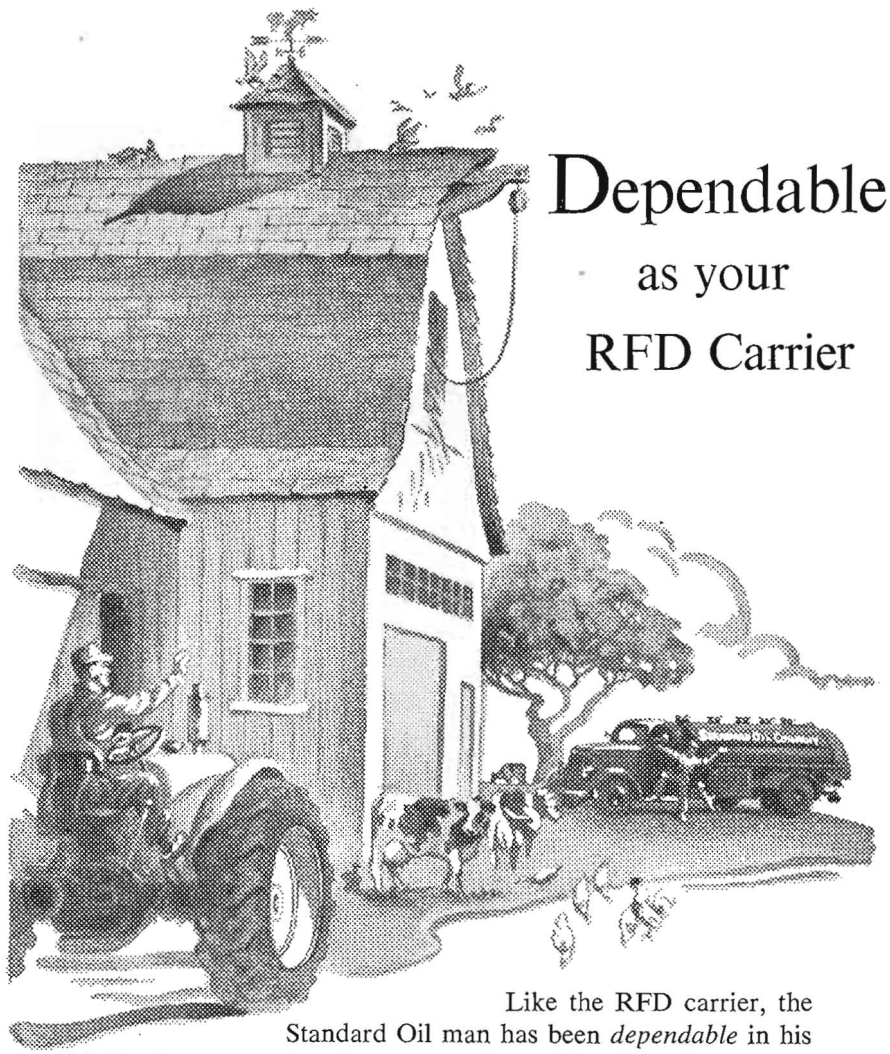
INVERNESS—planning FFA trip; 2 members plan to show calves in the county and district shows; held tractor driving contest.

JASPER — conducted rat poison campaign; String Band entertained at Alabama Cattlemen's meeting; continued work in casting FFA mailbox posts; presented 75 Chapter Farmer Degree pins and 40 Green Hand pins; received, distributed and established nine lespedeza bi-color borders; purchased $50 in small tools for farm mechanics shop; selected chapter sweetheart; purchased automatic slide changer for projector; bought 3 animal husbandry books.

JEMISON—poured mailbox posts; won county forestry contest; pruned peach trees; started work on forestry project and safety program.

KENNEDY—set out 10,000 pine seedlings; started shrubbery project; started plans for Father-Son banquet; ordered FFA jackets; planned tractor driving contest.

KINSTON—held tractor driving contest; rebuilt school trailer; made 20 new mailbox posts;



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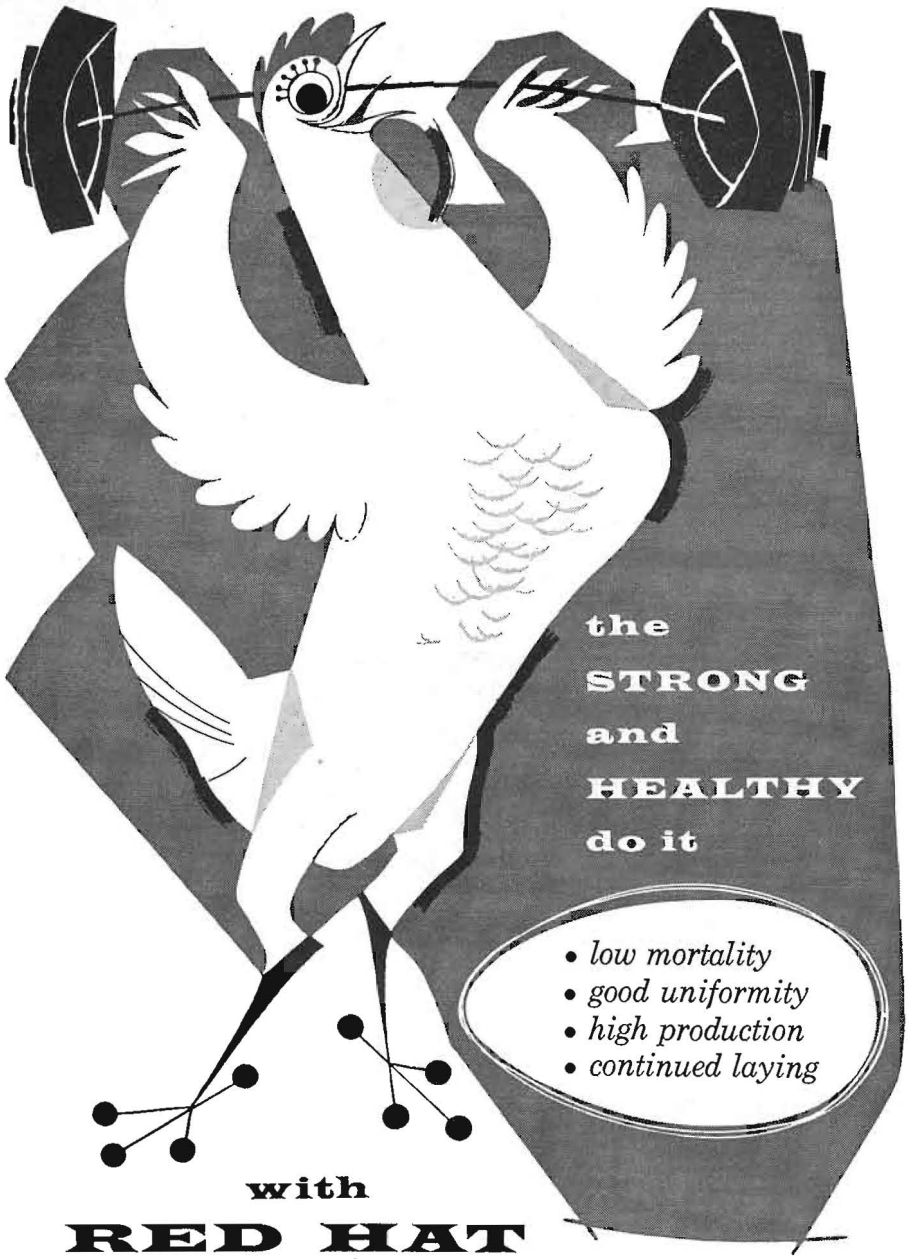

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LaFAYETTE—held officers meeting and regular meeting; sold rat poison to raise money; elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered FFA jackets for all officers; attended John Deere Day.

LEROY—held county tractor driving contest; members planting 2,200 pine seedlings; added new equipment to shop; sanding class room floors and reworking tables; constructed 24 mailbox posts; ordered fruit trees and chicks cooperatively.

LIBERTY—Liberty FFA boys set out 20,000 pine seedlings; winner in Tractor Driving contest; added $60 worth of new equipment to shop; building mailbox posts in shop.

LINDEN—putting up shades in agriculture room; visited tree planter; visited well-drilling rig; entering Gulf States Paper Corporation Essay Contest.

McKENZIE—working on Farm Safety Contest; put bath rooms in vocational agriculture and home economics departments; published 3 news articles.

MAPLESVILLE—bought skill saw and electric paint sprayer; showed two films; working on mailbox posts; attended county FFA meeting.

MIDLAND CITY—began work in shop; FFA gilt farrowed; mailbox post program in progress; planning banquet; held chapel program in observance of National FFA Week; set out 9,000 pine seedlings; placed FFA mailbox stands.

MILLTOWN—ordered 20,000 pine trees; plan to take part in the new dairy project; will take 2 calves into our chapter to carry on dairy chain.

MONROEVILLE—held 2 chapter meetings; got mailbox program underway; committee chairmen report progress and further plans.

MONTEVALLO—made trip to Tuscaloosa to Gulf Paper Corporation; officers had annual dinner in Birmingham; plans made for 45 members to visit the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, the boys will be guests of the Farm and Ranch magazine and R. W. Stanley; sold subscriptions to local paper and received over $50; planned Shelby County FFA-FHA jamboree; class visited Westinghouse Welding factory; members hope to complete 50 FFA mailbox posts before AEA.

MONTGOMERY—purchased FFA truck; overhauled tractor; working on FFA mailbox posts; participated in county tractor driving contest.

MOULTON—held regular meetings with 103 members; voted to buy a share in a pickup truck; discussed livestock judging contest; making plans for Father-Son night with FHA.

NEW HOPE—working on mailbox program; held tractor clinic; preparing for tractor-driving contest; 19 members entered Pfister "pick the winner" corn contest; entered public speaking contest.

NORTHPORT—held one FFA meeting; member to represent chapter in district Public Speaking eliminations; will have dairy judging team in district eliminations.

NOTASULGA — completed 50 FFA mailbox posts; set out 10,000 pine seedlings; ordered 500 fruit trees cooperatviely; distributed 600 FFA Calendars; put on chapel program; REA representative visited and discussed electricity on the farm; appropriated $100 to department to purchase tools for shop; built 4 dibbles for setting pine seedlings.

OAKMAN—held 2 meetings; built 12 mailbox posts; dehorned cows for farmers; emasculated, and castrated bulls and hogs for adult farmers; culled laying flock and judged hens; placed 4 gilts on pig chain; set pine seedlings on school grounds; held joint dance with FHA to raise funds.

ODENVILLE—the quartet of Odenville was organized in November of 1956, the members are as follows: Harold Ash, Larry Terrell, Junior Farmer, Darryl Sanders, and Janie Fulmer, accompanist.

OHATCHEE—sold FFA hogs; fixed sideboards for FFA truck; fixed forms for FFA mailboxes; got projects up-to-date; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; presented ag teacher with official pen and pencil set at banquet; ordered FFA supplies; ordered fruit trees for home orchards; put news article in paper; planning trip this summer; observed National FFA Week.

ONEONTA—purchased a total of $50 worth of fruit truees; elected FFA Sweetheart; constructed a total of 34 mailbox posts; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY—elected chapter FFA Sweetheart; added 40 books to library; pruned fruit trees; published 4 news articles in the Huntsville Times, 2 in the Scottsboro Progressive Age; put an article in the school paper.

PELL CITY—elected three Honorary members who will be presented with framed certificates and degree pins; six articles in county paper; 2 exhibits of FFA banners and equipment in show windows down town; have started making 100 fire flaps and fire rakes to be placed at FFA members' homes where Farm Forestry fire fighting teams have been organized; much material placed in doctors' offices

and in barber shops during National FFA Week; all members own a degree pin; 5 members completed planting 2 wild life borders; all members carry a membership card.

PINE HILL—wrote 4 news articles; working on mailbox program; set out 16,000 pine seedlings; held assembly program for FFA Week; held two FFA meetings.

PISGAH—made plans for annual banquet; string band practicing; built mailbox stands for community; entered FFA Sweetheart contest; held regular radio programs; bought a riveter for work shop.

PRICEVILLE—sold one steer and purchased two more; established 2 acres of permanent pasture; started a purebred Duroc pig chain; improving farm shop by purchasing small tools and building wall lockers.

RAMER—distributed 50,000 pine seedlings; ordered fruit trees; held forestry demonstration; conducted county public speaking contest; held demonstration on electricity, tractor driving contest and held Green Hand initiation; conducted joint fishing party with FHA.

REHOBETH—took 15 soil samples for people in community; measured cotton land for two adult farmers; made 19 mailbox posts; repaired and sharpened 5 sets of plows; helped build one truck body; studied terracing; made plans for the annual FFA-FHA banquet.

REELTOWN — pruning peach trees; each week Reeltown FFA salutes one FFA member; Mr. Dwight Hulgan spoke to the Reeltown FFA on fertilizers in Alabama and Tallapoosa County.

ROGERSVILLE—had a TV program for National FFA Week; FFA boys building mailbox posts; put on a program for school assembly.

SILAS—electing officers for next year; some boys in the Silas chapter won ribbons in the corn growing contest; member won local tractor driving contest; studying soil, termites, fishing bait, potato beds and others this six weeks.

SPRING GARDEN — held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet with over 200 present; built and distributed 50 mailmox posts; toured Republic Steel; selling magazines.

SULLIGENT—tree planter in operation, plants 1,000 pines per hour; sold $700 fruit trees and shrubs to members and community; 32 mailbox posts completed, using Day 'n Night name plates; celebrated FFA Week with special sections in 2 newspapers, 2 radio programs, and school paper; preparing judging teams; plan program for Father-Son banquet; published 18 articles and 13 pictures.

SUSAN MOORE—planning Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; grooming 5 beef calves for fat calf show; bought new equipment for shop; building bleachers for school auditorium.

TANNER—distributed FFA Calendars; purchased movie projector from proceeds from donkey basketball game; won 2nd place in Lawence County Duroc judging contest; boys to compete in county speaking and quartet contests; added 2 gilts to pig chain.

THOMASTON — held regular meeting; Star Farmer award presented to member; 5 boys entered Safe Tractor driving contest; awarded medal to Public Speaking winner.

THOMASVILLE — had visit from Alabama Power Company representative; pruned peach trees; poured concrete mailbox posts; built cutting bed; showed film "Monarchs of the Forest"; built a brooder and its sunporch; built book cases for grammar school.

TOWN CREEK—won county corn growing championship; elected chapter sweetheart; placed 4 purebred gilts in pig chain; planning Father-Son banquet; bought new power saw and electric drill for work shop; members entered hogs in Lawrence County Duroc sale; put on assembly program during FFA Week; working up ads for Custom Cal; preparing mailboxes; elected 15 Chapter Farmers.

VERNON—wrote weekly news article for local paper; held chapter public speaking contest; sold fruit trees; distributed FFA Calendars; sold rat poison.

VINCENT—received 10 FFA jackets; planted 11,000 pine seedlings; plan to start pig chain; mailbox program underway.

WATERLOO—started 2,400 broilers in FFA broiler house; put on joint FFA and FHA program for P-TA meeting; feeding FFA calves to show in state fair; sold 9 pigs; started mailbox post project; growing out Sears bull in FFA pasture; ordering FFA jackets, "T" shirts, tie pins and rings.

WEDOWEE—presented TV show; had one regular meeting; 4 members entered tractor driving contest; purchased some wrenches for shop.

WETUMPKA—elected FFA Sweetheart and presented her a compact; held joint FFA-FHA Parent-Son-Daughter banquet; made movies of member's forestry project for TV program; elected three honorary members.

WICKSBURG — initiated 16 Green Hands; gave 2 chapel programs; held 2 meetings; received and planted 3,600 pine seedlings; bought tools and materials for ag shop.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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