



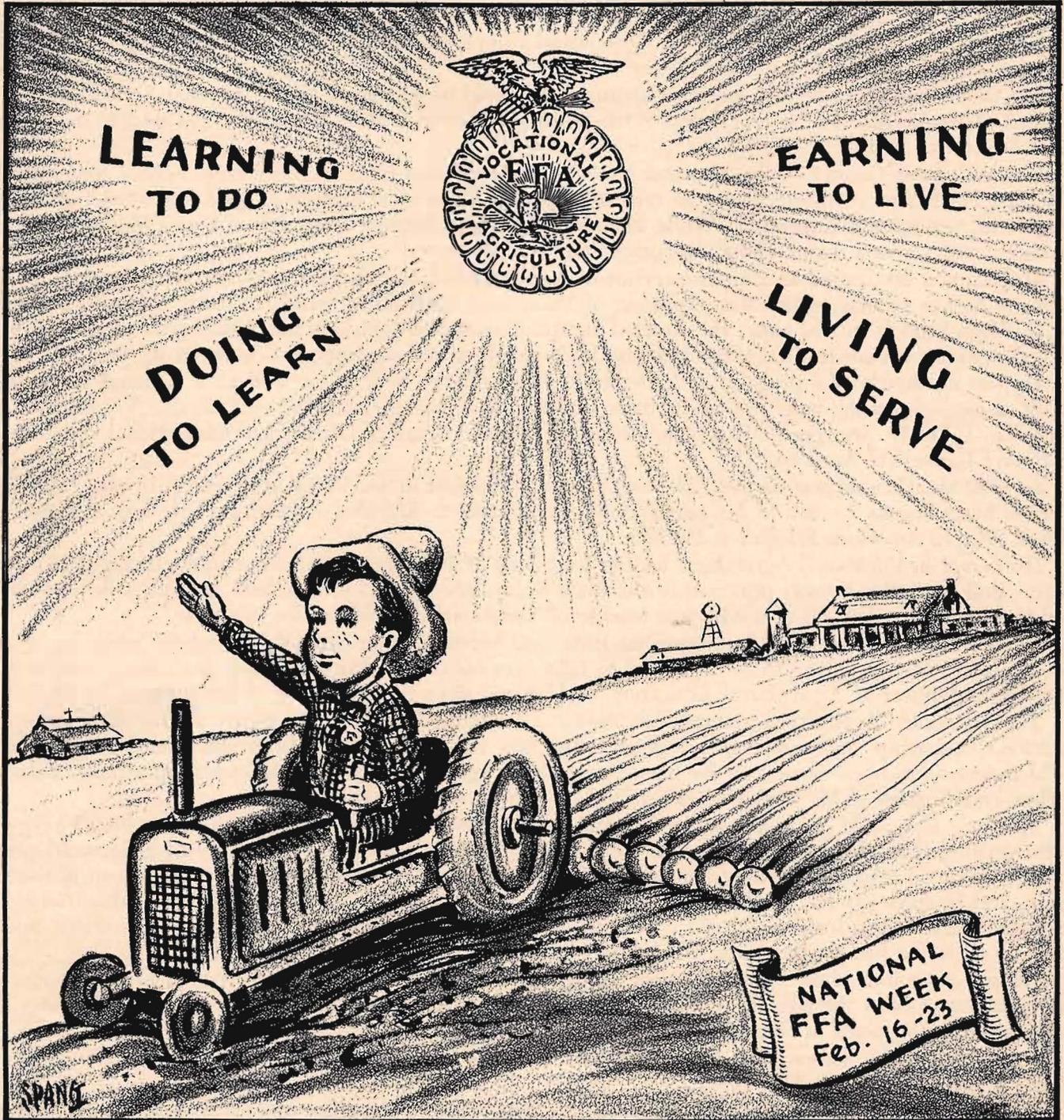
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In Memoriam

JAMES C. CANNON
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J. C. Cannon, 55, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, died at his home in Montgomery Saturday morning, February 2, 1957, following a heart attack.

For thirty-four years he had served Alabama in the field of education and Vocational Agriculture. Serving first as Vo-Ag Teacher, he progressed to the position of Assistant State Supervisor, and then to the office of State Supervisor in 1945.

He was born in Coosa County, Alabama in 1901. He graduated from Marbury High School, and attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he received both his Bachelor of Science Degree, and Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Education. While attending A. P. I. he became a member of Sigma Phi Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi, and Gamma Sigma Delta, Honorary fraternities.

Mr. Cannon has served as State Supervisor of Agricultural Education for the past twelve years. In this capacity he has supervised the State Program of Vocational Agriculture, which includes Vo-Ag Departments in 352 High Schools in Alabama. He directed the training of 30,000 farmers and farm boys annually, and also served as State Advisor to the 14,000 Alabama FFA members and students of Vocational Agriculture.

He was devoted to the progress of Agricultural Education on a state as well as a national level. As a result of his outstanding work, he received an Honorary Life Membership to the American Vocational Association in 1954. He was presently a member of the National Board of Directors of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

In 1949 Mr. Cannon was named, 'Alabama's Man of the Year in Service to Agriculture', by the Progressive Farmer Magazine as a result of his outstanding contribution to Alabama Agriculture. He was also listed in Who's Who in American Education 1955-56.

His career in Vocational Agriculture had its beginning at Straughn High School where he taught for three years. Following this he was principal of the State Secondary Agricultural School at Abbeville two years, and then moved to Auburn where he was teacher of Vocational Agriculture for one year.

He became Assistant State Supervisor in 1929, and served in that capacity until 1945 when he became State Supervisor and moved to Montgomery to take over his duties. Mr. Cannon is the second man to serve as State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Alabama since the beginning of the program in 1917.

The Vocational Agriculture program has shown outstanding growth and progress in the years under Mr. Cannon's leadership. As a result of his efforts many new departments have been added and a highly beneficial program has been carried on for those interested in agriculture. Under his leadership can also be noted a close coordination of his work with other fields of service and state organizations.

Much could be said of his fine leadership ability, however, it is exemplified by the outstanding Vo-Ag program existing throughout Alabama today. Typical also of Mr. Cannon was his ability to understand people and to conduct a smooth running organization. His deep personal interest was felt by every man in the program, and he gave priority to the welfare of them and their families in times of illness and anxiety. His influence toward the advancement of the Vocational Agriculture program will be felt for generations, and he will live on in the hearts of all those who knew him, both in and outside his chosen field.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Montgomery, where he was regular in attendance, and active in the work of the church. Funeral services were held for him at this church Monday, February 4th, with burial taking place in Hurtsboro on the same date.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Rebekah Pruett Cannon, two sons, James Pruett Cannon, David Guerry Cannon, and his father D. D. Cannon.

Mrs. Cannon and his younger son David, live in Montgomery. His older son, James is married and in the service and he and his wife Jane, presently are living in Ft. Meade, Md. His father lives in Panama City, Fla.

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK

by T. L. FAULKNER
State FFA Executive Secretary

Future Farmers all over Alabama and all over the nation will celebrate February 16-23 as National FFA Week. Alabama chapters are making plans for conducting the most elaborate celebration in the history of FFA, the world's largest farm boy organization.

Individual FFA chapters will conduct their own local programs which will include banquets, radio broadcasts, programs at civic club meetings, contests and games, programs in school assembly, barbecue and fish fries, conduct tours, parades, torchlight ceremonies and many other unusual activities. National radio programs will be broadcast throughout the week.

The FFA has 382,342 active members in about 9,000 local chapters located in farming areas throughout the 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Alabama has nearly 14,000 active members with 263 local chapters. FFA is recognized as the world's largest farm boy organization.

National Future Farmers of America Week seeks to focus attention on the work of the Future Farmers of today, who will be the successful farmers of tomorrow.



T. L. Faulkner

This nation must have about 130,000 NEW farmers every year to replace those who die, retire, or otherwise leave the farm. These must be men with *experience* and *training* enough 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 marry and start a family they will be firmly established in a farming program that promises a *good* future.

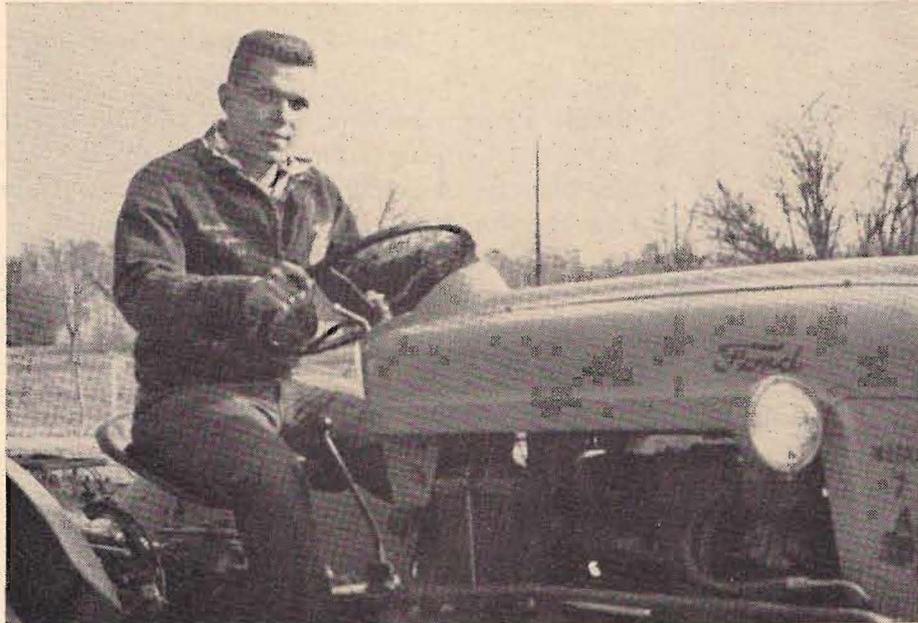
Vocational Agriculture and the FFA constitute the most effective program yet developed for training boys to be good farmers and helping them to become established in the farming occupations of their choice.

In view of the nation's need for NEW farmers, it is fitting that recognition be given those young men who are preparing for careers in farming. Encouragement at this time will do much to stimulate them to harder work and greater achievement.

National FFA Week comes every year during the week of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. Although usually considered first as a great general, our first president, and an engineer, George Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, and other soil conserving methods.

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

Alabama's "Future Farmer of the Year"



RONALD ROGERS of Prattville named "Future Farmer of the Year."

Member At Prattville Most Outstanding

Ronald Rogers, member of the Prattville High School FFA Chapter, has been named Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rogers, of Prattville, Route 2.

For being the outstanding farmer of nearly 14,000 FFA members in Alabama, Ronald will receive the \$300 Turner E. Smith Educational Award and the special Alpha Gamma Rho Trophy. This award is annually given the FFA boy in Alabama who demonstrates exceptional leadership and farming ability.



RONALD is kept busy at milking time.

Ronald had a desire to have animals and projects of his own as long as he can remember. When he first enrolled in vocational agriculture at Prattville High School, he got his wish. His father gave him two head of beef cattle for his first productive projects in his supervised farming program. From this beginning Ronald has kept growing and expanding his farming program until he is now worth well over \$15,000.

His projects this year include 50 acres of grain sorghum, 7 head of dairy cattle, 17 head of beef cattle, 35 acres of corn, 8 acres of cotton, 50 acres of oats, 6 acres of watermelons, and 4 acres of millet. In addition to this outstanding farming program he has numerous hobby projects, like pigeons, geese, ducks and pheasants, which really don't return much in the way of profit, but are enjoyable to work with.

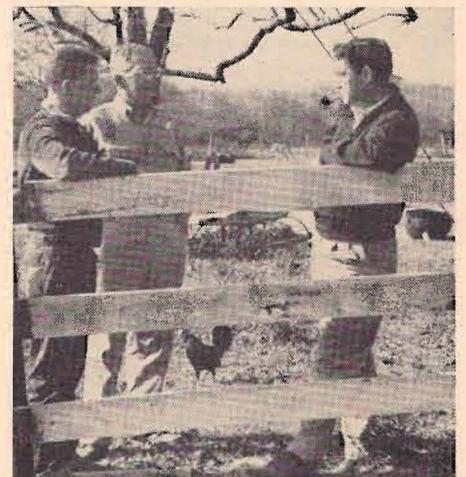
Ronald has his own tractor and plowing equipment. He also owns $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in a corn picker, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in a dairy truck, $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in a pickup truck, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in an automobile and $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in a grain elevator.

In addition to his productive projects Ronald had 9 major farm and home improvement projects and has done 59 supplementary farm practices or jobs during the year.

Last year Ronald was named the State Star Farmer for having the most outstanding FFA and vocational agriculture program of those receiving the FFA State Farmer Degree during the annual FFA Convention in Auburn. For this achievement he was awarded a brand new \$1800 Ford Tractor.

Ronald gives much of the credit for his successful farming program to his father and his Vo-Ag teacher, H. Y. Grooms. "Daddy is really interested in my being a farmer," said Ronald. "He has encouraged me to study and work hard in order to be a better farmer." Ronald says that Mr. Grooms has also been a great help and inspiration to him in planning and supervising his vocational agriculture farming program and his FFA activities.

Ronald not only has an outstanding farming program but also is very active in FFA work. He is now president of the Alabama FFA Association and is responsible for helping direct the work of the 13,431 FFA members in Alabama. He has also served his local FFA chapter as reporter and president and has served as Autauga County FFA Reporter.



RONALD, at left, discusses farming plans with his father and Vo-Ag teacher.



RONALD'S mother and father are always happy to discuss his future plans.

Ronald is in constant demand as a speaker at banquets and meetings over the entire state. He also addressed the Alabama Farm Bureau Convention held in Biloxi, Mississippi in November. Ronald was an official delegate to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri in October. He spoke at a large banquet of the Mens Club at Independence, Missouri while attending the FFA Convention.

Some of the other FFA activities that Ronald has participated in are as follows: member of the FFA Dairy Judging Team, Chapter FFA quiz contest, county and chapter FFA reporter, 4th place winner in the State FFA Reporter Contest, Chapter FFA Home Improvement Winner, Chapter FFA Star Farmer, Chapter and County FFA Public Speaking winner, Chapter FFA Star Dairy Farmer, and Chapter FFA Cotton Growing Champion.

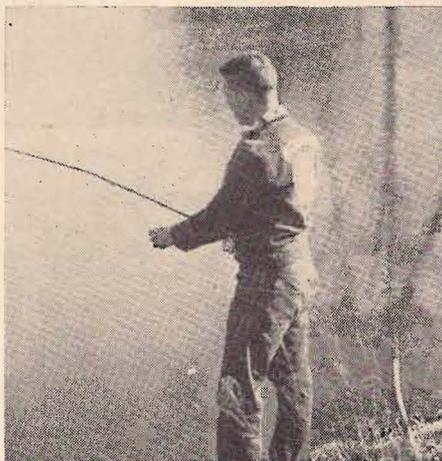
Ronald is also active in other school activities and in community work. He is a member of the football team, the school band, the Beta Club, A Club, Glee Club and is at present vice president of the student government at Prattville High School. He is a regular attendant at church where he sings in the choir and serves as an usher.

Ronald believes that the farmer of tomorrow will have to be a well rounded, educated farmer who is a leader in his

community. From this belief comes his desire to continue his education this fall at API, Auburn, where he will study Dairy Science for four years and then return home to take over the family farm. This he will do, too. His father said, "When Ronald finishes school, Mrs. Rogers and I are going to take a long trip, forget about the farm, and let Ronald run his part and mine too."



RONALD examines his grain loader.



RONALD tries out his fish pond at regular intervals.



RONALD loads milk in his truck for delivery to customers.



RONALD checks his corn bins for weevils.

National Future Farmer To Print FFA Calendar

The official FFA Calendar, formerly handled by the Osborne Company, will be published and distributed by the National Association, beginning with the 1958 calendar, according to an announcement by Cedric A. Lafley, Associate editor of the National Future Farmer.

The National FFA Board of Student Officers and Directors voted in July, 1955, to have the National Future Farmer Magazine publish the calendar, Mr. Lafley said. They also voted that any financial returns from the sale of calendars be shared between local, state and national FFA units.

Samples of the two types of FFA calendars to be published for 1958 (the booklet type for home and office and the indoor poster type for public places) are currently in production. These samples, together with sales information, price lists and order forms were sent to each chapter recently. The sale of these calendars will involve the sponsorship of only one or two local business concerns in each community. The chapter's name will be printed on each type of calendar, unless the publishers are notified by the chapter or sponsor not to include it.

The local chapter will be able to select and contact their own sponsors and will not be required to handle any money. They will assist the sponsor, or sponsors, in filling out the order for the calendars and also assist him in distributing them in the community.

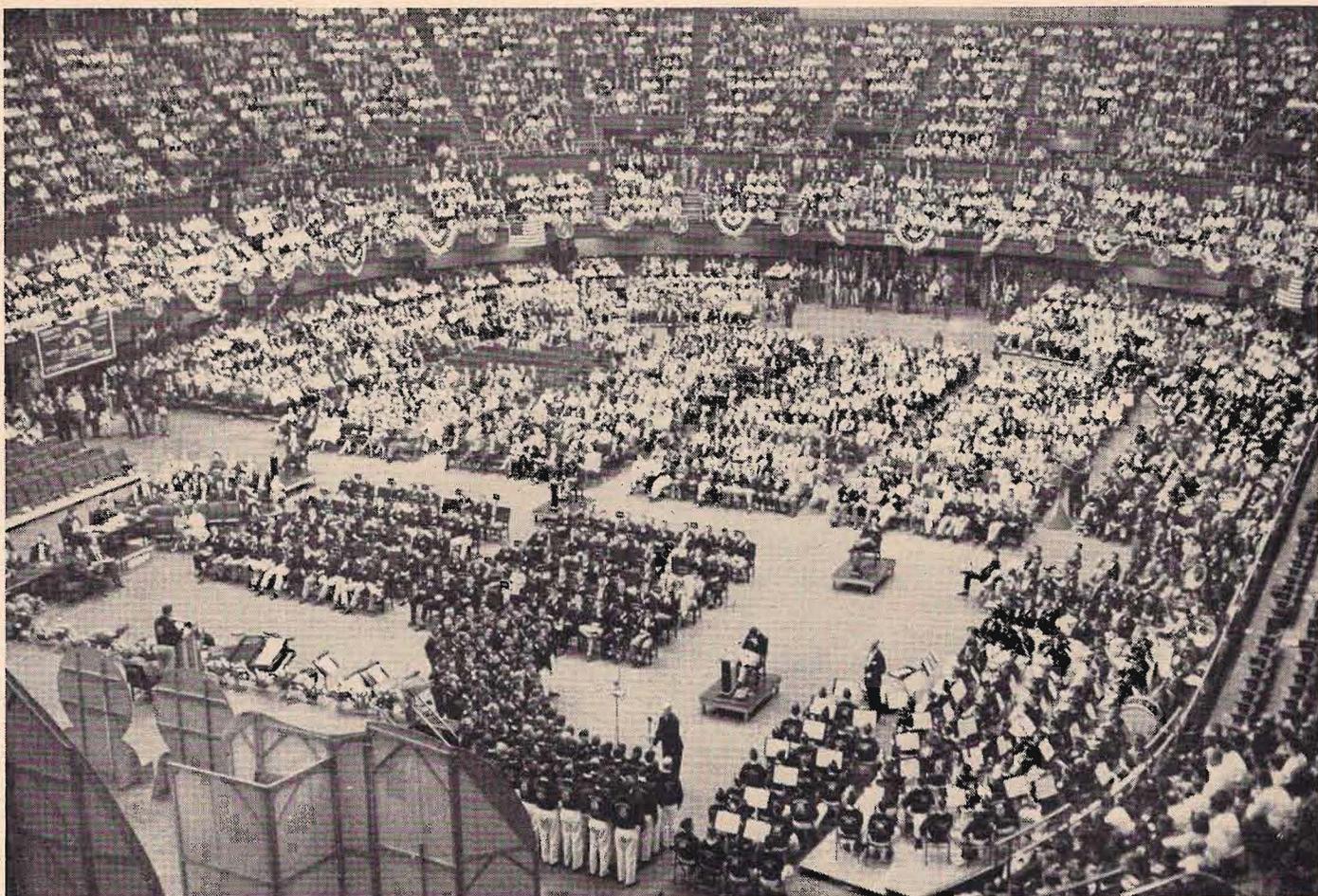
Bay Minette Chapter Star Farmer Named

The coveted "Chapter Star Farmer" award for 1956 at Bay Minette went to Harry Bryant of Stockton, who only last month took top honors in the Champion Corn Growing Contest.

The goal of this year's outstanding member of the local chapter is to attain the much sought-after State Farmer degree at Auburn next June.

As a first year Vo-Ag student Bryant had 17 acres of corn, two sows and one litter, 15 head of young beef cattle, 50 laying hens, two dairy heifers, and four acres of field peas, bringing him an income of \$1,336.67.

An active FFA worker, Bryant has been chairman of the community service committee, treasurer of the chapter, and chairman of the budget and finance committee. A pure-bred Duroc blood line has been established and expanded in his community through his participation in a pig chain project.



NATIONAL FFA Convention in session in Kansas City., Mo., last fall.

National FFA Convention Round-Up

A registration of 11,300, six outstanding guest speakers, sparkling pageantry, visitors from foreign lands, and the sight of American farm boys exhibiting unusual leadership abilities — these were just a few of the highlights that made the 1956 national convention of Future Farmers of America one of the most successful on record.

Convention registration on the opening day, October 15, was the largest first-day registration in FFA convention history. Boys who arrived early boarded special buses during the afternoon for conducted tours to places of interest in Kansas City. The official program got underway in the evening with the finals of the national FFA public speaking contest, won by Jim Brothwick of College Springs, Iowa, talking on the subject of "The Challenge of Farming."

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

First, after seating of official delegates, there was the welcoming address

by H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, who won the attention and admiration of the FFA members by his ability at the speaker's stand. There was time for a little official business after the Mayor's address, then two more talks, these delivered by Takaaki Kurihara, president of the Future Farmers of Japan, and Hideto Shishido, Assistant Secretary General of the FFJ.

Another outstanding personality, Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, addressed the convention at the opening of the Tuesday afternoon session. He was followed by ceremonies conferring Honorary American Farmer Degrees to about 50 persons, the American Farmer degree to 365 FFA members, and the presentation of awards in the National Chapter Contest.

Delegates and guests had just enough time to get a bite of supper, then it was back to the auditorium for the impressive ceremony of presenting Star American Farmer awards. Wesley Patrick, of Quitman, Georgia, won the \$1,000 FFA Foundation award as 1956 Star Farmer of America, becoming over-night one of the most publicized young men in the United States.

Wesley shared his honor with three regional Star Farmers who received

awards of \$500 each. They are Robert L. Worley, Mercer, Pennsylvania; Freddy North, Eloy, Arizona, and Larry Lust, of Newton, Iowa.

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

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

Wednesday morning's program featured an interview with participants in the FFA international youth exchange program, including a talk by Major General R. F. Cornwall, General Secretary of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain. Some action by the delegates; there was an inspirational address by Dr. Kenneth McFarland, lecturer from Topeka, Kansas, then a colorful pageant titled "Frontiers," built on the theme of the opening of the American West to settlement.

While most of the convention visitors took tours to points of interest in Kansas City during Wednesday afternoon, the official delegates were busy in commit-



MELANIE RICHARDSON was recently elected FFA sweetheart of the Marbury chapter.

tee work, then, in the late afternoon, served as hosts at a reception given for donors to the FFA Foundation.

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

Addresses were presented that evening by Clark W. Davis of E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., who served as the 1956 Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the FFA Foundation and Dr. Herold Hunt, Under Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Raymond Junkin, of the Palmetto, Alabama chapter, was named National winner in the Farm electrification contest.

Following the presentation of the awards, and the speakers, FFA members participated in "Amateur Night" entertainment, winning rafter-shaking applause with an hour's program.

Alabama's champion String Band from the Jacksonville chapter was on hand and won great praise after appearing on program five or more times.

Things were considerably more quiet on Thursday. Delegate business, officer reports, and committee reports took up most of the morning. Just before noon the group received greetings from representatives of the Future Homemakers of America, the 4-H Clubs, and the Boy Scouts of America. Early afternoon was devoted to a clean-up of committee reports and other business, with the climactic election of new national officers.

Kansas City Lions Praise Forestry Winners

The following article was taken from the October 18 issue of "Host Toasties," the official publication of the Host Lions Club of Kansas City, Mo.

"There need be no worry about the fate of our nation when such future leaders as the six fine boys who were the guests of our club Tuesday, come into their own. It was a genuine thrill to every Hostclubber to listen to the enthusiastic reports made by the top FFA boys from the great southeastern states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

"Behind the accomplishments of the six aggressive state forestry winners was the encouragement which each of them has received from the officials of the Seaboard Air Agent, Mr. Bob Hoskins, of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Hoskins introduced each of the boys and the boys, in turn, told of their respective accomplishments in forestry in their particular state."



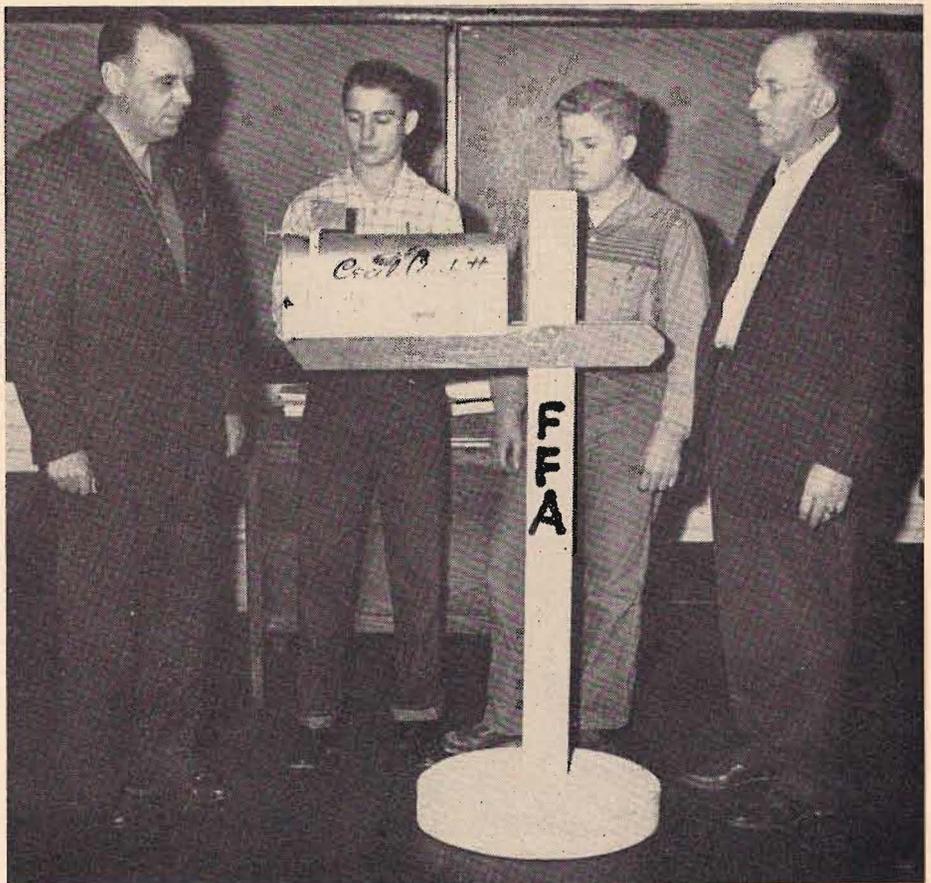
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By JUNIOR GANT, Reporter

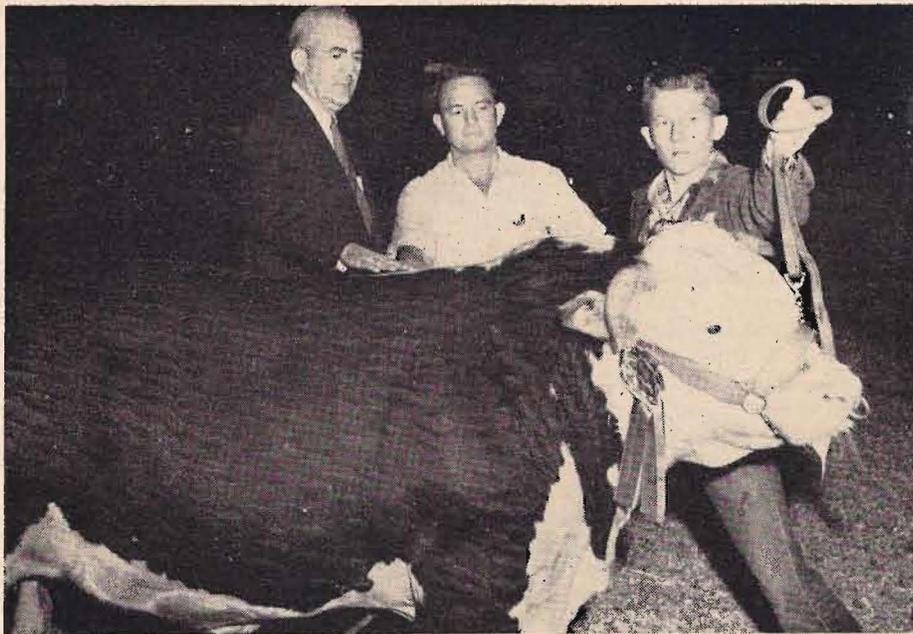
The Auburn Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America, which consists of teacher trainees of vocational agriculture, held its first meeting of the winter quarter Tuesday night, January 8, in Thach Auditorium. The newly elected president, Jerry Lindsey, had charge of the meeting. Assisting him were other officers, vice president Mack Jones; secretary, Titus Adair; treasurer, Marlin Hollingsworth; reporter, Junior Gant; parliamentarian, Roy Sims; sentinel, Burton Pearson, and Dr. T. W. Gandy, advisor.

The program was highlighted by a most interesting and informative speech by Mr. Earl Kennamer, fish and wildlife specialist. The Auburn FFA programs are noted for their variety, whether string band entertainment, film showing, speeches, or the like, they all command the attention of the member audience. Mr. Kennamer's rendition was no exception.

Business of the first session included appointment of chairmen and members of program, refreshment, and membership committees.



AT LEFT, Mr. Cecil Burkett, Superintendent of Carbon Hill City school, receiving an official FFA mailbox and stand from Jack Hinds, vice president, Carbon Hill chapter, while Leon McLemore, reporter, and H. B. White, local Advisor, look on. Carbon Hill members plan to construct 150 official concrete mailbox stands this year.



W. C. GREENWAY, of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation, at left, congratulates C. D. Richardson and member of the Stevenson chapter on having the winning FFA chapter bull.

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Foley Chapter To Award Scholarship

"The Foley Chapter Future Farmers of America will award a one-hundred dollar scholarship." This announcement was recently made by Chapter President Roy Amos. Roy also said that a study is being made of the proper procedure in awarding scholarships and that a committee will be appointed at the next regular chapter meeting to draw up the rules and regulations.

It has already been decided that the person receiving the scholarship must have graduated from Foley schools, completed three years of Vocational Agriculture, been active in FFA work and is attending or plans to attend one of the colleges in the state of Alabama. It will make no difference what course the student takes in college and he may receive the scholarship more than one year. The student must be considered "Worthy" of the award by the Scholastic Committee.

The chapter plans to award the first scholarship in September of 1957.

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Attalla Chapter Star Farmer Selected

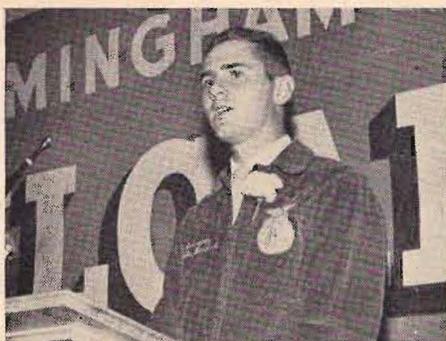
The coveted "Chapter Star Farmer" award for 1956 at Attalla is going to Jerry Prince who also won the chapter Corn growing contest. The goal of this year's outstanding member of the local Chapter is to earn the State Farmer degree at Auburn next June.

As a first year student, Jerry had as projects, beef cow, 4 acres of corn, 4 acres of cotton, ½ acre of sorghum bringing him an income of \$376.95.

—FFA—

A Turkey Hunter Is He

J. R. Lindsey, Grove Hill FFA Advisor, was turkey hunting with Phil Williamson near Gosport when a buck walked up on him. Lindsey killed the deer with No. 4 shot and he and Phil found themselves with a big buck on their hands and a long way to go through hilly terrain. They did the practical thing and walked over to Gosport for a tractor, filled it with gas, and went back for their deer. Just as they arrived, the tractor made a few sputtering gasps and knocked off for the night. They pushed it up and down inclines a few times, but it refused to fire, so they finally cut a pole, slung the buck on it and proceeded, up hill and down, until they brought him out of the woods. They finished the job about 11 p.m., and the following day Lindsey was complaining of soreness and stiffness in the joints.



ELLIS BURGESS, past vice president of Alabama FFA Association, addresses the 63rd Annual meeting of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce recently.

FFA Membership

Alabama	13,698
Arizona	1,588
Arkansas	12,620
California	12,190
Colorado	2,313
Connecticut	550
Delaware	765
Florida	8,246
Georgia	17,427
Hawaii	1,203
Idaho	3,258
Illinois	17,298
Indiana	9,290
Iowa	10,746
Kansas	7,515
Kentucky	11,874
Louisiana	9,917
Maine	1,146
Maryland	2,505
Massachusetts	976
Michigan	10,803
Minnesota	11,093
Mississippi	10,219
Missouri	11,993
Montana	2,340
Nebraska	5,832
Nevada	382
New Hampshire	404
New Jersey	1,139
New Mexico	2,239
New York	6,632
North Carolina	22,742
North Dakota	2,321
Ohio	11,224
Oklahoma	15,930
Oregon	3,845
Pennsylvania	10,713
Puerto Rico	6,055
Rhode Island	165
South Carolina	7,327
South Dakota	2,837
Tennessee	15,561
Texas	37,019
Utah	2,788
Vermont	762
Virginia	8,121
Washington	6,059
West Virginia	5,068
Wisconsin	14,100
Wyoming	1,504
TOTAL	382,342

Birmingham Awaits FFA Officers Arrival

The Magic City of Birmingham will open its doors to about 85 of Alabama's top-ranking Future Farmers on February 14 and 15. The FFA group will be guests of the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, according to J. A. Beaty, Manager of the agriculture department.

Attending the meeting will be all state FFA officers, all county presidents, also string bands, quartets and other talented members in FFA. These farm youths will spend two days with eyes and ears open to see and learn more about the wonders of the big city life. This is truly a highlight of the Alabama FFA each year. It brings these Future Farmers together with the big business leaders of our state.

FFA state officers making the trip are. Ronald Rogers, president; George Guess, vice president; Johnny Jenkins, secretary; Lawrence Lipscomb, treasurer, and Jacky Pennington, reporter.

Others attending the meeting will include Dr. R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education; J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture; T. L. Faulkner, State FFA executive secretary; H. W. Green, district supervisor, vocational agriculture and J. L. Dailey, assistant supervisor.

The group will arrive in Birmingham by noon on February 14 and register at the FFA booth in the lobby of the Redmont Hotel, where they will be assigned rooms. That afternoon, they will make a bus tour of the city, visit Vulcan Park, and many other points of interest. Terry L. Jackson and Paul R. Moon of the Alabama Power Company will be the official guides.

That night at 6:30 the boys will be the guests of Alabama State Fair Authority and Standard Oil Company at a banquet in the Redmont Hotel. Ronald Rogers, State FFA president will be the principal speaker of the banquet. FFA bands, quartets, and other talented Future Farmers will furnish the entertainment during the banquet with T. L. Faulkner in charge. Then the group will go to the Alabama Theatre for a theatre party, courtesy of P. M. Russell, theatre manager.

Friday morning the Future Farmers will have breakfast at Britling's Cafeteria, courtesy J. H. Holcomb, president of Britling's.

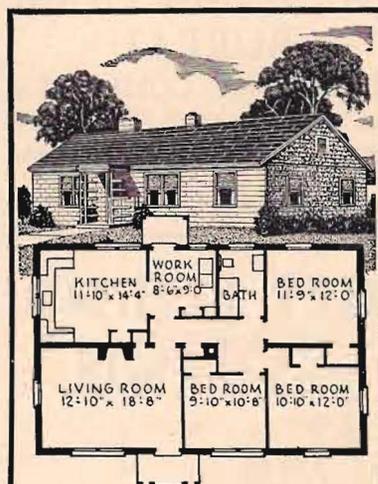
After breakfast, the Future Farmers will board special buses for an educational tour of the new Farmers' Market and Greater Birmingham Food Terminal with C. H. Johns, County Agent of Jefferson County in charge.



THE STATE FFA Executive Committee discussing the FFA emblem while in session recently.

At noon Friday, the delegation will be luncheon guests of the Birmingham Agricultural Club of which L. I. Newton is president. Ronald Rogers will also speak during the luncheon.

The meeting will end at one o'clock on Friday when the farmers of the future leave for home, much wiser about city ways, and carrying stories about their trip back to their local FFA chapters and counties.



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**Hazel Green Has Corn
Husking Contest**

The FFA and FHA chapters of Hazel Green held a corn husking party recently. Prizes were awarded to the champion corn huskers.

Entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed by 35 members and sponsors. This is an annual event with them.

—FFA—

**American FB President
Tells Of Sound Future**

Agriculture offers a sound future of substantial rewards if maximum freedom of opportunity is maintained in the farming business, Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said in an address to the 29th national convention of the Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, Missouri, recently.

"We have not fully capitalized on the rapid progress in agriculture technology that has occurred in the last decade," Mr. Shuman pointed out.

"If we are to make the most of our scientific advancement, it is essential that government policies do not freeze agriculture into old and outmoded patterns. We must be free to shift production, adapt to changing trends and take full advantage of our increased efficiency.

"The changes that have been and are taking place in farm operations are astounding. Output per man has increased over 85 percent since 1940. One farm worker now produces enough for 19 people as compared with 8 people in 1920. And it has been estimated that we can increase our farm output 40 percent by 1975, just by applying available knowledge.

"As the result of our progress, farmers in the United States have the best standard of living of any agricultural people in the world. This progress was achieved because American farmers, for the most part, were quick to accept new ideas and put them to work."

—FFA—

FFA Honor Roll

(Membership of 100 or More)

Sidney Lanier (W. C. Locke).....	128
Stevenson (C. D. Richardson).....	106
Lexington (J. R. Hankins).....	105
Moulton (M. B. Tidwell).....	102
Jasper (E. G. Hendrix).....	100
Theodore (Glover Pugh).....	100



DR. A. R. MEADOWS

FFA Safety Program

By DR. A. R. MEADOWS
State Superintendent of Education

Alabama Future Farmers of America are sponsoring a Farm Safety Campaign in their high school work this year. Farm safety awards will be given on both a state and national level. Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, on May 15, 1956, stated that more than 3,700 farm workers were killed and 310,000 farm workers suffered disabling accidents during the year 1955 and that this was the highest rate of accidents occurring in any major occupation.

The Future Farmers' program is to use more safety rules to lessen the tremendous suffering and loss of life, time, and property that are caused each year by preventable farm accidents and fires. Individual members are urged to make surveys of their home farms, noting and correcting situations that might cause accidents. Special classes are taught and films are shown by teachers of vocational agriculture to acquaint boys with the causes of accidents and their prevention.

Driver education courses help the boys to become conscious of better driving habits when handling trucks, tractors, and cars. The boys learn that proper markings should be mounted on slow-moving tractors, cotton wagons, and on logging trucks both by day and by night.

Many accidents occur in the farm shop because of the many power tools that are used and because of carelessness in the use of them. Films showing the proper use of tools help the boys to become safety conscious. Demonstrations by the teachers and by students on the safe use of tools also help. Posters depicting accidents caused by carelessness are effective safety measures.

FFA ROUNDUP

CAMP HILL

The Camp Hill FFA chapter members plan to increase their reforestation projects this fall in cooperation with E. E. Huey, local dealer of pulp wood.

Mr. Huey and the Camp Hill FFA chapter have ordered 100,000 pine seedlings to be distributed to FFA members and adult farmers in their area this Fall and Winter.

In order to facilitate the planting of pine seedlings, Mr. Huey plans to purchase a tree planter that will be available to those cooperating in the reforestation program, free of charge, for planting their seedlings.

AUBURN

The Auburn chapter has decided to go all out for a safety program in and out of school. Such things as fire hazards, traffic hazards, and student safety were discussed and plans are being made to investigate and do something about these hazards on the campus.

Safety is at the present being discussed with a local civic club and it is hoped that a joint safety program will come out of these discussions.

TUSKEGEE

Eugene Talley, of the Tuskegee FFA chapter, won fourth place in the National Tractor Driving Contest held at Tulsa, Oklahoma at the State Fair on October 5. He competed with 23 boys from 13 states. Eugene won the right to go to Tulsa by finishing first in the Alabama State FFA Contest.

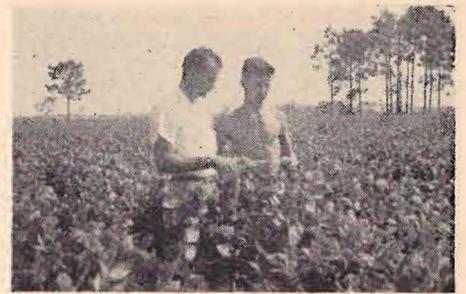


J. W. LOCKE, at left, is showing Pell City members the 22 FFA jackets recently received in one order. 60 members of their chapter own jackets.

LUVERNE

The Luverne FFA chapter members have decided to do something to control rats in their community. Realizing the great damage done each year by rats and mice, they feel that a great service will be performed for everyone if they can get a wide distribution of rat poison in their community.

All of the members of the FFA chapter are cooperating to get the rat poison to the public. Each boy takes his share of the poison and sells it. So far the boys have sold \$100 worth of poison. They hope to sell at least \$100 more.



B. C. NIX, Foley Advisor, and Toney Malone are shown in his prize crop of soybeans. Malone planted 60 acres last year.

MOULTON

The Moulton chapter has an enrollment of 102 FFA members this year.

They again qualify for the State Honor Roll for membership. Last year they had the largest number of FFA members in the state.



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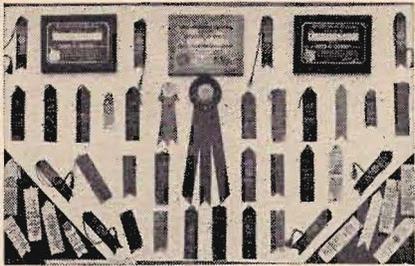
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**FFA
On The MARCH**

ALEXANDER CITY—collected and repaired toys; made visit to local hatchery; chapter state farmer received the first mailbox post.

ALEXANDRIA—made 12 mailbox posts; had one meeting; have charge of General Assembly program month of February.

ALICEVILLE—made rat bait boxes for community; held corn banquet; presented prizes to corn growing contestants.

ARITON—elected new officers; Mr. Hughhins, Standard Oil Representative gave a tractor demonstration.

ASHLAND—joint FFA-FHA social; 2 day electrical demonstration by Mr. Bert Cloud of REA.

ATTALLA—raised 7 Green Hands to Chapter Farmer; sold official FFA calendar; purchased FFA jackets, etc.

BAKER HILL—held 2 meetings; cleaned up canning plant for barbecue; on TV program in Columbus, Ga.

BEAR CREEK—held 3 meetings; planned and appointed committees for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

BEULAH—received 14,000 pine seedlings; put on TV show; joint party with FHA; elected chapter sweetheart.

BERRY—presented champion corn grower with certificate and key; forestry demonstration held by Gulf States Representative.

BOAZ—first year class sold \$162 of Farm and Ranch magazines; filled out project report; held class speech eliminations.

BRANTLEY—made 32 mailbox posts; REA representative visited and discussed electricity.

BUTLER—made form for mailbox posts; officers meet each Monday; co-sponsor with FHA girls football game to raise money for chapter.

CAMP HILL—21,000 pine seedlings distributed; presented 4 Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees; new chapter equipment ordered and received.

CARBON HILL—secured new chapter equipment; placed 1 gilt in pig chain; built and placed 30 mailbox stands.

CARLOWVILLE—elected officers for second semester; had 2 officers and 2 chapter meetings;

planning banquet; studying Parliamentary Procedure.

CEDAR BLUFF—initiated 17 Green Hands; toured Republic Steel at county meeting.

CITRONELLE—bought new table saw for shop; sold 700 lb. of pecans; taking orders for pine seedlings.

CLANTON—visited Jones Hatchery; built mailbox posts; bought 10 FFA jackets.

CLEMENTS—awarded pigs to members; purchased welder and other tools for shop; sold magazines for chapter.

CLIO—bought tractor and equipment; set out 2,000 pine seedlings; held tractor clinic; had chapter eliminations in Public Speaking Contest.

COFFEEVILLE—initiated Green Hand members; fattening out 2 hogs; constructed FFA mailbox forms.

COLLINSVILLE—awarding to the member who submits the most accurate record a 21 jewel wrist watch; reworking and refiling all bulletins in department; ordered and received banner, pins, rings and T-shirts.

COTACO—netted \$179 profit from selling popcorn; set out 2,000 pine seedlings; had chapter speech elimination.

CURRY—ordered rat poison; mailbox post program underway; practicing the quartet; held chapter public speaking contest.

DADEVILLE—held Public Speaking contest; string band and quartet practicing; Young Farmer class studying welding.

DOUBLE SPRINGS—had FFA initiation; had magazine selling contest; elected FFA sweetheart.

EAST BREWTON—started mailbox project; purchased new saw for shop; working on Public Speaking contest; ordered fruit trees cooperatively.

EAST LIMESTONE—initiated 17 Green Hands; 3 members ordered FFA jackets.



RIDING the Coffeeville FFA float in the Homecoming parade is Fannie Loper, Julia Deas, chapter sweetheart, Joyce Morgan and Reynold Webb, chapter president.

ELKMONT—initiated 24 Green Hands started mailbox project; acquired more shop equipment; 7 members entered Public Speaking Contest.

ENTERPRISE—initiated 3 new members; set up program for year; built forms for mailbox posts.

FAIRHOPE—building concrete posts for mailbox program; held eliminations in chapter Public Speaking contest; sold mailbox posts made up to date.

FALKVILLE—dehorned 25 head of cattle and castrated 30 head of hogs for farmers; built mold for mailbox posts; sold cattle and made \$152 profit.

FOLEY—built 32 mailbox posts; constructing 100 "FFA Safety Tags"; sold 13 mailbox posts; placed 20 mailbox posts.

FORT DEPOSIT—ordered pine seedlings; making plans for mailbox improvement program; selected winner in Chapter Speaking contest.

FRISCO CITY—made plans to secure chickens for annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; taking orders for fruit trees; television program to be presented in May.

GERALDINE—entered community clean-up campaign; ordered 1 official FFA jacket, 1 Chapter sweetheart jacket, 13 Green Hand pins and 10 chapter farmer pins; added 4 books to Ag library.

GORDO—ordered 3 new road signs; planning Father-Son, Mother barbecue; ordered fruit trees cooperatively; ordered new chapter room banner; having a good year.

GROVE HILL—sold 5 meat hogs for purchasing equipment for shop; bought 6 pigs for fattening; made plans for County Public Speaking, Quartet, Tractor driving contest.

HAMILTON—4 members received official FFA jackets; ordered fruit trees; studied safety in workshop; made portable pigpen; starting mailbox post program.

HARTFORD—working on mailbox program; organized Quartet; secured set of concrete working tools; placed 4 Hampshire boars from chapter pig chain; held chapter Public Speaking contest.

HARTSELLE—bought supply of FFA aprons;



"Bring the hen debeaker, Daddy. Here's another one that needs it."

several members entered Public Speaking Contest; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

HATTON—ordered power saw for shop; selling light bulbs to help finance Chapter trip; secured fruit trees for farmers in community.

HEADLAND—presented medal and certificate to member for best corn grower in county; held Public Speaking eliminations; bull, boar and gilt donated by Sears, Roebuck doing fine.

HEFLIN—initiated 35 Green Hands; plan for 80 mailbox posts; improving library; plan to buy tools for shop; all members entering Public Speaking.

HIGHLAND HOME—held public Speaking contest; constructed 24 concrete mailbox supports.

INVERNESS—planted 12,000 pine seedlings; constructed 20 mailbox posts; received a complete Ford Motor to use in shop instruction.

JACKSON—building FFA mailbox posts; attended county FFA and FHA meeting.

JEMISON—wrote speeches; organized fire fighting squads and a basketball team.

KINSTON—elected Honorary members and presented them with pins and certificates; had TV show on Home Beautification; planned barbecue.

LAFAYETTE—purchased \$50 worth of books for Vo-Ag department; put on TV program; held 2 meetings.

LEROY—elected 6 Honorary members and presented certificates and pins; received cooperative order of fruit trees; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings; selling seed to raise funds; Quartet practicing.

LINDEN—set out 17,000 pine seedlings; pruned peach trees; made frame for bulletin board; planned electrical short course for parents.

McKENZIE—plan for chapter program; put up posters on Safety Campaign; published news article about Safety on Farm.

MAPLESVILLE—completely overhauled motor, relined brakes, rewired and painted tractor;

NEW SITE—purchased new electric welder for shop; constructing mailbox posts; working on state sponsored contests.

NORTHPORT—selected champion Chapter Corn grower; planted 40,000 pine seedlings; held preliminary Public Speaking contest.

ODENVILLE—assigned program committee for Senior II class; quartet entertained chapter meeting; working on Public Speaking contest.

ONEONTA—initiated 28 Green Hands; placed 14 mailbox posts in community; purchased \$30 worth of fruit trees; placed 2 pigs through pig chain; constructing 20 more mailbox posts.

OZARK—had demonstration on how to set out pine trees; received 32,000 pine seedlings; demonstration on rat control; chapter sow farrowed litter of 8 pigs.

PELL CITY—initiated 1 Green Hand; set 12,000 pine seedlings; made 23 dibbles; subscribed to 8 magazines; finished Custom Cal ads.

PINE HILL—started mailbox program; feeding out 8 hogs; holding Public Speaking and Quartet contest.

PRATTVILLE—sold calendar ads; preparing

for Public Speaking contest; started selling mailbox posts.

PRICEVILLE—purchased 2 steers for fattening and small tools for shop; two purebred gilts in pig chain bred.

PAMER—organized String Band; purchased show calves; sold rat poison.

RED BAY—working on Public Speaking contest; installed school lockers; added new radial saw to shop.

REELTOWN—received 5,000 pine seedlings; started on mailbox program; received new popcorn machine.

ROANOKE—making concrete mailbox posts to be sold and placed at homes in community;



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Forest Ranger gave a talk on how to set out pine trees; holding chapter Public Speaking Contest.

MARBURY—built trailer in shop to deliver mailbox posts and members will erect posts for people who purchase them; made an electric panel, and stack cutter out of a road scraper blade; bought 4 purebred hampshires for pig chain.

MIDLAND CITY—sponsored FFA fund raising calendar; sold 2 gilts; planning initiation ceremony.

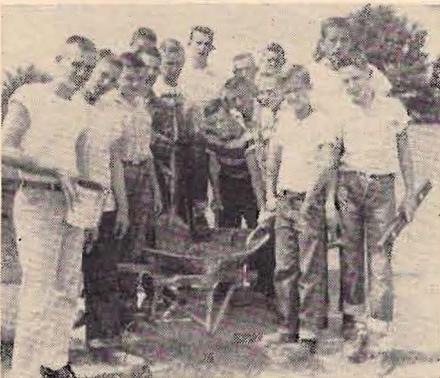
MONROEVILLE—planned social; made more definite plans on mailbox program.

MONTEVALLO—made field trip to Angus farm with Siluria chapter; secured iron for mailbox program; Green Hands planted 2 orchards; one registered gilt purchased.

MONTGOMERY—building shop tables and cabinet; started mailbox program; made dibbles for planting pine seedlings; learned to arc weld.

MOULTON—elected 3 Honorary members and chapter Star Farmer; set aside a day for selling popcorn and peanuts for March of Dimes; selected Chapter Star Farmer.

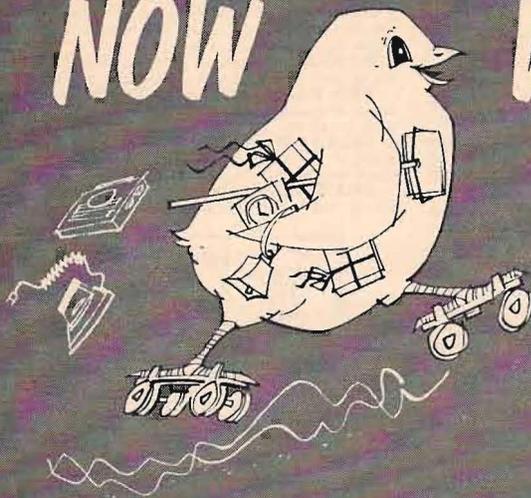
NEW BROCKTON—building mailbox forms; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter barbecue; sold 200 fruit trees; bought 8,000 pine seedlings.



BRIDGEPORT FFA members, above, are getting ready to build FFA mailbox posts.

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had 500 FFA calendars printed; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings.

ROGERSVILLE—set out 9,000 pine seedlings; 2 members purchased registered gilts to raise pigs.

SAND ROCK—held chapter Public Speaking contest; bought new drink box for FFA store; ordered 102 fruit trees for farmers.

SARDIS—made forms for mailbox posts; initiated 16 Green Hands; ordered National Future Farmer Magazines.

SILAS—elected FFA Sweetheart; helped put up a flag pole in front of school building; visited a slaughter house and watched the whole process of butchering.

SOUTHSIDE—bought 6 pigs to feed out; sold 3 hogs for \$117.71; five members entered Public Speaking Contest; Quartet practicing.

SPEAKE—presented winner of chapter corn growing contest a certificate and medal; selected subjects and titles for Public Speaking Contest.

STRAUGHN—planted 19,000 pine seedlings; ordered 50 fruit trees; held Public Speaking eliminations.

SULLIGENT—initiated 17 Green Hands; ordered 21,000 pine seedlings and 15,000 bicolor plants; constructing mailbox posts; held Public Speaking contest.

SUTTLE—ordered FFA jackets, 47,000 pine seedlings and 233 fruit trees; set goal of 80 mailbox stands.

SYLVANIA—got 2 new arc welders; bought FFA jackets; initiated 31 Green Hands; all members learning to weld; built forms for mailbox posts.

THOMASTON—set 6,000 pine seedlings; pig chain placed 2 gilts.

THOMASVILLE—ordered "T" shirts, magazines and one official jacket; built paint cabinet for shop; plan to purchase baby chicks.

VERNON—12 members purchased FFA "T" shirts; distributed FFA calendars in community; ordered fruit trees and 50,000 pine seedlings; sold rat poison.

VINA—set 70,000 pine seedlings; made order for 155 fruit trees; placed 1 Hampshire gilt in pig chain.



VINCENT—toured Coosa River Nursery to see how pine seedlings were selected, planted, cultivated, and processed for distribution; ordered 7,000 pine seedlings.

WALNUT GROVE—initiated 28 Green Hands; installed water system in elementary grades; built hog house, farrowing jacket, and storage room for feed.

WEDOWEE—built 27 mailbox posts; set out 4,000 pine seedlings; preparing for tractor driving contest; held tractor clinic.

WEGUFKA—set up 14 mailbox posts; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings.

WEST POINT—starting mailbox improvement project; increased pig chain for 3 members; 231 Chapter Farmer pins presented and 24 Green Hand pins.

WHITE PLAINS—ordered 8,500 pine seedlings; selling rat poison; entering Public Speaking Contest; constructing mailbox posts.

WOODVILLE—received material for new agriculture building; built road to new ag building; participated in school talent show.

A Message to High School Boys and Girls and Their Parents

Even when the first institution of higher learning was founded in Alabama more than a hundred years ago, there was recognition of the demand for people educated in some field of science or engineering. The need has grown year by year. It has mushroomed in the last 20 years. New inventions, new methods, new uses in this modern world call for more professionally trained men and women than ever before. The shortage of trained personnel that exists today is expected to continue for a number of years, because the advance of science will not slow, but rather will grow, in the fields of research, industry, agriculture, ground and air transportation, atomic energy, electric power, chemistry, industrial production, human comfort and health.

If you are a high school student, and if you have an interest in what makes things work, in how things grow, find mathematics and "puzzle" problems interesting, it might be worth your while to seriously consider specializing in some

branch of engineering, science or physics when you enter a college.

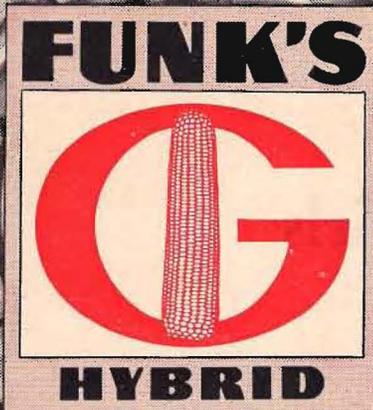
Many top-flight engineers and other graduates in scientific subjects have been graduated from the University of Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and other Southern colleges and universities. Many of them have found employment with Alabama Power Company and other electric power companies in the South, and now hold responsible positions. Others have found eager acceptance for their talents in various Southern industries, as well as elsewhere in the nation.

May we suggest that you talk to the student advisor of your school, particularly if you are a junior or senior. If you have a liking for the scientific and engineering field and apply yourself during your college years, there should be little doubt about your ability to get a job when you graduate. If your funds are limited, your student advisor, science teacher or principal can tell you about the attractive scholarships available to promising students.



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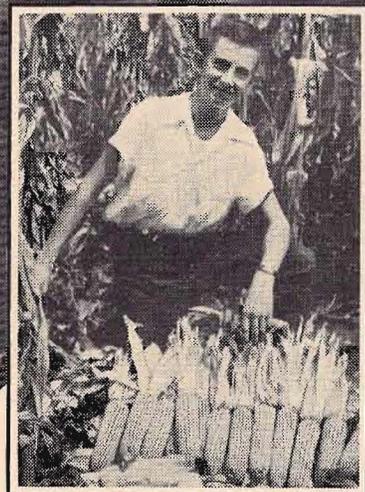
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