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Alabama Group Attending The National FFA Convention

**Fourteen Alabama Future Farmers Receive
American Farmer Degree**

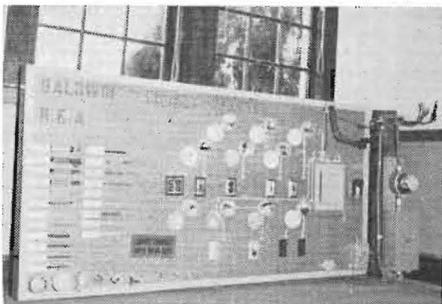
Foley Member Wins National Farm Electrification Achievement Award



SHOWN, THIRD from the left, is Edward Bornholt proudly displaying his certificate and check for winning the National Farm Electrification Contest to the three regional winners.

Edward Bornholt, 17, Rt. 1, Elberta, Alabama, has been named winner of the Future Farmers of America national award for achievement in Farm Electrification. He received a \$250 check during the 31st National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Edward is president of the Foley High School FFA Chapter.

Three other Future Farmers received awards of \$200 each as winners of regional awards in Farm Electrification. They are Edward Moore, 17, Route 1, Wyoming, Delaware; Robert H. Franklin, 18, Route 4, Lewisburg, Kentucky; and Leroy V. Lim, 18, Route 2, Canby, Oregon.



THE PANEL board shown above was built by Edward for demonstration purposes in the vocational agriculture shop at Foley. Materials for the board were furnished by the Baldwin County Electric Cooperative.

The National Farm Electrification award winner is a high school senior, studying vocational agriculture under instructor B. C. Nix. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bornholt.



EDWARD and his vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. B. C. Nix. Switch meter shown in picture was installed by Edward on his home farm.

Electrical items constructed by Edward include a one-half horsepower air compressor built from salvaged material; an egg candler, and a band saw bought used, and repaired.

He mounted an electric motor in a grain auger, converted a welder to be powered from the tractor pulley or electric motor, and rebuilt a wood lathe that was given to him. Other jobs included installing a meter pole and switch, then running three-wire service lines to the dwelling and utility house, and completely rewiring those buildings. He installed 2-wire service lines to the water pump and farrowing houses and an underground wire to a yard light. Edward regularly services all of the electrical appliances on the home farm, and makes minor repairs when needed.

Young Bornholt has an outstanding farming program including, this year, 50 head of swine, 10 acres of corn, 5 acres of wheat, and 7 acres of soybeans. Last year he served as reporter of his chapter.

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Top Honor In Bull Show Goes To Clanton Chapter

The Clanton FFA chapter won first place with the FFA Polled Hereford Bull at the South Alabama Fair. The bull was shown by Donnie Bulger, member of the Clanton chapter.

Nine chapters entered bulls at the Fair. Chapters from which bulls were shown are as follows: Wetumpka, Kinston, Coffee Springs, Linden, LaFayette, Priceville and Stevenson. First place winner received \$70.00 cash with 2nd and 3rd place winners receiving \$60.00 and \$50.00 respectively. The remaining chapters exhibiting bulls received \$40.00 each.

FFA Honor Roll

(Membership of 100 or more)

Bay Minette	134
Silas	131
Stevenson	124
Brookwood	116
Jasper	116
Centreville	114
Heflin	111
Alexandria	106
Arab	106
Ashford	105
Vernon	102
Luverne	101

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION

By J. L. DAILEY, Assistant State Advisor

CHAPTER FFA SWEETHEART — Many local FFA chapters select a chapter Sweetheart during the year. Photographs of chapter Sweethearts should be submitted to the Alabama Future Farmer and one may be selected to run in each issue.

WEAR FFA JACKETS AND T-SHIRTS — How many of your FFA members have purchased FFA jackets or T-shirts this year? Now is the time of year that they should be ordered in order that members will have them to use in the various contests which will begin in January. Several chapters have reported that they are getting jackets for the majority of their members. Let's set a goal that every FFA member who participates in any type of contest will wear either a jacket or a T-shirt and that they will wear them during contest events.

FARM AND HOME SAFETY PROGRAM — We hope all chapters have their FFA Farm Safety Program well under way by this time. Be sure and get a good news release in your local paper every week concerning this outstanding program.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS — Why not make a good photograph of your officers and send one copy to your local newspaper and another along with your monthly FFA report. It may be sent directly to the daily papers if you prefer. Get a picture of county officers and handle in the same manner if possible.

LOCAL OFFICERS SHOULD GIVE SPEECHES — It is very good training and also good public relations to have each local FFA officer prepare a short speech and give it to local Civic Clubs and group meetings of various kinds in your community. We hope your local officers are being used in this manner.

LIVESTOCK SHOWS — It is not long before the Fat Calf Shows will be held. We are hoping that FFA members will be well represented in all shows this spring. Now is the time to really begin working to have a good show calf. Not only are livestock shows a good instructional program but also good public relations for FFA.

HONORARY CHAPTER DEGREE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE — We have in the State Office a supply of Honorary Chapter Degree Certificates which will be furnished without cost to any chapter in the State. Names of persons to receive the certificate will be printed on them without cost. Why not give the Honorary Chapter Degree to several people in your community this year?

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST — Remember that January is the month to hold the Chapter and County Public Speaking and Quartet Contest. We hope that every chapter will have some boys who will select for the subject of their speech something on Farmer Cooperation. As you know, the Farmer Cooperatives in Alabama are sponsoring the Speaking Contest and would be pleased if a large number of members would select Cooperation, or some phase of it, for their subject. Notice, the District winners along with their Advisors will have an all expense paid trip to the annual Cooperative Convention this summer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS — We appreciate the good photographs which you have sent us, but we can use more in the Alabama Future Farmer and in news releases sent out from this office. Please enclose them either with your "Vo-Ag Teacher Release" or "FFA News Report" when sending them in.

AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS — On the contest survey form one question is: How many American Farmer Applicants will you have this year? Application forms will be sent to those indicating on the survey that they will have one. Others should be requested if needed.

FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS — You now have the new FFA Contest and Awards regulations as published in the August-September issue of the Alabama Future Farmer. We hope considerable time will be spent in studying them. Notice all dates, deadlines and eligibility rules. Let's use these awards to improve our FFA program.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK — FEBRUARY 21-28 — National FFA Week will be February 21-28 — the week of George Washington's Birthday. It is now time for all chapters to begin planning for this important occasion.

FFA MANUAL FOR ALL MEMBERS — Why not arrange for all members of your chapter to own a personal copy of the FFA Manual. They may be ordered from the Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia.

DELEGATES TO BIRMINGHAM — You were mailed a letter recently requesting that the name of one delegate from each county be submitted to the State Office to represent your County at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at Birmingham in February. These names are due in Auburn by January 5 so please check with the other teachers in your county and see that the name of your County President or some other delegate is sent in by that time.

Honorary American Farmer Degree Awarded Alabama Vo-Ag Teachers



SHOWN ABOVE is Mr. S. J. Gibbs, Sulligent, and Mr. C. S. Bazemore, Wetumpka, being honored at a banquet given by Ford Tractor Company. These men, along with 23 other teachers of vocational agriculture, received the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Two Alabama Vocational Agriculture teachers received the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 31st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on Tuesday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Receiving this honor, which is the highest awarded by the National FFA Association, were S. J. Gibbs, Vo-Ag teacher at Sulligent High School and C. S. Bazemore, Wetumpka High School Vo-Ag teacher.

Each year the National FFA Board of Directors selects 25 outstanding teachers of vocational agriculture to receive this honor from the more than 10,000 that

are employed in the United States. This is the first year Alabama has ever had a vocational teacher recommended to receive this honor. This year Alabama had two of the 25.

Mr. Gibbs has taught vocational agriculture for the past 33 years. He has taught at Sulligent for 31 years. Before he came to Sulligent in 1927 he had been vo-ag teacher at the Fourth District Agricultural and Mechanical School in Carrollton, Georgia. He received the Honorary State Farmer Degree in 1938. This is the highest awarded by the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Bazemore has been a vocational agriculture teacher for 18 years. He received the Honorary State Farmer Degree in 1951.

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PLEASE 'EM ALL

There was the Texas oilman who was so rich that he had three swimming pools. One was filled with hot water, one was filled with cold water, and one was kept empty for his friends who didn't swim.

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Mother: "Shirley, be quiet! Why can't you be nice like Johnny? He isn't making a sound, and you're jumping and screaming."

Shirley: "We're playing a game. He's Daddy coming home late, and I'm you."



MR. S. J. GIBBS being presented key and honorary American Farmer Degree certificate.

State FFA Judging Teams In National Finals

The champion Alabama FFA Livestock Judging team from Orrville won a bronze plaque in the National finals at Kansas City during the National FFA Convention. In addition to the bronze plaque, Alvin Caine, a member of the team, was awarded a silver emblem medal for high individual placing.

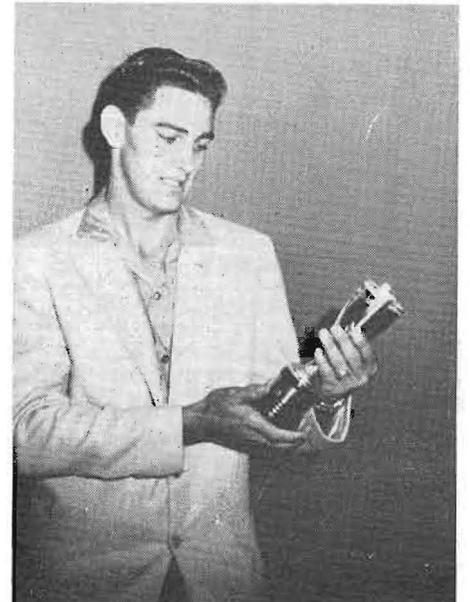
Congratulations are in order for the very fine showing of this judging team in representing Alabama FFA Association. Other members of the team were: David Caine, Woodfin Caine and Robert Caine. Mr. W. T. Richards is advisor of the Orrville Chapter.

The champion Alabama FFA Poultry Judging team from Hartford participated in the judging finals in Kansas City during the National Convention. They won honorable mention and did a fine job in representing Alabama. Members of the team were: Joel Sullivan, Johnny Brannon, Colon Donnell, and Wayne Hartzog. Mr. Paul Dean is the advisor of the Hartford chapter.

The champion FFA Judging team from Cullman participated in the National Dairy judging contest held at Waterloo, Iowa. They won a certificate for being a participating team. Members of the Cullman judging team were: Merle Baker, Davis Brown, Jerry Stansell. Mr. J. D. Hardeman is advisor of the Cullman chapter.

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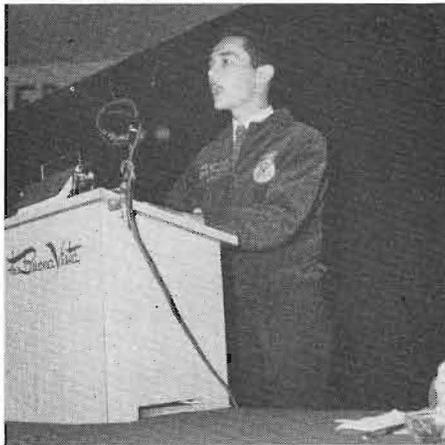
A female battleaxe said to her lawyer, "And you might warn my husband that if he misses a single alimony payment, I'll repossess him!"



GEORGE TILLMAN admires the loving cup presented him for being winner of the Young Folks' Talk Meet at the Alabama Farm Bureau Convention. George is a FFA member of the Fairhope Chapter.

State President Attends Farm Bureau Meeting

Buddy Farrington, State President of the Alabama FFA Association, attended the Alabama Farm Bureau Convention. He discussed the "Future Farmers and the Business of Farming." The convention was held in Biloxi, Mississippi on October 27, 28 and 29. Buddy spoke Tuesday afternoon before approximately



BUDDY FARRINGTON shown addressing delegates of the Alabama Farm Bureau Convention.

1,000 Farm Bureau and Home Demonstration members.

The Fairhope FFA chapter received outstanding recognition at the Convention. George Tillman, member of the Fairhope chapter, winner in the Talk Meet of the Farm Bureau Young Peoples program. George will represent Alabama in the National Talk Meet of Farm Bureau Young People at the National Farm Bureau Convention in Boston, Mass., in December. The Fairhope String Band entertained the Farm Bureau members and visitors at a square dance on Tuesday night.

On Monday night the Theodore FFA String Band played for a square and round dance for Farm Bureau members and guests.

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A MATTER OF CLASSIFICATION

The maintenance boss burst into the tool shanty where his crew were lolling about in postures of exquisite indolence.

"Come on, you lazy jerks, out with you! We got a fast job to do!" The men leapt to their feet, grabbed their caps and piled outside. All, this is, except one, who continued to sit over the last of his cigar.

"Well!" the foreman roared at him.

"Yes, sir-ee," the man sighed, tapping the ash from his cigar, "sure was a lot of them, wasn't there?"

FFA Membership Short Of Goal By 1,245

(Figure in parenthesis number vo-ag students—last figure is FFA membership)

Abbeville (37) 30	Guin (30) 24	Smith's Station (42) 42	Valley Head (45) 52
Addison (61) 75	Guntersville (49) 54	Southside (28) 29	Verbena (49) 53
Akron (19) 18	Gurley (71) 84	Sporkman (60) 63	Vernon (68) 102
Ala. Inst. D.&B. (38) 21	Hackleburg (71) 38	Speake 43	Vina (58) 64
Albertville (30) 31	Hackneyville (54) 54	Spring Garden (45) 50	Vincent (87) 80
Alexander City (45) 42	Haleyville (49) 51	Stevenson (100) 124	Wadley (40) 38
Alexandria (75) 106	Hamilton (75) 75	Straughn (49) 64	Walnut Grove (40) 36
Aliceville (36) 38	Hanceville (46) 46	Sulligent (47) 75	Waterloo (48) 50
Arab (91) 106	Hartford (44) 50	Susan Moore (66) 67	Wedowee (52) 70
Ardmore (57) 51	Hartselle (52) 61	Suttle (29) 30	Weogufka (57) 55
Ariton (46) 58	Hatton (61) 74	Sweet Water (29) 23	West Limestone (62) 67
Arley (41) 42	Hayden (52) 51	Sylvania (60) 74	West Point (67) 47
Ashford (120) 105	Hayneville (28) 50	Tanner (68) 64	Wetumpka (72) 72
Ashland (79) 89	Hazel Green (61) 70	Theodore 48	White Plains (47) 52
Ashville (36) 47	Headland (72) 66	Thomaston (40) 60	Wicksburg (46) 47
Atlanta (75) 75	Heflin (104) 111	Thomasville (69) 70	Wineld 64
Auburn (34) 49	Highland Home (58) 70	Thompson (72) 68	Winterboro (34) 36
Autaugaville (29) 34	Holly Pond (72) 52	Town Creek (72) 77	Woodland (53) 61
B. B. Comer (47) 41	Holtville (69) 45	Troy (43) 46	Yordville (47) 49
Baker Hill 35	Hubbertville (50) 32	Tuskegee (29) 33	York (21) 25
Bay Minette (133) 134	Ider (73) 73	Uriah (48) 44	
Bear Creek (47) 54	Inverness (31) 31		
Beatrice 34	Isabella (34) 40		
Beauregard (39) 44	Jackson (43) 44		
Belgreen (64) 67	Jacksonville (78) 83		
Berry (57) 36	Jasper (116) 116		
Beulan (32) 37	Jemison (56) 66		
Billingsley (36) 39	Kate D. Smith (32) 35		
Blountsville (84) 84	Kennedy (43) 43		
Blue Springs (23) 24	Kinston (39) 49		
Boaz (40) 40	Lafayette (71) 71		
Brantley (47) 64	Leighton (62) 63		
Bridgeport (37) 45	Leroy (78) 93		
Brilliant (35) 35	Lexington (71) 95		
Brookwood (112) 116	Liberty (36) 32		
Brundidge (40) 28	Lincyn (56) 44		
Buckhorn 74	Linden (52) 47		
Bufler (74) 73	Lineville (69) 80		
Camden (44) 56	Livingston (35) 37		
Camp Hill (30) 34	Locust Fork (75) 50		
Carbon Hill (49) 49	Louisville (25) 30		
Carlowville (22) 23	Luverne (82) 101		
Carrrollton (29) 36	Lyeffion (34) 44		
Castleberry (41) 37	Lynn (48) 48		
Cedar Bluff (38) 40	McAdory (63) 68		
Centreville (113) 114	McKenzie (58) 64		
Central 44	Maplesville (64) 73		
Centre (80) 70	Marbury (45) 51		
Chatom 62	Marion (46) 54		
Chavala (26) 33	Mellow Valley (27) 37		
Cherokee (65) 65	Midland City (46) 47		
Citronelle (78) 74	Millerville (40) 44		
Clanton (86) 81	Millport (34) 42		
Clayton (25) 37	Millry (47) 65		
Clements (55) 46	Milltown (24) 30		
Cleveland (66) 68	Monroeville (38) 39		
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Coffee Springs (49) 55	Montgomery (50) 53		
Coffeetown (33) 43	Moulton (60) 73		
Cold Springs (47) 54	Moundville (35) 19		
Collinsville (66) 56	Mount Hope (37) 48		
Columbia (48) 56	Munford (43) 43		
Columbiana (54) 56	New Brockton (39) 42		
Corner (54) 58	New Hope (61) 61		
Cotaco (64) 70	New Site (44) 48		
Cottonwood (56) 54	Newville (30) 33		
Crasville (71) 82	Northport (67) 67		
Cullman (68) 75	Nortusulga (28) 50		
Curry (82) 72	Oakman (52) 57		
Dadeville (62) 63	Odenville (72) 78		
Danville (41) 42	Ohatchee (52) 59		
Double Springs (49) 22	Oneonta (55) 55		
Douglas (97) 79	Opp (39) 46		
Dozier (39) 43	Orrville (28) 33		
East Brewton (76) 70	Oxford (70) 72		
East Limestone (56) 59	Ozark (59) 59		
Eclectic (58) 65	Paint Rock Vally' (43) 60		
Elba (18) 21	Palmetto (31) 36		
Elkmont (56) 56	Pell City (71) 71		
Enterprise (57) 58	Phil Campbell (58) 60		
Eufaula (50) 51	Pine Apple (26) 26		
Euraw (41) 51	Pine Hill (45) 43		
Eva (76) 62	Pisgoh 40		
Evergreen (59) 59	Plantersville 42		
Excel (31) 32	Pleasant Home (39) 44		
Fairhope (77) 91	Prattville (42) 32		
Fairview (52) 24	Priceville (36) 50		
Falkville (59) 62	Ramer (37) 39		
Fayette (35) 37	Ranburne (40) 44		
Five Points (35) 39	Rawls (25) 28		
Flomaton (65) 60	Red Bay (46) 84		
Floral (39) 41	Red Level (60) 36		
Foley 121	Reeltown (47) 52		
Fort Deposit (17) 24	Reform (37) 49		
Fort Payne (46) 49	Rehobeth (54) 48		
Frisco City (55) 67	Repton (52) 40		
Fyffe (60) 25	Roanoke (62) 67		
Gaylesville (28) 38	Robertsdale (102) 50		
Geneva (58) 38	Rockford (54) 54		
Georgiana 64	Rogers (76) 77		
Geraldine (59) 71	Rogersville (46) 53		
Glencoe (45) 22	Russellville (60) 35		
Goodwater (48) 48	Samsan (60) 70		
Gordo (68) 52	Sand Rock (52) 52		
Gorgas (71) 58	Sardis (56) 68		
Goshen (35) 40	Scotsboro (66) 50		
Grand Bay (26) 29	Selma (64) 66		
Greensboro (38) 45	Semmes 45		
Greenville (42) 52	Sidney Lanier 29		
Grove Hill (50) 55	Silas (90) 131		
	Slocomb (42) 59		



JOAN WATKINS, above, was recently selected as the Berry FFA chapter Sweetheart for 1958-59. Miss Watkins was presented a lovely white Sweetheart jacket by the FFA president.

—FFA—

Three Alabama Chapters Honored At National Convention

Three Alabama FFA chapters were honored at the 31st National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Missouri in the National Chapter Award program.

The top goal emblem rating was awarded the Riverton chapter, now Buckhorn. They were one of 68 chapters throughout the nation to receive this top award.

The Montevallo and Foley chapters received the bronze emblem along with 21 others. The chapters were honored for their outstanding activity programs during the 1957-58 school year.

American Farmer Degree

AWARDED 14 ALABAMA FFA MEMBERS

One out of a thousand might very well be the boast of young men who grow up to earn the American Farmer degree as the capstone of achievement, an honor which is bestowed upon only one member in every thousand.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys who are studying vocational agriculture in high school. Its aim is to help farm boys help themselves by giving them the opportunity to develop qualities of leadership, character, and citizenship while nurturing in them a love of country life and inspiring them to progress toward establishment in farming.

FFA and vocational agriculture together afford the most intensive training program short of the college level for farmers of tomorrow.

It takes a lot of study and work and cooperation to reach the top of the Future Farmers ladder. The four degrees or levels of membership are the Green Hand, Chapter Farmer, State Farmer and American Farmer. Advancement up the ladder is based on leadership, scholarship, earnings from farming, and progress toward establishment in farming as evidenced by investments in equipment and projects.

American Farmers are young men who have been out of high school at least one year, who have exhibited superior qualities of leadership, are active in community affairs, and who are actually engaged in an outstanding farming operation.

It is to Alabama's 14 American Farmers of 1958 that this issue of *The Alabama Future Farmer* is dedicated with the hope that their achievements may prove an inspiration to other members of the FFA.

Robert Lasseter

(Southside)

Robert Lasseter, son of Mrs. Nellie Lasseter of Gadsden, Alabama, Route 1, began his farming program in 1953 when he enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and joined the local FFA Chapter at the Southside High School. His first year's farming program included four acres corn, 2 acres cotton, 50 baby chicks and 1 brood sow. He has been farming full time since finishing high school three years ago. His agriculture enterprises now include 50 acres corn, 12 acres alfalfa, 8 acres oats, 115 acres pasture, 5 sows, 1 boar, 19 market hogs and 26 head of beef cattle. His estimated net worth including land, livestock, buildings, crops, machinery and equipment is \$25,465.25.



ROBERT LASSETER

While in high school Robert took an active part in FFA activities. He served one year as chapter secretary, entered the quiz contest two years, was a member of the Chapter quartet two years and in the Radio program contest one year and on the FFA basketball team two years.

Robert also participated in other school activities. Member of football and basketball teams, participated in school plays, was a member of annual staff and commercial club. He also won the DeKalb agriculture award his senior year.

Robert is a regular attendant at Sunday school and church.

Clinton Hardin

(Moulton)

Clinton Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hardin of Moulton, Alabama, began his farming program in 1952 when he enrolled in vocational agriculture. He began his program with one registered Duroc sow, one registered Hereford cow, one grade beef cow, two steers that were shown at the Birmingham Fat Stock Show and three acres of corn. From this small beginning Clinton has continued to expand his livestock program and at the present time owns seven grade beef cows, all with calves, three registered Hereford cows, with calves, two registered Hereford heifers, registered Hereford bull, five steers, three registered Duroc sows and four bred gilts. In addition to his individual livestock program he and his father own in

partnership a 160 beef cattle herd and 12 to 15 registered Duroc brood sows. Clinton and his father sell only breeding stock from their herd of registered hogs.

In addition to the livestock program he and his father operate a 400 acre farm on which wheat, cotton and seed oats are grown as cash crops.

From the income from his supervised farming program Clinton is paying his way through college at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He is majoring in Animal Husbandry and plans to return full time to the farm when he graduates.

In FFA Clinton was an outstanding member. He was a member of the livestock judging team for three years and the dairy judging team one year, served as president, vice-president and reporter of his chapter, delegate to state convention for two years, 4th place State winner



CLINTON HARDIN

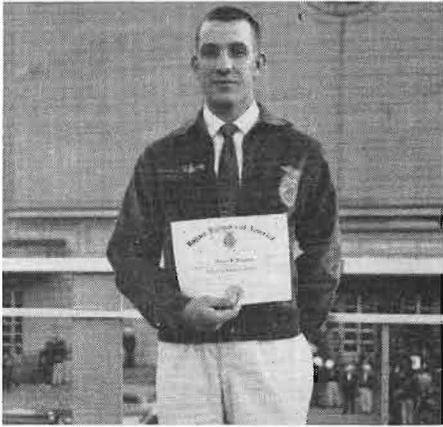
in the Soil and Water Management contest in 1954 and was chairman of several chapter committees. He was also active in showing his livestock in county and district shows. He has continued his leadership activities in college. He is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, member of Block and Bridle Club, member of the collegiate livestock judging team and recently elected vice-president of the school of agriculture.

James Brindley

(Blountsville)

James Brindley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Brindley of Blountsville, started studying vocational agriculture at the J. B. Pennington High School in 1953. He was reared on a general family-type farm on which were raised corn, cotton, poultry, cattle, hogs and sheep.

While in high school James was active in all phases of FFA work. In addition to serving on various committees, he was



JAMES BRINDLEY

president of the Blountsville chapter during his junior year. He was the county delegate to the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Birmingham in 1956, and was his chapter's candidate for Alabama Future Farmer of the Year.

James was a good student not only in agriculture but also in his academic work. He was an outstanding football player, serving as captain of his team and president of the "P" Club in 1956. In that same year he received the award presented by the Athletic Club to its most valuable player. James also held various class offices during his high school years, having served as class president, vice president, and class representative to the student council.

James is active in the work of his church, being a member of the church choir, Youth Director of the Baptist Training Union, and assistant Sunday School teacher.

In November of 1957 James married Becky Graves of Blountsville. They are

now living on the 100-acre farm which James purchased upon graduation from high school. Most of this farm is used to produce cattle, poultry, and hogs, as well as feed for three animals.

John Smith

(Straughn)

As a small boy John Smith always amazed his parents and friends about becoming a farmer. Early in his school career John secured a pig project in the 4-H Club. His gilt farrowed two litters but raised only one pig. This did not discourage John because he was always ready to try something else. By purchasing another pig and having better luck he was able to buy a calf and keep a sow for a number of years. Since his projects seemed to be the most important item in John's life, he was able to do some real farming after he began vocational agriculture at Straughn High School.

John's interest in beef animals inspired his father to secure a better beef bull for his herd of grade cows. This was the time of high beef prices, but it seemed that living expenses were being made from the hogs. After he became an FFA member John's name was entered on the pig chain list, and soon he received a registered Duroc gilt. Since then John has kept his hog program going strong and along with his father has sold over 500 top market hogs.

After considering his land potential and capabilities, along with his desire to gain a living from the 150 acres, there arose a need for some verticle integration of his farming program. Since the idea of dairying had been in his mind several years, he talked to local dairymen, then planned to grow into the dairy business gradually.



JOHN SMITH

— FFA —

If nobody knows the troubles you've seen, you're not living in a small town.

Starting in 1956 John purchased 19 head of dairy calves from local dairy farmers.

His plan is to start milking 20 head in 1959 and increase his herd to 30 by 1960. With the hog program to support and pay for the barn and living expenses, growing into the business will cost less initially, and much progress can be made toward a successful dairy farm.

It seems now that John has succeeded in the hog business and is truly on the road to successful farming. He has rightfully earned the American Farmer Degree.

Larry Lynn Pruett

(Fairview)

Larry has willingly assumed responsibilities in both school and community affairs. In school he developed his ability as a leader by promoting the work of his FFA chapter as president and as



LARRY PRUETT

secretary. He played basketball for two years and captained his school's team one year.

He was enrolled in vocational agriculture for two years and maintained a well balanced, carefully supervised farming program each year. He has taken an active part in church and the work of the community in which he lives.

Larry has enrolled at St. Bernard College near Cullman where he is studying agriculture. The college is close enough to his farm so that he can maintain the complete operation of its 109 acres.

For his first-year projects, Larry carried 2 beef calves, 20 acres of corn, and 9 acres of cotton. Total receipts amounted to \$4,728.20. He increased his farming enterprises year by year so that his present operations include 17 acres of cotton, 60 acres of corn, 12 beef brood cows, 1 bull, 6 beef calves, 20 market hogs, 5 steers, 1 dairy heifer, and pasture crops. His net returns total \$15,543.63.



THOMAS FUQUA

Thomas Fuqua
(Blue Springs)

Thomas Fuqua, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fuqua of Route 2, Clayton, Alabama, began his farming program in 1953 when he enrolled in vocational agriculture. He started with one hog, 5 acres of corn, 4 acres of peanuts, and 500 head of poultry. Thomas had a labor income the first year of \$965.91.

With encouragement from his parents and vocational agriculture teacher, he expanded his poultry program until now he has a 2,500 head poultry project. Laying hens make up most of his poultry project, from which he sells hatching eggs. Thomas's net worth is \$14,590.70. This includes 162 acres of land which he bought and now operates. Livestock is one of his first loves, and his livestock projects include 1 dairy calf, 5 beef cows, 3 beef calves, 2 sows, and 17 pigs.

Thomas has been very active in FFA activities. He has been sentinel, treasurer, and secretary of his local chapter. He participated in the public speaking, radio program and livestock judging contests. He served as the Blue Springs' delegate to the state FFA convention one year, and represented his county in the state forestry camp at Camp Grist in 1956.

Fuqua has been a leader in school functions as well. He was a Beta Club member, a member of the "B" Club, and was sports editor of his school's newspaper. He lettered in both football and basketball in high school.

This Future Farmer is active in church and community work. He has been president of his Sunday school class, church usher, and youth treasurer and pastor during Youth Week. He has also been instrumental in training union work.

Thomas is now enrolled at API. There he will study scientific methods of farming which he will put into practice on his own farm.

Roy Albert Amos
(Foley)

Roy Amos is the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Amos, of Foley, Alabama. He began his farming career at Foley High School in 1953 when he joined the FFA. He started with 3 acres of corn, 5 acres of soybeans and 1 market hog. Roy continually improved and expanded his projects and today his net worth stands at \$9,926.04. He owns a 40-acre farm, rents 60 acres, and owns 40 acres in partnership.

The major crops on the Amos farm consist of potatoes, soybeans, corn, and oats. Roy also produces market hogs.

Roy served as president and parliamentarian of the Foley FFA Chapter. He was chairman of the leadership, election, contests, finance, and supervised farming program committees and served as a member of several other committees. He is also very active in community activities.

Due to illness, Roy's father lives in New Mexico most of the time, thus, Roy is totally responsible for the management and operation of the farm.



ROY AMOS

Wayland Cross
(Town Creek)

From a small beginning Wayland Cross has consistently expanded his supervised farming program for his section of the state. He lives on a 410 acre general farm and 215 acres of land are rented annually.

Total receipts from Wayland's in-school program amounted to \$12,806.22. This income enabled him to enroll at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he is pursuing a course in agricultural education.

Throughout Wayland's farming operations he has shown a great deal of diversity. However, his most recently completed farming projects show a trend



WAYLAND CROSS

toward beef cattle production with the "standard" cotton and corn enterprises supplementing the farm income.

Wayland's story is one of success. It's a story of advancement which resulted from receiving a Duroc gilt through his chapter's pig chain and growing into a small herd of registered Durocs.

In FFA Cross was an outstanding member. He was twice a delegate to the state convention; twice he participated in the safe tractor driving contest; and worked as chairman of the Calendar, Exhibit, and Rat Control committees. He served the Town Creek FFA Chapter as president in 1956 and was elected president again in 1957.

The work of this progressive FFA'er was highlighted when he was chosen as the State's Star Farmer from a slate of 272 contenders in 1957.

Charles Milton Jacks
(New Market)

Charles Milton Jacks, "Dickie", to all his friends, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jacks of Rt. 2, New Market, Alabama.

When Dickie started in FFA in 1953 his supervised farming program included 1 acre of cotton, 1 acre of corn, 1 market hog, and 1 beef cow. From this small beginning Dickie expanded his farming program by increasing his cotton acreage and his market hogs.

While in school Dickie was an outstanding leader. He served his local FFA Chapter as vice-president, secretary, program chairman, chairman of the FFA banquet and was a member of the Dairy Judging Team. School leadership activities outside FFA included being president of his junior class and vice-president of his senior class.

Dickie is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and sings in the church choir. He has helped with numerous community activities including the community barbecue.



CHARLES MILTON JACKS

At present, Dickie's farming program consists of 4 acres of cotton, 10 acres of corn, 15 head of market hogs and 2 beef cattle. He is also operating a printing company in New Market, using his income to expand his farming program.

Woody Bartlett

(Sidney Lanier)

Woody Bartlett, 21-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Haywood S. Bartlett of Montgomery, Alabama, became interested in farming when he entered Sidney Lanier High School. He enrolled in vocational agriculture in September of 1952 and immediately joined the FFA.

Even though he lived in the city of Montgomery, he was determined to have a genuine supervised farming program. His father owned 110 acres of land, 50 of which was then in the edge of the city limits and the other was located 18 miles from the city. The land had been row cropped for a number of years and most of it was badly eroded and there were no improved practices. The father, realizing the need for improvements but not having the time to do any of it himself, decided to turn the management and operation of the entire farm over to Woody. With the help of his vo-ag teacher, Woody planned a small farming program that netted him \$727.31 the first year.

During his first year, Woody became aware of the fact that with the small acreage, his production was limited. To increase his livestock program, he had to increase his feed program. To do this on a small acreage, an irrigation system seemed to be the answer, therefore, his father agreed to help finance the irrigation system. Two deep wells were drilled to furnish water for 40 acres of improved permanent pasture, some corn, 3 acres of truck crops and a 3-acre farm pond. This investment proved to be very successful in that Woody's labor income

increased to over \$3,000 the second year. In addition, he was selected as a regional winner in the Soil and Water management contest that year.

At the beginning of his third year of vocational agriculture Woody and his father purchased an 840-acre rundown farm at approximately \$65 per acre. With the purchase of this size farm, additional machinery, equipment and cattle were needed. His father purchased the equipment and cattle and Woody paid his share of expenses by his own labor, supervision, and farm management. His farming program began to unfold as this farm was a natural for irrigation, row cropping and beef cattle production. He started to work conserving water flooding by constructing five reservoirs and drilling a well. The water from these ponds and this well are used to irrigate grain crops and vegetables.



WOODY BARTLETT

Waymon Paul

(Geneva)

Waymon Paul started his first year vocational agriculture program with a sow and litter, twelve acres of corn, one cow and calf, and a gilt. His projects were increased in 1953 to include two acres of oats, one sow and litter, three cows, two acres of soybeans, one acre watermelons, and four acres of velvet beans.

While in high school Waymon purchased most of his equipment on a partnership basis with his father. At present he has a 50-50 interest in a tractor, cultivator, planter, disc harrow, and disc tiller.

In FFA leadership Waymon accomplished a lot. He was a local winner in the public speaking contest, chairman of



WAYMON PAUL

his chapter's membership committee, and a local, district and state winner in the parliamentary procedure contest. He was also a district star farmer.

During his years in vo-ag, he carried out several improvements on his farm and in his home. His work led him to be a top state winner in the home improvement contest.

FFA has enabled this youth to lead a richer and fuller life. He is presently attending the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Upon graduation he plans to specialize in the field of forestry.

Coyle Campbell

(New Market)

Coyle Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Campbell of New Market, Alabama has a good supervised farming program in operation which he is very much interested in. He is a hard worker and a very strong believer in the FFA.

He started his program with only cotton and corn as supervised farming projects. He expanded his program to include turkeys, market cattle, dairy heifers and dairy cows. Coyle lives on a 155 acre farm of which 20 acres are entirely his and are valued at \$3,000.

Since graduation from high school Coyle has added market hogs, wheat, hay, oats, layers, and guineas to his program.

Coyle was vice-president of his local FFA chapter, 1956, and in 1954 served as treasurer. For two consecutive years Coyle won the State Champion Corn



COYLE CAMPBELL

Growing Contest. He was also county winner of the Cotton Growing Contest. He represented his chapter at the State FFA Convention and also the Tri-State Queen Contest held in Tennessee. He has been chairman of various chapel programs, FFA banquet nights, and welding classes.

Coyle is still active in his local FFA chapter, state FFA program and is a leader in his community and church.

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Wilson Lee

(Bay Minette)

Wilson Lee, son of Mrs. V. D. Lee of Star Route 4, Cantonment, Florida, received the American Farmer Degree at the 31st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Wilson, a Bay Minette FFA member, enrolled in vocational agriculture and joined the FFA in 1953. For his productive projects the first year Young Lee had a sow and litter, 1 acre of corn, 25 head of turkeys, and 300 laying hens. That first year he also planted 31,000 pine seedlings for an improvement project. He placed second in the State Forestry contest that year.

In his second year of vocational agriculture, Wilson was winner of the State Forestry contest.

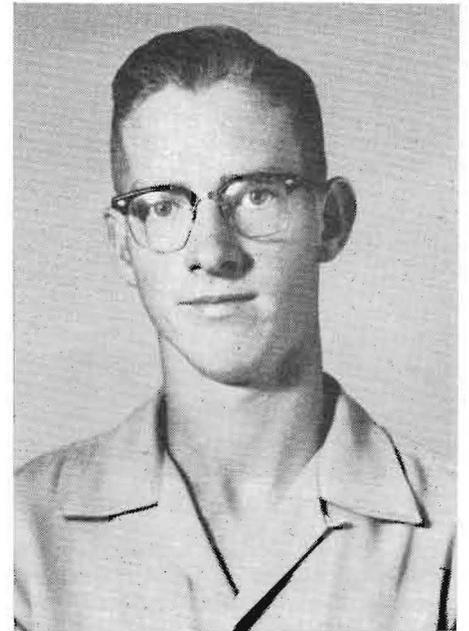
He has increased his projects each year until at the present time he has one-half interest in 40 acres of soybeans, 15 acres corn, 36 acres cotton, 600 laying hens, 35 market beef cattle, a registered bull, three acres of watermelons, 2 acres of oats, a garden, and several gilts and turkeys. At the present time his total net worth is valued at more than \$20,000.

In addition to the forestry contest, other FFA activities he has participated in include soil and water management contest, home improvement contest, farm safety program, corn growing contest, tractor driving contest and member of FFA quartet.

He has served as assistant Sunday school superintendent for his church, and helped the community in various different ways.



WILSON LEE



TOMMY WILCOX

Tommy Wilcox

(Liberty)

Tommy Wilcox became interested in farming while in grammar school. He and his brother formed a partnership and began milking six cows at that time.

In 1952 Tommy enrolled in vocational agriculture and FFA. His interest in dairying was easily noted and his supervised farming program was adjusted around his dairy herd which had grown to 16 cows.

It was during his first year of vo-ag that the possibilities of selling grade A milk were explored. After much consideration and study a three-way partnership between Tommy, his father, and brother was initiated.

Tommy has shown considerable interest in FFA, serving the Liberty chapter as treasurer for one year. For three years he was Champion Corn Grower of his chapter. In addition, he was named Chapter Star Farmer. In 1954 Tommy was recognized as the state's outstanding FFA'er in the field of dairying by being named Star Dairy Farmer of Alabama.

Tommy has a firm belief in farming, especially dairy farming. It is a belief that has its roots in his soul and creates within him a desire to stay on the farm. Now a sophomore in Agricultural Science at Auburn, he plans to continue dairying after he finishes his course, for he really loves it.

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On The MARCH

ALEXANDER CITY—held two meetings; Sgt. O'Gwin of the State Highway Department showed a 30 minute film stressing safety and showing the results if it is not followed; working on programs and projects for year.

ALICEVILLE—elected chapter Sweetheart; ordered officer pins, 6 jackets and Sweetheart jacket; held two regular meetings; enlarged shop; selling calendar ads; sold magazine subscriptions; bought \$100 in surplus property; studied Future Farmer magazine in class; taught hunting safety.

ATTALLA—held two regular meetings; adopted chapter program of work; ordered 10 official FFA jackets; Advisor attended National Convention; planned Green Hand initiation.

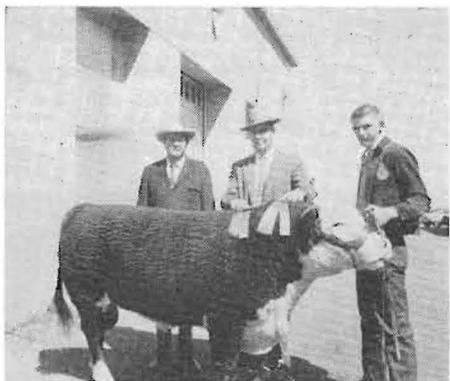
BEAR CREEK—all officers have jackets; initiated 34 Green Hands; held four meetings and two officer meetings.

BEAUREGARD—bought \$75 in textbooks for vo-ag classes; plan initiation for 16 Green Hands; have committees appointed and chapter programs planned for year; planning parent's banquet with FHA; chapter activity program worked out.

BERRY—elected new Reporter; made bulletin board for classroom; ordered jackets; held monthly meeting; elected chapter Sweetheart and presented her with a jacket during chapel assembly; made plans to initiate Green Hands.

BEULAH—put on television program; initiated 6 Green Hands; repaired lime spreader for farmer; castrated pigs in community; added 30 books and 30 FFA Manuals to library.

BLUE SPRINGS—held two regular meetings; initiated 6 Green Hands; elected officers; member approved for American Farmer Degree.



SHOWN above, Mr. E. N. Vandegrift, owner of Cherry Hill Polled Hereford Farm, Oneonta, Alabama; T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and Donnie Bulger, FFA member from Clanton, with the Champion FFA bull at the South Alabama Fair. The bull is owned by the Clanton FFA Chapter and is a member of the Sears FFA Bull Program.

BOAZ—held meeting; started calendar campaign; won two trips to Chicago; purchased planer; assembled new lockers; ordered 4 FFA jackets; collected all dues; planned initiation.

BRANTLEY—all students taking vo-ag are FFA members; harvested corn crop, produced 80 bushels per acre, plan to use money to buy an Arc Welder; planning party.

BRIDGEPORT—ordered 10 manuals for ag library and 2 official jackets; chapter purchased pick-up truck.

BROOKWOOD—had exhibit in State Fair; enrolled 116 boys; appointed all boys to work on committees; purchased \$30.00 worth of books; sold refreshments at football games.

BUCKHORN—elected chapter officers; planned shop set-up and arrangements; purchased 8 show calves; held one officers meeting; sent two delegates to National Convention; two members received American Farmer Degree; held 3 chapter meetings and one officer meeting; selected and placed new Sears Bull; selected Sears Heifer won in breeding program.

BUTLER—held two regular meetings; outlined program of FFA activities for year; plan to sell Christmas cards to raise money for classroom improvement projects; have 40 new members and a total of 70 active members this year; elected assistant officers; all classes are electing class FFA officers.

CAMP HILL—initiated eleven Green Hands; committee appointed for FFA activities; plan to

buy boxing gloves for chapter; FFA members to build float for City of Camp Hill for Governor's inaugural parade, plans completed for theme of float.

CARBON HILL—bought new chapter banner; 100% paid members first week of school; plan to rework tool room; bought official pins for all members; ordered official jackets.

CARLOWVILLE—held meeting; 100% ag students are FFA members; selling fruit trees and rose bushes to make money for FFA; added lathe to shop and 7 books to library.

CASTLEBERRY—held regular meeting; purchased boar and gilt for pig chain; plan to publish a newsletter; organized String Band; built farrowing jacket; started several contests; bought new books for library; elected FFA Sweetheart; initiated 10 Green Hands.

CENTREVILLE—elected FFA Sweetheart; awarded prizes to winners in chapter forestry contest; plan to start pig chain; held two meetings; discussed methods of raising funds for FFA.

CITRONELLE—held two regular meetings; ordered three jackets; harvesting and selling pecans off FFA orchard; held initiation; selling cokes, orange juice, and milk to help finance program.

CLANTON—purchased student notebooks, text books and workbooks; entered five Sears gilts and Sears bull in South Alabama Fair and won Grand Champion; held 2 meetings; elected officers; moved Sears sow and placed one gilt; purchased 14 feeder calves; collected and sold 186 bushels of pine cones; ordered 10 jackets.

COFFEE SPRINGS—held regular meetings; installed officers; planned and adopted chapter program of work; added 2 pigs to pig chain and 45 new books to library; purchased 5 pigs for chapter to feed out cooperatively; elected initiation and program committees.

COLLINSVILLE—initiated 25 new members; held joint FFA-FHA square dance; sold official calendars, clearing \$17.00 and sold ads for fund raising calendar, clearing \$100.00.

CORNER—erected road signs; began Christmas card sales; purchased Secretary and Treasurer books and ten books for library; all members entering one or more contests; held 1 officers meeting and 1 regular meeting; began pure-bred pig chain; held 8 special meetings; 75% of members working on FFA speech; began annual mailbox program.

CULLMAN—represented Alabama at National Dairy Congress in Waterloo, Iowa; initiated 46 new members; plans are being made for assembly program to be presented Thanksgiving.

CURRY—ordered 33 Green Hand buttons, 30 chapter farmer buttons and official Secretary and Treasurer books; entered 6 Duroc hogs in Northwest Alabama Fair; appointed standing committees; initiated 33 Green Hands; raised 30 members to Chapter Farmer Degree; held joint social with FHA; building mailbox posts; completed program of work.

DADEVILLE—ordered 7 jackets, 23 Green Hand pins, 24 Chapter Farmer pins, and 7 FFA ties; showed three pigs at State Fair; held one regular meeting and joint meeting with FHA;

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PICTURED IS A scene at the National FFA Convention showing the National FFA Band. Alabama's representative in the band was W. M. Britton of the Milky FFA Chapter.

member attended National Convention; placed one Hampshire gilt in pig chain; member attended Farm Bureau convention at Biloxi; started Landrace chain.

DOUGLAS—elected officers; ordered jackets and new books for reference library; planning initiation for 34 Green Hands; have 97 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture; working on contests; offering new course entitled Vocational Shop.

EAST BREWTON—planned initiation for 40 Green Hands; ordered \$25.00 in magazines; all members subscribing to National Future Farmer magazine; selling official FFA calendar to local sponsor; completed activity program; two members feeding out beef calves for county show; initiated 41 Green Hands; elected new sentinel.

EAST LIMESTONE—placed first in Limestone County Fair with educational exhibit; all committees appointed and each contributing to annual chapter program of work; added several new mag-

azines to ag library; held annual Pfister corn show; completed FFA activity program for year.

ECLECTIC—made 2 farrowing jackets to loan out; entered 2 Hampshire pigs in South Alabama Fair; placed 2 Landrace gilts in chain; 65 members paid.

ELKMONT—held monthly meeting; sent in program of work; checked several corn and cotton yields; bought planer and jointer for shop; placed 2 new pigs in pig chain.

ENTERPRISE—collected dues from 57 members; initiated 36 Green Hands; had two FFA meetings; Green Hands are studying Parliamentary Procedure; had one party.

FAIRHOPE—string band entertaining; entering 3 hogs in Greater Gulf States Fair; ordered 8 new jackets; string band played for Alabama Farm Bureau convention in Biloxi; sold refreshments in new concession stands at football games; started FFA initiations.

FALKVILLE—quartet sang at annual Joe Wheeler convention; Rabon Dotson won chapter champion corn growing contest; sold flavoring for a profit to go in FFA treasury; sold drinks and candy at all ballgames; Cotaco Culture Club gave the FFA chapter an 80 cup coffee urn.

FLOMATON—painted shop; installed restroom; repaired FFA concession stands; elected officers; enrolled 34 Green Hands.

FLORALA—held officers training school; picked up approximately 300 pounds of pecans for half of what they will bring when sold; ran concession stand at football games and made approximately \$60.

FORT DEPOSIT—installed acetylene welder; purchased new paraphernalia; planning chapter program of work; selling peanuts at football games; held 2 meetings; appointed standing committees and planned FFA activity program; built officers stand; collected dues; worked on FFA contests; gathering pecans for chapter.

GENEVA—three members and advisor gave a 30 minute TV program over WTVY; 12 members appeared on school assembly program; placed an official FFA mailbox at the Geneva High School; member received American Farmer Degree at National Convention.

GLENCOE—held one meeting; reports were given by members of various trips they had made involving the FFA.

GOODWATER—held one meeting; elected officers.

GREENSBORO—sold concessions at ball games; sold magazines; advisor attended National Convention; bought 121 reference books for ag library; attended FFA-FHA meeting in Eutaw; helped PTA with Halloween party; distributed 500 official FFA calendars.

GROVE HILL—initiated new members; held 2 meetings and two officer training periods; made plans to show 6 hogs at Gulf State Fair; subscribed 100% to National Future Farmer magazine; feeding out 8 meat hogs; bought \$47 worth of shop material; added 80 reference books to ag library; presented Green Hands with pins; submitted chapter program of work.

HALEYVILLE—29 Green Hands; 51 paid dues and all subscribed to National Future Farmer magazine; activity program completed; sold subscriptions to magazines; built booths for PTA Halloween; sold 144 boxes of candy, made \$50 for chapter; organizing string band.

HAMILTON—sold mailbox posts; went on educational and recreational tour for officer training; ordered official FFA jackets.

HARTFORD—held two regular meetings; showed 20 hogs at 3 fairs; poultry judging team went to National Convention; planned program of work; started Christmas card sales; placed 3 registered boars in community; added 3 Duroc gilts to pig chain.

HATTON—held two regular meetings; initiated 25 Green Hands; have 74 members; adopted activity program; sponsoring Sweetheart contest; conferred Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree upon County Superintendent of Education.

HAYNEVILLE—went on summer recreational tour; raising chickens on campus; several boys feeding out show calves; held regular meetings; appointed committees; bought \$24 worth of new books for classroom.

HEFLIN—held two regular meetings; held joint FFA-FHA meeting; received \$90 worth of books for classroom; held junior officer training school; initiated 59 Green Hands; 15 boys received jackets.

INVERNESS—7 hogs entered in South Alabama Fair; showed hogs at Columbus Fair; FFA-FHA attended South Alabama Fair as a group and held joint social at ag department; Ned McCall, winner in Home Improvement contest, attended National Convention.

JACKSON—planned year book and Green Hand initiation; elected chapter Sweetheart; planned fund raising program; purchased book for vo-ag library; sent in dues and subscriptions to National Future Farmer; held joint meeting of FFA-FHA; working on year book; helped with school Halloween Fair.

JEMISON—initiated 12 Green Hands; ordered 20 copies of official magazine and 5 official jackets; held 2 chapter meetings; ordered 60 reference books; studied Parliamentary Procedure; gathered 25 bushels of pine cones; organized quartet.

KINSTON—held officers training session; made plans to show Sears bull at South Alabama Fair; elected local officers; put on TV program at Dothan; tractor clinic held with Mr. Ed Ledbetter of Standard Oil Co., in charge; initiated 25 Green Hands.

LAFAYETTE—held one meeting; elected officers; showed Sears bull in South Alabama Fair and dairy animals in Alabama State Fair; showed hogs in South Alabama Fair; added new members to hog chain; started fund raising campaign; game warden talked at October meeting of the chapter; enrollment has increased.

LEROY—member won first place with livestock entry at Greater Gulf States Fair; organizing county FFA; planning Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; all vo-ag students are FFA members; published 3 news articles.



PICTURED above is Steve Arnold accepting the Gold Emblem Award for the River-ton, now Buckhorn, FFA Chapter. Alabama received one of the 68 Gold Emblem Awards given at the National FFA Convention.

LIVERNE—purchased a registered Duroc gilt and boar; held regular meeting and one officer training meeting; selling FFA calendars; held first party at Miller's skating rink; completed harvesting corn; built new farrowing house with a concrete floor; selling FFA calendar; membership up to 101 members.

MCKENZIE—23 Green Hand members; all members have a FFA manual; had an exhibit on farm safety at South Alabama Fair; bought a registered gilt for pig chain.

MAPLESVILLE—elected officers; built new bleachers and a house for the public address system; painted vocational agriculture department; planned supervised farming programs; enrolled 26 new members; picked and sold 106 bushels of pine cones.

MARBURY—have 51 members; had dinner with FHA girls in Home Ec department; running two concession stands at football games; learning to operate public address system and how to weld in vo-ag shop.

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MONROEVILLE—elected new officers; meetings scheduled for year; made float for homecoming parade; discussed plans and set date for a party; made up and placed a combined order for individuals and the chapter from Future Farmer Supply Service.

MONTEVALLO—enrolled 34 in first year ag; two delegates attended National Convention; plan to harvest and sell 200 bushels of pine cones to Coosa River Newsprint Co.; developed and using a beginners guide with first year students; plan to have 100 or more members.

MONTGOMERY—held regular meeting; had Junior Champion gilt of Tuscaloosa County Fair; sold mailbox posts; planned program of work for year; selling concessions at ball games; working on projects in shop.

MOULTON—held two meetings; set date for Green Hand initiation; organized basketball team; selected corn growing champion; two boys received pigs from the pig chain.

MOUNDVILLE—held regular meeting and elected officers; made plans for gathering pine cones; planned turkey shoot for Thanksgiving; ordered pins for each FFA member.

MUNFORD—initiated 9 Green Hands; plan to advance members to Chapter Farmer Degree.

NEW BROCKTON—held meeting; planned program for year; county put up \$100 to match \$100 put up by FFA chapter to buy new textbooks; 100% in paying dues and subscribing to the National Future Farmer magazine.



SHOWN above is a scene of the group of FFA members enroute to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Material on floor is peanut hulls. FFA members from Alabama had a special coach for the trip from Birmingham to Kansas City.

NEW SITE—built and installed 157 mailbox posts; initiated 19 Green Hands; have 100% membership; plans are underway for each member to enter one or more state sponsored contests.

NEWVILLE—Jr. III boys making mailbox posts; Sr. I and Sr. II boys learned to cut common rafters; all boys learned about practical electricity during Mr. Robert Thompson's visit with us; helped with Halloween carnival.

ODENVILLE—initiated Green Hands; H. R. Culver visited vo-ag department, observing boys in class and took pictures of the activities; member gave a demonstration on welding; first year boys built a push cart for the janitor.

ONEONTA—met twice during month; ordered jackets and supplies; initiated 26 Green Hands; had weiner roast honoring new members; have concessions at all football games; purchased four beef calves; sold \$134 in magazine subscriptions.

ORRVILLE—held officers training school; placed 3 pigs in pig chain; entered dairy animals in county show.

OZARK—held three meetings during month; have a total of 59 members; made plans to sell light bulbs to raise funds for chapter use; three

members exhibited hogs at South Alabama Fair; presented 25 minute TV program over WTVY in Dothan.

PLEASANT HOME—held initiation for 19 Green Hands; went to the South Alabama Fair; held regular meeting; officers had one meeting; bought 8 hogs to hog off farm corn; built signs to put on dangerous curves in community.

RAMER—held one meeting; sold 2 FFA calves; fertilized FFA pond twice; elected officers; treated 300 posts.

RED BAY—collected dues; held officer training school; have 100% vo-ag boys in FFA; selling popcorn at football games and Capper Farm magazines to raise chapter funds; initiated 22 Green Hands; held joint social with FHA; entering float in Homecoming parade; measuring corn yields; made profit of \$40 on Capper's Farm magazine.

REHOBETH—elected officers; 17 Green Hands to be initiated; building exhibit to enter in Peanut Festival Fair; second year boys gave a TV program; elected FFA Sweetheart.

ROANOKE—had a TV program over Channel 4, WRBL; membership in vo-ag and FFA increased

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more than 50%; had two exhibits at Randolph County Fair; rearranged vo-ag department.

ROGERS—bought a projector and screen for class; obtained interest in Landrace hog; elected one new officer; member attended Farm Bureau Convention; ordered 4 jackets.

SILAS—all ag students are FFA members; elected honorary farmers and FFA Sweetheart; entering five or more state sponsored contests; trained officers for each ag class; planning Father-Son banquet; continue to improve and increase FFA pig chain.

SMITH'S STATION—elected officers; initiated 17 Green Hands; set up activity program; appointed committees; bought record player, tape recorder, camera and screen.

SOUTHSIDE—planted pasture for hogs at school; added one new hog pasture; made two hog hurdles; showed six Durocs in State Fair; sold 17 pigs for total of \$182.50; one boy made American Farmer Degree.

SPEAKE—elected officers; adopted program of work for year; plan to enter all contests; finishing mailbox posts; plan initiation.

STRAUGHN—initiated 28 new members; held Green Hand party; harvested peanuts; elected chapter Sweetheart; checked several boys corn for corn growing contest; elected county officer; adopted program of work; 2 members attended National Convention; sold calendar ads; purchased 4 new pieces of paraphernalia; held three regular chapter meetings; ordered Green Hand pins.

SULLIGENT—held annual "Ice-Cream" party with FFA; 10 members received official jackets; ordered officer pins, Secretary and Treasurer record books; checking corn yields; presented 6 officer pins; held 2 meetings; completed activity program; published 20 articles and 6 pictures; advisor attended National FFA Convention in Kansas City where he received the Honorary American Farmer Degree; entering FFA contests.

SUSAN MOORE—one member attended state forestry camp; initiated 39 Green Hands; held chapter meeting; adopted chapter program of work; members working with calf projects; plan to order jackets.

THOMASTON—initiated 14 Green Hands; chapter two pigs in pig chain; ordered books for

ag library; 100% of boys in school are FFA members; raised 19 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; built bookcase for ag library; ordered FFA paraphernalia; held officer training school; ordered jackets and rings.

THOMASVILLE—elected officers; 100% membership in FFA; assisted with school Halloween program; planted winter legumes and garden.

VERNON—initiated 32 members; bought 12 T-shirts; weekly news article in local paper; held three chapter meetings; all officers buying jackets; operating FFA store during recess.

WALNUT GROVE—erected FFA welcoming signs at city limits; bought three jackets; delegate to forestry camp; president attended National FFA Convention; laid new concrete floor in chapter owned hog house.

WATERLOO—held two regular meetings; members bought FFA jackets; built concession stand and a shed for machinery; started work on second chicken house.

WEST POINT—collected dues from 47 members; adopted program of work for year; purchased 3 beef calves; have 38 books for FFA library and ag classes.

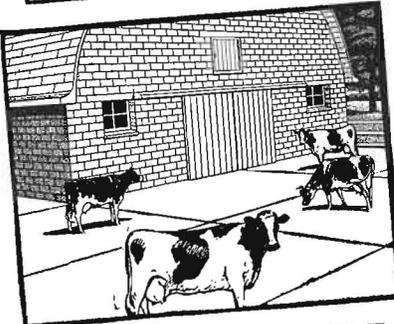
WETUMPKA—initiated 37 Green Hands; bought 6 jackets and 7 sets of new books; checked corn yields; advisor awarded Honorary American Farmer Degree; sold drinks and peanuts at ball games; selling fruit trees as community service; bought jackets and shirts.

WINTERBORO—member and advisor attended American Institute of Cooperation at State College, Pa.; held officer training clinic; appointed committees to draw up chapter program of work.

WOODVILLE—held regular meetings; purchased material for mailbox post forms; put in order for pig to start pig chain.

YORK—sold hot dogs, peanuts, and drinks at football games; initiated 12 Green Hands; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; purchased new books for library; organized a string band.

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—FFA—

Wearing FFA Jackets

By **CHARLES TURNER**
State FFA Vice-President

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When the jacket is worn to an important official occasion, the zipper should be left near the top. The jacket should not be worn to places improper for an FFA member. It should be worn when the chapter is represented and it may be worn to other appropriate places. When competing in FFA contests or when receiving FFA awards it is correct to wear it.

Never should anyone wear the jacket with school-letters, insignias, or any emblem other than those pertaining to the Future Farmers organization.

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— FFA —

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Bill Barnes' Poland China gilt copped honors in hog shows over Alabama this fall. Bill is a member of the Hartford FFA Chapter.

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