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Alabama's Champion FFA String Band From Rogersville Entertains At National Convention

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



1957 NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTANTS—(left to right) Adin Hester, Canby, Oregon, 1st place; James Turley, Scottsburg, Indiana, 2nd place; Carl Kozuma, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, 3rd place; George F. Guess, Jr., Stevenson, Alabama, 4th place; and Dale Childs, Kingwood, West Virginia, 5th place.

State Fourth In National Public Speaking Contest

George F. Guess, Jr. of the Stevenson FFA chapter won 4th place in the National Public Speaking Contest representing Alabama and the Southern Region in the National Public Speaking Contest which was held at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. This was the first time since 1941 that Alabama had been represented in the National contest. Even though George did not win first place, he represented Alabama and the Southern Region in a very fine way. Mr. C. D. Richardson, George's advisor, attended the National FFA Convention along with other members of the Alabama delegation.

At present, George is enrolled in the College of Agriculture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He is continuing his farming program on a 160 acre farm although he is in college. George is still active in FFA activities, and his ambition now is to receive the coveted American Farmer Degree. He has represented Alabama at the National FFA Convention for the past two years and hopes that he will represent Alabama again in some capacity.

—FFA—

National Convention Makes Everlasting Impression On Alabama FFA'ers

By Cecil Gant, Jr.

Fellowship, tours, ceremonies, contests, entertainment galore and a variety of other activities made up the Thirtieth Convention of the Future Farmers of America. The week FFA'ers spent together was certainly a most enjoyable one. Nowhere can be found an association of people which conducts itself any better and in more unison than was this convention conducted. The hearts of the FFA'ers seemed to join with the National President, John Haid of Arkansas, as he said so emphatically and yet so enthusiastically, "We as Future Farmers should learn and work together and develop ourselves to the fullest extent. We can achieve much as we endeavor to work together as gentlemen and in harmony." Surely such a goal has no higher purpose in a world in as much turmoil as that of today.

The people of Kansas City showed the rural youngfolks a most delightful array of hospitality which was very much appreciated and well received.

The impression I received from the National Convention is one that will linger forever in the realms of my memory and serve a unique purpose in broadening my life. If I lived for a hundred years beginning October 19, 1957, the day following the end of the National Convention, and drew daily from the lessons and

ambitions I gained through this one week of conventioning, I would still have a supply far from being extinct.

I know I speak for each and every Alabama Future Farmer when I say we all had a most eventful week in Kansas City. Our hearts are filled with gigantic gratitude and mere thanks seem so inadequate and cheap for all gained by the Thirtieth Annual Convention of Future Farmers from all over the United States, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii. But for lack of a better word in the English language, the Alabama Delegation joins together with a message on their minds and a song so deeply inscribed in their hearts that nothing can ever erase it to say, "Thanks, everyone for an experience that can never be duplicated nor reproduced quite so majestically."

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Alabama Chapters Win National Awards

The Sulligent, Geneva, and Jasper FFA chapters won Gold Emblem Awards in the National Chapter Contest this year. The Stevenson chapter won a Silver Emblem Award. These awards were presented during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. This year's record was one of the best ever attained by the Alabama Association.

Assistant Advisor Resigns

Mr. E. L. McGraw, Assistant FFA Advisor for Awards and Subject Matter Specialist, resigned from the vocational agriculture staff October 15, 1957. Mr. McGraw has accepted the position of Associate Editor with the Alabama Experiment Station at Auburn.

He served well in the capacity of Subject Matter Specialist for 10½ years, keeping teachers of vocational agriculture supplied with the latest materials in many fields. He has visited all FFA chapters in the State during this time and has assisted with many FFA activities.

Mr. McGraw has been closely associated with the FFA since July 1, when he was appointed Assistant Advisor.

Needless to say, Mr. McGraw will be missed by all—vocational agriculture teachers and FFA members.

FFA Honor Roll

(Membership of 100 or More)

Foley	121
Robertsdale	115
Stevenson	110
Vernon	109
Lexington	105
Ashford	103
Heflin	103
Jasper	100
Montevallo	100
Moulton	100

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EDUCATION IS POWER

By A. R. MEADOWS, State Superintendent of Education

"Know-how" spells the difference between success and failure. Skills in any type of work are the product of knowledge and training. The basic tools of learning are the ability to read, to write, and to compute. These skills, plus the habits of industry and "stick-to-it-iveness," open the doors to almost everything worthwhile in the world.

Reading unlocks the key to the growing amount of knowledge found in books and magazines. Through writing and speaking, individuals communicate to others what they know and what they feel. Through an understanding of mathematics young people enter and make progress in the many fields of science and technology.

Without the basic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic the doors are closed to many avenues of further growth and development. Without these skills young people cannot be recruited for positions of responsibility and leadership at local, state, and national levels. So, the good jobs pass them by.

There's no "quickie" way to get an education. It takes time and hard work. Every day in school builds toward it. Boys and girls have more time while they are in school to get an education, than they have after they get jobs and go to work.

—FFA—

"Fitting Individuals For Life"

Another school year has loomed up before us. A year we hope will bring new opportunities and achievements to every Future Farmer. Through the length and breadth of this land thousands upon thousands of students are attending the high schools of the nation. Many of these students wear FFA jackets. This gives evidence that the Future Farmer organization is now generally recognized as a supplemental part of our rural education program. Every member wearing these jackets contributes to the whole standard that the Future Farmer organization has built and is continuing to build for itself.

Education might simply be defined as a process of fitting individuals for life. Yet, how much is involved in that simple definition. Think of the many years of exploring and adapting in educational methods. Think of the development and growth in the teacher training field. Think of the marked improvement in school buildings and equipment. Think of the development of a transportation system which literally puts the school within reach of every child. THEN WEIGH THE MEANING OF THE WORDS, "FITTING INDIVIDUALS FOR LIFE."

First of all we take for granted that education will fit folks for a successful, good life. This means that the individual should be prepared to earn his or her own living. It means that in the process of earning a living a contribution should be made to the whole of society.

Many folks measure success in terms of financial achievement or standing only. "Get rich, young man, do it honestly if you can, but get rich." In fact, some of us have studied tables showing the financial advantages of an education, but education should go far beyond financial advantage alone.

The various phases in the vocational agricultural program should fit rural youth to earn a good living from farming and related occupations. The training program fostered by the Future Farmer organization builds farther than the limits of being financially successful. This program is designed to develop fellowship, leadership, citizenship, an appreciation of the finer things of life, and spiritual growth. All these things, economic stability, good fellowship, good citizenship, leadership ability, and spiritual depth are the components of the character of man.

Through the vocational agriculture and FFA training program we cannot foresee the development of many financial giants, but we can foresee the development of many fine characters. When the contributions of life are finally measured the nobleness of fine character is the high prize. Character is the highest attainment.

Future farmers who strive to make full use of every educational advantage offered them will make definite advance in character building.

NOW IS THE TIME

By
J. L. DAILEY, Assistant 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.

PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAPTER OFFICERS — Why not make a good photograph of your chapter 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.

A CAMERA FOR EVERY FFA CHAPTER — Every FFA chapter can profit from owning a good camera for making photographs of local activities. This is especially true if the pictures are published in local and State newspapers. Suitable cameras for this purpose may be purchased at a reasonable price. 35 mm cameras are not well adapted for this purpose. They are more suitable for making slides.

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 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 Contests 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, dead lines and eligibility rules. Let's use these awards to improve our FFA program.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK — FEBRUARY 22-28 — National FFA Week will be February 22-28 — 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.

Holtville FFA Chapter Working To Establish Scholarship Fund

An anonymous adult farmer of the Holtville Community offered to contribute one thousand dollars if the Holtville FFA chapter would match it with one thousand dollars to set up a revolving scholarship fund.

The 39 members of the Holtville FFA chapter accepted the challenge, and are planning to earn their part of this money through their chapter activity program. Some of these activities are: operating a concession stand at all home football games; building farm equipment in the vocational agriculture shop, such as trailers, truck bodies, etc.; sponsoring an FFA calendar; and sponsoring a donkey basketball game.

In order to be eligible to receive a loan from this scholarship fund, an FFA member must have taken three years of vocational agriculture and be unable to attend college without financial help.

The First National Bank of Wetumpka has contributed \$400 to this fund in a fine display of faith and confidence in the youth of Elmore County. The trustees of the scholarship fund hope to see it grow to the point that each year some outstanding graduate of the Holtville High School can have the privilege of borrowing up to \$500 without interest for each scholastic year.

Austin Raines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Raines of Route 3, Wetumpka, was selected as the 1956-57 graduate to use this fund to attend college. Austin has enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn and will study Agricultural Engineering. The money he borrows from this revolving fund will be paid back from earnings during the summers and after he finishes his college program.



PICTURED above is the Rogersville FFA String Band entertaining for a Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at the Continental Hotel in Kansas City.

State President Addresses Farm Bureau Meeting

Bob Helms, State President of the Alabama FFA Association, represented Alabama Future Farmers at the annual Farm Bureau Convention. The convention was held in Montgomery, Alabama, November 3-6. Bob spoke Tuesday afternoon before more than 1,000 Farm Bureau members and visitors. The subject of his address was "The Future Farmer in Our Changing Agriculture."

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State FFA Judging Teams In National Finals

The champion Alabama FFA Poultry Judging Team from Southside won a Bronze Plaque in the national finals at Kansas City during the National FFA Convention.

In addition to the Bronze Plaque, Tommy Stephens, a member of the team, was awarded a Gold Emblem Medal for high individual placing. Larry Fuhrman, another member of the team, was also awarded a Bronze Emblem Medal for high individual placing.

Congratulations are in order for the very fine showing of this judging team in representing the Alabama FFA Association. Other members of the team were Chester Berry and Carl Jenkins. Carl was the alternate. Mr. H. H. Martin is advisor of the Southside chapter.

The champion Alabama FFA Dairy Judging Team from Marion, Alabama, won a Silver Plaque in the National Dairy Judging Contest held at Waterloo, Iowa, on September 30, 1957. Alabama's team was one of 12 state teams which were classified as Silver Emblem Teams. These teams were next to the Gold Emblem Teams which is the highest honor in this field.

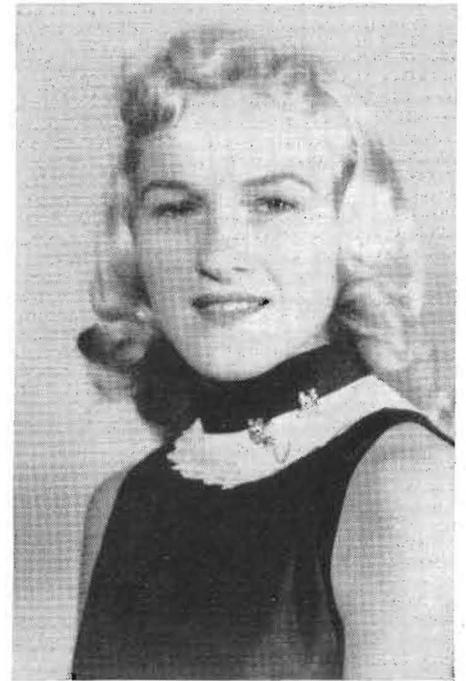
In addition to receiving the Silver Plaque, all three members of the team won emblems for individual placing. John Tucker received the Gold Emblem Award; David Phillips, the Silver Emblem Award; and William Shivers, the Bronze Emblem Award for high individual scores. Mr. W. S. White is the chapter advisor for this judging team. Congratulations are in order for the fine job which this team did in representing Alabama.

The champion Alabama FFA Livestock Judging Team, also from Marion, participated in the judging finals in Kansas City at the National FFA Convention. This Livestock Judging Team did a fine job in representing Alabama. They won a certificate for being a participating team. Members of the Livestock Judging Team were Kenneth Henson, Ronald Crocker, and Sam Belcher.

FFA Membership Short Of Goal By 686

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

Abbeville (31) 17	Guin (36) 22	Sidney Lanier (21) 29	Uriah 64
Addison (60) 54	Guntersville (47) 47	Silas (39) 59	Valley Head (47) 50
Akron (20) 23	Gurley (75) 60	Slacomb (40) 48	Verbena (35) 41
Ala. Inst. D.&B. (40) 26	Hackleburg (51) 35	Smith's Station (64) 72	Vernon (91) 109
Albertville (38) 45	Hackneyville 43	Southside (38) 41	Vina (54) 60
Alexander City 43	Haleyville (37) 37	Speake (38) 43	Vincent (86) 73
Alexandria (83) 95	Hamilton (79) 79	Spring Garden (47) 51	Wadley (34) 36
Aliceville (38) 40	Hanceville (43) 43	Stevenson (65) 110	Walnut Grove (67) 65
Arab (63) 77	Hartford (46) 49	Stroughtn (45) 74	Waterloo (66) 49
Ardmore (64) 49	Hartselle (72) 66	Sulligent (54) 74	Wedowee (48) 70
Ariton (48) 53	Hatton (62) 68	Susan Moore (46) 52	Weogufka (56) 46
Arlay (50) 56	Hayden (56) 42	Suttle (27) 36	West Limestone (64) 64
Ashford (108) 103	Hayneville (19) 38	Sweet Water (44) 42	West Point (84) 80
Ashland (79) 73	Hazel Green (81) 74	Sylvania (63) 63	Wetumpka (33) 44
Ashville (60) 60	Headland (55) 47	Tanner (73) 74	White Plains (37) 41
Atmore (57) 60	Heflin (82) 103	Theodore (46) 46	Wicksburg (58) 57
Attalla (42) 43	Highland Home (40) 49	Thomaston (43) 54	Winfield (60) 67
Auburn (34) 45	Holly Pond (84) 76	Thomasville (48) 50	Wintertown (39) 38
Autaugaville (33) 40	Holtville (29) 29	Thompson (60) 57	Woodland (56) 56
B. B. Comer (43) 57	Hubbertville (43) 35	Town Creek (67) 73	Woodville (48) 48
Baker Hill (27) 35	Ider (58) 60	Troy (48) 48	York (25) 35
Bay Minette (76) 87	Inverness (28) 32	Tuskegee (24) 33	
Bear Creek (46) 54	Isabella (31) 43	Total Vo-Ag Students	12,837
Beatrice (39) 45	Jackson (46) 46	Total Membership	13,814
Beauregard (31) 37	Jacksonville (45) 45		
Belgreen (56) 52	Jasper (99) 100		
Berry (50) 41	Jemison (73) 91		
Beulah (30) 44	Kate D. Smith (47) 52		
Billingsley (34) 37	Kennedy (42) 43		
Blountsville (64) 74	Kinston (34) 41		
Blue Springs (23) 25	LaFayette (55) 61		
Boaz (43) 33	Leighton (89) 67		
Brantley (51) 64	Leroy (64) 72		
Bridgeport (48) 56	Lexington (96) 105		
Brilliant (45) 45	Liberty (38) 32		
Brookwood (62) 70	Lincoln (65) 44		
Brundidge (50) 35	Linden (42) 42		
Butler (72) 56	Lineville (45) 55		
Camden (46) 58	Livingston (31) 35		
Camp Hill (30) 35	Locust Fork (67) 42		
Carbon Hill (42) 42	Louisville (25) 23		
Carlowville (28) 33	Luverne (70) 73		
Corrollton (35) 48	Lyeffion (44) 46		
Castleberry (35) 36	Lynn (43) 50		
Cedar Bluff (32) 27	McAdory (62) 63		
Centreville 84	McKenzie (63) 68		
Central (82) 33	Maplesville (58) 66		
Centre (70) 71	Marbury (43) 48		
Chatom (57) 62	Marion (45) 61		
Chavala (17) 25	Mellow Valley (28) 32		
Cherokee (64) 64	Midland City (35) 47		
Citronelle (75) 67	Millerville (35) 53		
Clanton (69) 68	Millport 39		
Clayton (28) 43	Milry (53) 66		
Clements (79) 71	Milltown (27) 33		
Cleveland (40) 51	Monroeville (27) 26		
Clio (35) 45	Montevallo (76) 100		
Coffee Springs (41) 44	Montgomery (57) 54		
Coffeeville (38) 45	Moulton (69) 93		
Cold Springs (56) 58	Moundville 32		
Collinsville (38) 45	Mount Hope (43) 46		
Columbia (40) 47	Munford (45) 50		
Columbiana (45) 49	New Brockton (49) 53		
Corner (46) 50	New Hope (44) 47		
Cotaco (60) 60	New Market (47) 62		
Cottonwood (52) 32	New Site (36) 45		
Crossville (72) 82	Newville (28) 25		
Cullman (45) 66	Northport (70) 54		
Curry (75) 75	Notasulga (27) 48		
Dadeville (68) 77	Oakman (38) 53		
Danville (51) 49	Odenville (64) 73		
Double Springs (36) 15	Ohatchee (43) 56		
Douglas (65) 79	Oneonta (59) 62		
Dozier (31) 40	Opp (28) 33		
East Brewton (54) 48	Orville (53) 60		
East Limestone (57) 61	Oxford (68) 73		
Eclectic (67) 87	Ozark (55) 55		
Elba (42) 42	Paint Rock Vall'y (37) 55		
Elkmont (36) 39	Palmetto (36) 32		
Enterprise (36) 35	Pell City (55) 65		
Eufaula (46) 46	Phil Campbell 50		
Eutaw (33) 43	Pine Apple (21) 24		
Eva (63) 44	Pine Hill (54) 61		
Evergreen (41) 41	Pisgah (70) 40		
Excel (38) 37	Plantersville (40) 42		
Fairhope (58) 62	Pleasant Home (38) 44		
Fairview (63) 20	Prattville (36) 40		
Falkville (52) 59	Priceville (67) 43		
Fayette (33) 36	Ramer (40) 44		
Five Points (30) 34	Ranburne (62) 73		
Flomaton (64) 56	Rawls (21) 24		
Florala (36) 40	Red Bay (61) 86		
Foley (95) 121	Red Level (47) 39		
Fort Deposit (27) 31	Reeltown (49) 54		
Fort Payne (45) 39	Reform (25) 52		
Frisco City (61) 61	Rehobeth (54) 50		
Fyffe (48) 30	Repton (51) 38		
Gaylesville (30) 29	Riverton (47) 74		
Geneva (56) 56	Roanoke (46) 53		
Georgiana (61) 64	Robertsdale (114) 115		
Geraldine (47) 67	Rockford (47) 56		
Glencoe (54) 35	Rogers (61) 71		
Goodwater (41) 39	Rogersville (49) 50		
Gordo (69) 47	Russellville (69) 43		
Gorgas (54) 51	Samson (64) 64		
Goshen (31) 35	Sand Rock (35) 39		
Grand Bay (49) 50	Sardis (37) 53		
Greensboro (37) 46	Scottsboro (62) 44		
Greenville (41) 50	Selma (52) 51		
Grove Hill (41) 48	Semmes (76) 48		



MISS PAULINE PARDEN was recently elected Sweetheart of the Coffeetown FFA chapter by members of the chapter. She is a member of the FHA and a member of the Senior II class at Coffeetown High School. She will reign as Chapter Sweetheart during the 1957-58 school year.

COVER PICTURE

Alabama's champion FFA String Band from Rogersville shown on cover entertaining at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Mr. W. C. Hannah and chapter advisor C. J. Pennington also attended the convention.

Members of the String Band are left to right: Wayne Slaton, Charles Thompson, Gerald McCorkick, Ray Masonie, and Harold Holden. In the background left to right are Mr. W. C. Hannah, principal, Lauderdale County High School and C. J. Pennington, chapter advisor.

FOURTEEN ALABAMA MEMBERS RECEIVE *American Farmer Degree*

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 or 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 1957 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.

Wright McManus

(Widower)

Wright McManus, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McManus of Route 3, Roanoke, Alabama, enrolled in vocational agriculture and joined the FFA in 1952. A direct loan without interest from his father enabled Wright to get started in farming.

At the end of his first year in vocational agriculture Wright realized a total labor income of \$939.43 from projects including 350 layers, 2 hives of bees, 14 turkeys, 2 feeder calves, 2 market hogs,

3 acres of corn, 1 acre of cotton, and 1 acre of pimiento pepper.

Since then Wright has greatly increased the scope of these projects and has added 2 acres of oats and 6 acres of wheat. During his final year in vocational agriculture he derived a labor income of \$1,745.73 from these enterprises.

Wright was active in his local FFA chapter, serving as local officer and on several committees. He is also active in his local community and church programs.

He enrolled in pre-veterinary medicine at Alabama Polytechnic Institute during the fall, but dropped out in early spring to resume full-time farming responsibilities during the rush season. He paid his college expenses with money earned from his farming program.

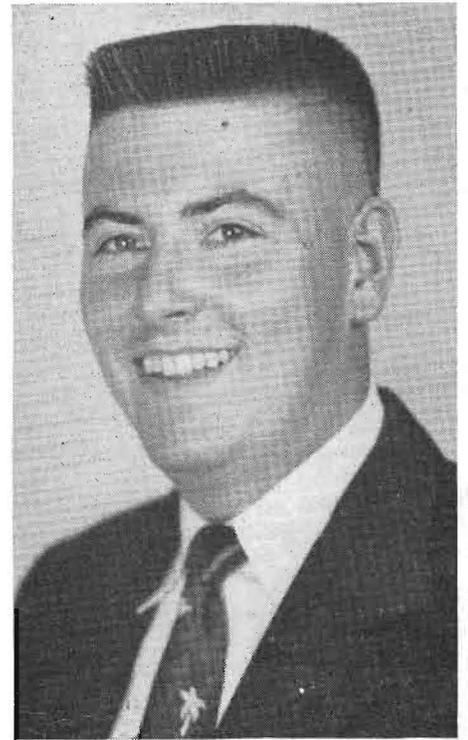
Mr. C. H. Thornburg, Wright's teacher of vocational agriculture, stated that he is the most outstanding young farmer and rural leader that he has taught in recent years.

John C. Jay, Jr.

(Greensboro)

John Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jay of Greensboro, Alabama, began his farming program in 1952 when he enrolled in vocational agriculture. He started with 2 grade beef calves and a 3 acre pasture. He improved the pasture by fertilizing and seeding it and increased his program by adding chickens, turkeys, and a dairy cow.

John began his sheep program when he was given motherless lambs which he



JOHN C. JAY, JR.

raised on bottles. Later he attended the National Montedale Sheep Show and Sale in Springfield, Illinois, at which time he purchased the Reserve Champion ram of the show and also bought 5 ewes.

Since then his sheep herd has grown to about 50 head. He provides grazing for his herd most of the year thereby cutting down on the hay and concentrate he has to feed. He secures most of his



WRIGHT McMANUS

hay by working for local farmers and taking his pay in hay.

John has been active in the local FFA chapter program, having served as chapter treasurer and sentinel. He has also been in the Quiz Contest representing his local chapter in the district contest in 1953-54. He has served as chairman of many chapter committees. In addition to his activities in FFA he has been active in his local church and community affairs.

John now operates 103 acres of good farm land which he is renting and has expanded his program into a good farming situation. He plans to remain on the farm and hopes to own a farm soon.

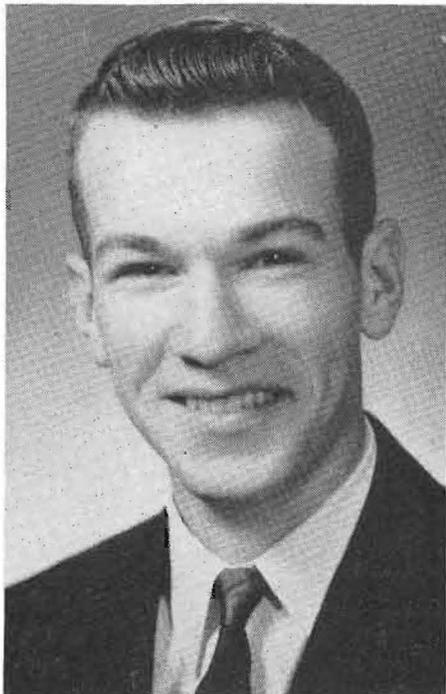
Henry Ivey, II

(Suttle)

Henry became interested in agriculture when he was only 10 years old. At that time he received a pig and a calf as a birthday present from his grandparents. He raised the heifer calf and it was the start of his present herd of 6 beef cattle. The pig was later sold to finance other projects.

Henry enrolled in vocational agriculture in 1951. His farming program for that year consisted of 1 acre of corn, 1½ acres of cotton, 2 beef calves, 1 market hog, ¼ acre of sugar cane, and ⅓ acre of watermelons. From these projects he realized a profit of \$410.30. For the next 3 years Henry continued to increase and expand his farming program.

His most outstanding improvement projects were home and home ground improvements. He entered the contests



HENRY IVEY

for 2 years. Most of the money spent on these projects was made from his farming program.

While in high school Henry took an active part in FFA activities. He served one year as chapter treasurer, entered the public speaking contest and the quiz contest for three years, and was a member of the chapter dairy judging team.

Since graduating from high school Henry has quit raising hogs, but still maintains 4 acres of cotton, 4 acres of corn, 6 head of beef cattle, 15 acres of oats, and 10 acres of permanent pasture.

He attends college at Alabama Polytechnic Institute except during the summer. His present plans are to take over the farm when he finishes school.

Raymond Patton

(Ider)

Raymond Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Namon Patton of Route 2, Henagar, Alabama, has a genuine interest in dairy cattle, feed production, and pasture improvement. He enrolled in vocational agriculture as a Junior III student. He had two dairy cows which he had raised from calves. Since then he has had a well-balanced supervised farming program with production of corn and hay for winter feed and good improved permanent pasture for grazing. He has supplemented his permanent grazing with temporary crops of clover, oats, and sudan grass.

Raymond operates an 80-acre farm, 30 acres of which he owns himself, and 50 acres which he rents from his father. He now owns 28 head of registered and grade Jersey cattle and a modern dairy barn and all the equipment including milking machines and coolers. He also owns half interest in a tractor and equipment. At the present time Raymond's net worth is \$9,421.

Raymond has been very active in FFA activities. He is past president of the local FFA chapter. He also served as secretary, participated in the public speaking contest, dairy judging team three years, delegate to the state convention one year, chairman of the fair committee, and in 1956 he received the State Farmer Degree and was named Star Dairy Farmer of Alabama.

Raymond also participated in many other activities. He was president of the Junior and Senior classes, served as president and secretary of the "I" Club, participated in school plays, and was a member of the annual staff. In addition to his school activities, Raymond is a member of the local Farm Bureau and a member of the Jersey Cattle Club.

Raymond attends church regularly and is a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He is a well-established, success-



RAYMOND PATTON

ful dairy farmer, happy in his work. He thoroughly enjoys farming and plans to make it his life's work.

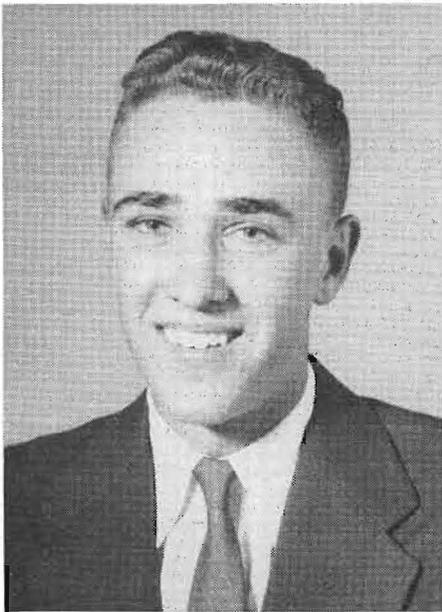
Samuel J. Darwin

(Riverton)

Samuel J. (Buddy) Darwin enrolled in vocational agriculture and joined the local FFA chapter at the Riverton High School in 1952. Since beginning his farming program his ambition has been to become established in farming and to receive the American Farmer Degree.

Buddy has gone a long way toward accomplishing his goal. His farming program has expanded some, but the most important thing is that it has consistently paid off each year in spite of three very dry growing seasons. His supervised farming program the first year consisted of 6 head of beef cattle, 3 acres of cotton, 2 acres of corn, 3 acres of oats, and 9 market hogs. The labor income which he realized from his first year of farming was \$1,821.34. That year his steer won the county and district fat stock shows. He has added to and expanded these projects so that his net worth is now \$4,598.

Buddy's record in FFA has been equally as good. His activities include feeding out show calves which were shown in Huntsville, Birmingham, and the American Royal in Kansas City for two years. He won the county and district shows in Huntsville, a pen of three in Birmingham, and placed third, fifth, and seventh at the American Royal. He placed first in showmanship in the county for three years and third in the Birmingham show. He was president of his chapter two years, participated in the public speaking contest three years, was on the parliamentary procedure team one year, radio team four years, livestock



BUDDY DARWIN

judging team which won first place in district and state and a bronze emblem in Kansas City, and dairy judging team which won district judging contest at Decatur.

Buddy attends church every Sunday. He occasionally teaches a Sunday school class and has served as president of the CFY and Treasurer of the Cumberland Presbyterian Fellowship for North Alabama.

Cecil M. Gant, Jr.

(Pisgah)

Cecil Gant, Jr. symbolizes the very essence of the American Farmer in every respect. A member of the Pisgah FFA chapter, he has developed a record in farming, leadership, citizenship, and service which is hard to excel.

A love of farm life, a knack to work with farm animals, a desire to watch things grow, combined with a determination to succeed, have made this youthful farmer a living testimony of the FFA motto in its broadest sense. "Learning to do," he started taking vo-ag with three supervised farming projects — corn, cattle, and swine. From these projects Junior had a labor income of \$425.93.

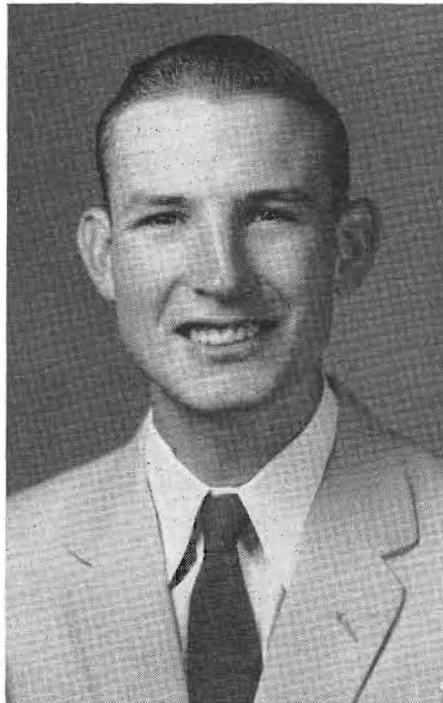
A careful manager and a progressive operator, he expanded his projects to 8 major farm enterprises his second year. Thus, "Doing to learn," he developed in his farming program new ideas gained through experience which made his program more typical of the American Farmer.

As a result of good planning, Junior's net income at the time his American Farmer application was completed was \$17,710. Recognized as the most outstanding of Alabama's FFA membership, Junior was the state's "Future Farmer of

the Year" in 1955, and he also won fourth place in the Star Dairy Farming Contest in 1956.

During his years of membership in the Pisgah FFA chapter he had many other honors. He was chapter president and reporter, county president and vice president, champion corn grower of his chapter for two years, and chapter winner of the FFA Quiz Contest three years in succession. He was also district winner three years in succession in the FFA Quiz Contest, and participated in the state finals his last year.

In addition to his FFA activities he was very active in other school affairs. He was an "A" student and a member of the Beta Club, vice president of the Junior Class, Citizenship Club Reporter, FFA vice president, member of the school paper staff, editor of the school



CECIL M. GANT, JR.

yearbook, to name a few. He received the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award and was the "Outstanding Senior Agriculture Student" upon his graduation. Because of this outstanding record Junior was recipient of the Graydon Scholarship. This scholarship enabled him to enroll in college at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he is studying to become a teacher of vocational agriculture.

In addition to the in-school activities, Junior has been very active in his community, thus following the motto, "Living to serve." He has been choir director of his church for two years, assistant Sunday school teacher and active in Training Union. He is never too busy to lend a helping hand in any community or church program.

Charles S. Burnett

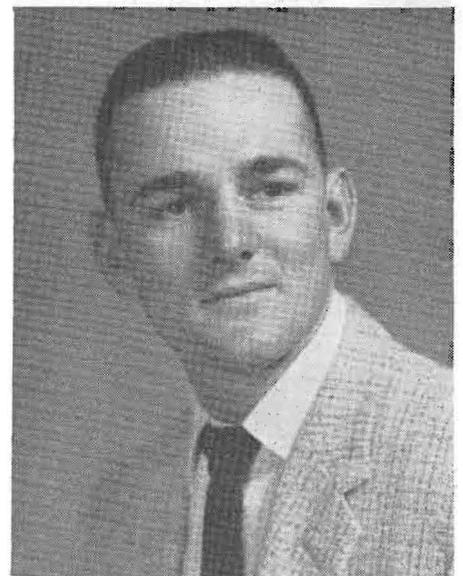
(Boaz)

Charles has advanced from a very small beginning in 1951 to a large farming operation. He inherited an old, uncultivated, rundown farm from his grandfather. An enormous amount of clearing had to be done in order to make the land suitable for row crops and pasture.

His first year's projects consisted of three calves, four thousand broilers, and five acres of corn. From his projects he had a labor income of \$1,422.90. From this small beginning Charles' net worth at the present time is \$68,360.

Charles continued to increase the scope of his supervised farming program and also added several new enterprises during the next three years. His supervised farming program for his last year in vocational agriculture was as follows: 100 acres of corn, 42 head of beef cattle, 1,000 caged layers, 5,000 broilers, 1 acre of truck crops, 30 acres of small grain, 35 head of swine, 9 acres of alfalfa, 16 acres of cotton, and 9 acres of sorghum. He also has planted pine seedlings on 4 acres of land, seeded 20 acres of serecia lespedeza, and planted 9 acres of costal bermuda.

During his years in vocational agriculture Charles completed several improvement projects. He landscaped his home and sodded his lawn, culled and replaced his poultry flock, planted legumes on land each year as he cleared it, established an agricultural library with books on all phases of agriculture, improved his herd of cattle from grade to high bred stock. He cleared and improved all of the land that he now has in pasture and cultivation, improved his cattle-watering facilities, repaired and



CHARLES BURNETT

built fences around his pastures, and built a bridge from the main road to his farm.

Charles owns all of his farming equipment. He has a tractor and equipment, a large truck, and several thousand dollars worth of poultry and livestock equipment.

In addition to operating his farm, he owns a farm supply store. He sells many of the farmers in his area their yearly supply of fertilizer, feed, seed, and insecticides.

Even with his extensive farming operation, he finds time to participate in many FFA activities. He has been president, vice president, secretary of his chapter. He has served on several FFA committees, been a delegate to the State FFA Convention, been a member of the livestock judging team and a participant in the public speaking contest.

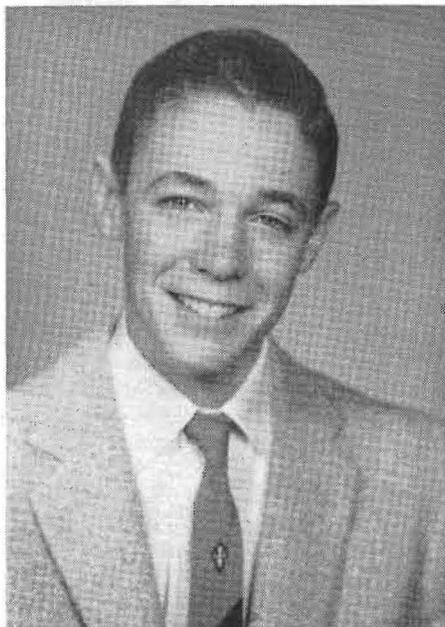
Church work has also been a big part of Charles' activities. He was treasurer and vice president of the youth group at his church and vice president of his Sunday School class.

Buddy McElroy

(York)

Buddy McElroy, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McElroy of Cuba, Alabama, entered vocational agriculture at York, Alabama, when in the 10th grade. At this time he had as his supervised farming program 1 acre each of sweet potatoes, pole beans, and cotton, 2 acres of corn, and 5 head of cattle. Since that time he has increased his net worth to \$14,095.60.

The farm which Buddy's father owns is located about four miles from the



BUDDY McELROY

agriculture building. Instead of going to study hall the last two periods, Buddy got permission from his principal to go home and work. He constructed one of the first large flue-heated sweet potato hotbeds in Sumter County. With this he demonstrated to the class and his community that strong, sturdy plants can be grown more economically and on a commercial scale at home.

As a Green Hand Buddy served as chairman of the recreation committee of the York FFA chapter and also as chairman of the exhibit committee. That year his chapter's exhibit won second place at the State Fair. He has also been a member of the beef judging team, served as Sentinel and President of the York FFA chapter, and been a delegate to the State FFA Convention where he received the State Farmer Degree.

Buddy is not only interested in his farming program, but he is very much interested in the things of higher value in life. He is a regular attendant at church and Sunday school.

This young American Farmer attends Livingston State College in the morning and works on the farm in the afternoon. After two years of college he plans to go into full-time farming as a partner with his father.

Travis Wilson

(Curry)

Travis Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson, Route 1, Jasper, Alabama, started his farming program in vocational agriculture in 1952, with one acre each of corn and cotton. He has increased his program so that he now owns 25 acres of corn and 8 acres of cotton, plus 2 acres of peanuts and 2 acres of watermelons, and 8 head of swine. From this small beginning Travis' net worth has increased to more than \$3,400.

Travis, with the help of his two younger brothers, has the responsibility of operating the home farm because his father's occupation is coal mining.

Travis held a number of offices in the Curry FFA chapter while he was in high school. He served as vice president, secretary, and sentinel of his local chapter. He also participated in the public speaking contest, livestock judging team, quiz contest, and served on a number of chapter committees.

Along with FFA and vocational agriculture work, Travis was active in other high school programs, having served as president of the Junior III class and being a member of the Beta Club. This young farmer has also been active in several community projects.

Travis received his State Farmer Degree in June, 1956.



TERRELL TAYLOR

Terrell Taylor

(Iber)

Terrell Taylor has increased his supervised farming program from a Jersey calf eight years ago to one-half interest in a modern dairy farm. He assumed full responsibility for the operation of the 120-acre dairy farm in 1952 when his father took a job away from home. Since that time Terrell has worked hard, invested wisely, and now owns half interest in one of the most modern small dairy units on Sand Mountain. At the present time his total net worth is \$8,172.50.

Terrell has a herd of 25 registered and grade Jersey cows. He raises his own replacement heifers. He devotes 95 acres of the farm to pasture, hay, and corn, and he recently planted 4 acres in coastal bermuda. Terrell has always been one of the first in his community to put into practice the more improved methods.

He has been a leader in FFA on the local, county, and state levels. He has served as president and treasurer of his local chapter, president of the county FFA, and reporter of the State Association. In 1955 he was named Star Dairy Farmer of Alabama. For two years Terrell was champion corn grower of the local chapter and was county champion one year. He entered the public speaking contest and participated in the state finals at the State Convention in Auburn.

Willard Wright

(Sylvania)

Willard Wright is the 20-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Wright, Route 1, Henagar, Alabama. He became a member of the Sylvania FFA Chapter in 1952, his first year in vocational ag-



WILLARD WRIGHT

riculture, and has been an active member since that time.

In 1952 Willard began his first supervised farming program and completed projects consisting of 3 acres of corn, 1 market pig, and 1 dairy calf. His labor income that first year was \$204.12.

By the end of his fourth year as an active member, his projects consisted of

16 acres of cotton, 15 acres of cowpeas, 47 acres of corn, 10 sows and litters, and 94 top market hogs. His labor income was \$4,606.41.

Willard served his chapter as reporter for the school year 1953-54. He was chairman of the Supervised Farming Committee and was also chairman of the Scholarship and Community Service Committees while in high school. He was an active member of the Beta Club for 3 years and was co-captain of the football team his senior year.

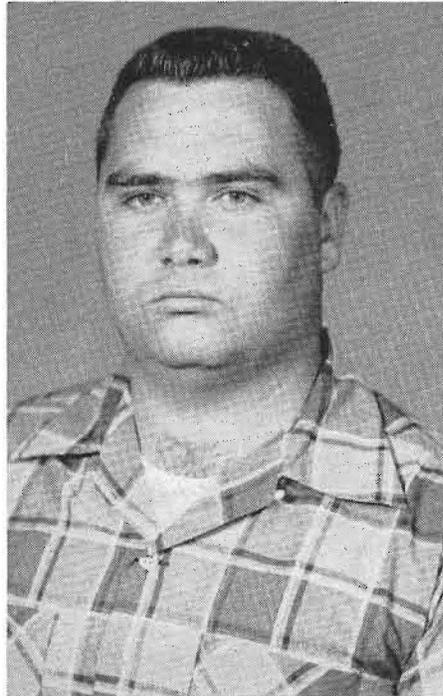
Willard expects to expand his farming program in the future and he and his wife, Betty, plan to buy a farm of their own in the near future.

G. C. Bolton

(Clanton)

G. C. enrolled in vocational agriculture and joined the FFA in 1952 when he was a Junior III in high school. During his first year as an FFA member and as a Green Hand he set his goal of some day receiving the coveted American Farmer Degree.

His first year's projects were an acre of okra, 8 acres of corn, 4 acres of cotton, and 500 peach trees. From these projects he received a labor income of \$335.84. From this small beginning G. C. has developed a well balanced farming program, and during the past year he had as his projects 1500 peach trees, 4 acres of cotton, 25 acres of corn, 1200 laying hens, 3 brood sows, 20 head of market hogs, and a milk cow. Along with increasing the scope of his projects, he has added machinery and equipment so that his net worth is now \$20,880.



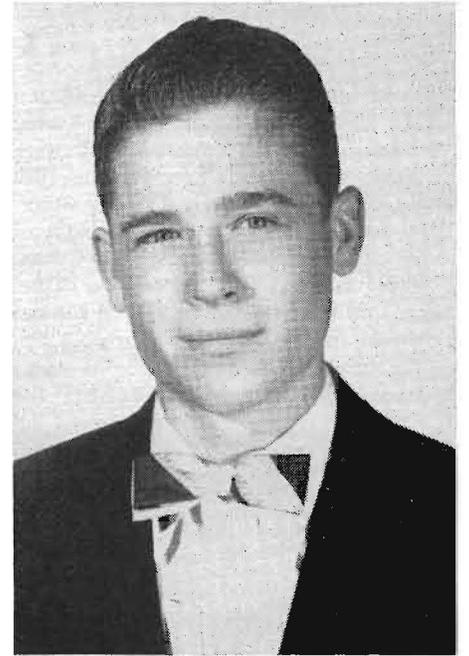
G. C. BOLTON

When G. C. first enrolled in vocational agriculture his father was renting the land on a share basis and losing money every year. When his father saw that G. C. was really interested in farming he turned the entire farm, consisting of 44 acres, over to G. C. to manage. With good management practices G. C. began to make the farm pay off. His dad has now deeded the entire farm to G. C. In addition to the 44 acres that he owns, he is renting 15 additional acres.

During his high school years G. C. was active in many FFA activities, serving as vice president of his local and county associations and also as reporter of his chapter and county associations. He served as delegate to the State FFA Convention for two years.

He was also active in his local Sunday school and church programs, being choir director, president of his Sunday school class, Sunday school teacher and RA counsellor.

G. C. is now married and he and his wife are still active in community and church activities. They are happy with their farming program and plan to continue farming as a career.



LOFTIN MARTIN

Hubert Loftin Martin

(Enterprise)

Hubert entered vocational agriculture in 1952 at which time his father agreed to let him have a few acres of land for his projects. He now is managing the entire home farm.

His first projects were 3½ acres of cotton, 4 acres of corn, and 1 market hog. He has increased his farming program so that he now has 14.6 acres of cotton, 35.2 acres of peanuts, and 100 acres of corn which he is working on a share basis with his father.

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Along with row crops, he has also increased his livestock program. Starting with 1 market hog in 1952, he now has several sows and is growing out about 50 market hogs each year.

While in high school Hubert served as reporter and as president of the Enterprise FFA chapter. He also was chapter delegate to the State FFA Convention in Auburn and served on several committees.

Hubert's other high school activities include playing on the football team and being a member of the National Honor Society. He attends church regularly and is secretary of the Baptist Training Union, pianist for the County Church Brotherhood Association, and a member of the church choir.

Marvin Wayne Stinnett

(Hazel Green)

Wayne first became acquainted with farm life in 1952 when his family sold their home in town and moved to the farm. Included in the sale of the farm were a tractor, the equipment with it, and several head of cattle.

For half the profit, Wayne's father agreed to furnish the tractor and money for his son to farm, so in 1953 Wayne enrolled in vocational agriculture at Hazel Green High School. The first year his supervised farming program included 10 acres of corn, 11 acres of cotton, 8 head of beef cattle, 1 dairy calf, 2 sows, and 20 pigs. From these he received a labor income of \$1,185.75.

Now, four years later, he owns half interest in all the farm equipment and cattle and receives 50% profit from 255 acres of land and 100% from 20 acres. He also owns 80 acres given him by his



WAYNE STINNETT

father. He has a net worth of \$13,675.60.

While in high school Wayne served as vice president of his local FFA chapter, was a member of the livestock judging team, and served as a delegate to the State Convention. He took part in several contests, such as tractor driving and corn growing.

Wayne is married to the former Glenda Sue Underwood. They enjoy living on the farm and plan to continue farming as a career.

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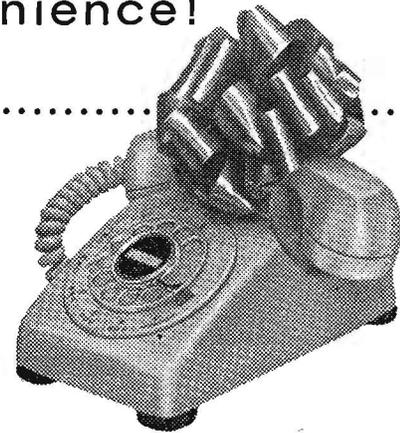
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On The MARCH

ALEXANDRIA—95 paid members; participated in many activities during summer; had two nights of camp on Creek Bend Farm near Wellington; several members went to Panama City, Fla. for four days; Advisor bought large truck for chapter that we plan to use for transportation.

ALICEVILLE—selling calendar ads; secured purebred heifer that we won in Sears Beef program; won \$100.00 in G.M.&O. Railroad Forestry Contest; secured 5 feeder calves to feed out; trained officers; ordered Sweetheart jacket; gave out membership cards; studying gun safety in class; 18 members have jackets; wired shop with four new grounding type wall plugs.

ARAB—held FFA-FHA social; attended State Fair; brought calves for Beef-Calf Show.

ARLEY—mixing and selling rat poison, mixed 500 pounds and sold it for 30¢ a pound; goal of chapter is to buy a much needed radial saw for shop.

ASHFORD—held monthly meeting; discussed election of Sweetheart; planned initiation of Green Hands and set date; appointed committee to get up program for Television to be put on Thanksgiving Day.

ATTALLA—collected dues; held officer training school; ordered FFA equipment; held 2 regular meetings; approved program of work; sent delegate to National Convention; attended county meeting; planned Green Hand initiation; gave out membership cards; sent 2 news articles to local newspapers.

AUTAUGAVILLE—held chapter meeting; every vo-ag student member of FFA; appointed following committees: nominating, fair program and program of work, social and contest; discussed contest participation.

BEAUREGARD—held officer training school and 3 executive meetings; appointed committees for year; initiated 11 Green Hands; bought Polaroid camera; plan joint meeting with FHA; pulled and sold 131 bushels of pine cones; held work day to raise chapter funds.

BERRY—held monthly meeting; elected Sweetheart; held FFA hay ride; elected champion corn grower; held officers training meeting; in process

of ordering complete paraphernalia for chapter room; plan to continue building mailbox stands.

BEULAH—appointed committees to serve for year; held tractor clinic with Standard Oil representative Mr. Jones; entered corn exhibit; entered livestock judging; held chapter meeting; treated 1 peach orchard; sold 66 bushels of pine cones; initiated 7 Green Hands.

BLUE SPRINGS—initiated 9 Green Hands; elected officers; built goal posts for football field; starting new scrap book.

BOAZ—bought 5 jackets; elected new treasurer; initiated 13 Green Hands; calendar sales are now in progress.

BRANTLEY—all ag students members of FFA; planned party; harvested cotton crop; have 64 members.

BRIDGEPORT—Grand Champion in Tri-State Fair; PTA donated one-third Halloween proceeds to FFA to improve classroom; 100% ag members joined FFA and subscriptions to National Future Farmer Magazine; held monthly meeting.

BUTLER—initiated 24 Green Hands; had Halloween carnival and Weiner roast.

CAMP HILL—11 candidates initiated into Green Hand Degree; 100% vo-ag students will be members of FFA; have agreement with Coosa River Newsprint Company to gather pine cones, proceeds go into FFA treasury; ordering 100,000 pine seedlings.

CARBON HILL—ordered 7 official jackets; placed 4 gilts in pig chain; placed 8 mailbox stands.

CARLOWVILLE—had exhibit in county fair; held 2 meetings; had 2 articles in local paper; studying unit on electrical wiring; made group order for fruit trees.

CASTLEBERRY—added 9 books to library; received applications for pig chain gilts; bought sheet metal shearing machine for shop; starting group training for land judging team; members plan to enter Public Speaking Contest.

CEDAR BLUFF—held 1 regular meeting; drafted activity program; ordered 3 official jackets, attended county FFA meeting; member and advisor went to National Convention.

CENTRAL—checking corn yields; purchased air compressor for shop; completing project records; ordered 2 jackets; developing skill in woodwork and soils management; elected social committee and began plans for joint social with FHA; made arrangements to initiate Green Hands.

CITRONELLE—held regular meeting and appointed committees; made and erected "Keep Alabama Green" road sign; made 16 concrete mailbox posts; ordered 5 FFA rings and 1 official jacket.

CLANTON—member received American Farmer Degree in Kansas City; received FFA bull; moved FFA sow; held 2 meetings and appointed committees; operating drink stand; sold popcorn and peanuts at Halloween party; Jr. III class setting up vo-ag notebooks and getting acquainted with FFA; gave four feeder schools an FFA mailbox post.

CLIO—initiated 16 Green Hands; had a television show over WRBL-TV; distributed 5 hogs among chapter members; operated concession stand at football games and made chapter funds.

COFFEEVILLE—have 43 members; all ag boys belong to FFA; purchased new equipment for chapter room; made \$61 from concession stand; remodeling shop; held 2 meetings; taking all county newspapers; each member owns Manual and Parliamentary Procedure Manual; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degree pins; held short course in electricity; planned and carrying out rat control program.

CORNER—published and distributed program of work to all members; provided Parliamentary

Procedure instruction to all new members; operating football concession; held one officer and one regular chapter meeting; purchased new power grinder for shop; began annual mailbox program; 100% subscription to National Future Farmer; initiated 27 Green Hands.

CULLMAN—member won trip to Chicago; elected officers for year; plan for educational tour next summer; entered exhibit in State Fair; 26 new members.

CURRY—elected officers; ordered 51 Green Hand pins and 18 Chapter Farmer buttons; ordered official secretary and treasurer's book; initiated 49 Green Hands; raised 18 members to Chapter Farmer Degree; erected new FFA sign; member received American Farmer Degree at National Convention; planning joint social with FHA.

DANVILLE—initiated 27 members; rotated pigs in pig chain; harvested and marketed 2 bales of cotton on school experimental plot; ordered 10 official FFA jackets.

EAST BREWTON—elected officers; ordered jackets; held initiation for Green Hands; ordered 18 cedar items for members; feeding out beef calf; selected champion corn grower; planning magazine campaign; all members subscribed to National Magazine.

EAST LIMESTONE—ordered jackets; sold subscriptions to Farm and Ranch; added 8 books to ag library.

ECLECTIC—elected officers; planned trip to South Alabama Fair; all members entering at least one FFA contest; secured ice cream box for fund raising; ordered 10 shop books; started judging team; started hog project to raise funds.

ELK MONT—held 2 meetings; looking for chapter bull; registered chapter pigs; checked cotton and corn yields; purchased supplies for department.

ENTERPRISE—elected new officers; engaged in magazine contest; member won 6th prize and \$25 in the James F. Lincoln Award Program in arc welding.

EUFAULA—held regular meeting; plan to have float in homecoming parade; building mailbox posts for members; sponsoring school clean-up program.

EXCEL—held 2 regular meetings; showed 8 hogs at South Alabama Fair; initiated 6 Green Hands; all members building mailboxes.

FAIRHOPE—elected officers; initiated 21 Green Hands; organized string band; ordered 10 jackets; held magazine sale, sold \$460 worth; in charge of concessions at football games.

FALKVILLE—placed 1 pig in pig chain; held FFA officer meeting; getting classroom ready to paint; entered soil judging contest; sponsoring concession stand during ball games; collected dues from 59 members; bought drill for \$52; reworking shop.

FLOMATON—installed water cooler in shop; reworked tool room; enrolled 62 boys in vo-ag; purchased clock for shop; started work in shop.

FLORALA—bought and sold 33 T-shirts with chapter name on them; have 35 members including 23 Green Hands; initiated 23 Green Hands; put on chapter program at school; purchased \$135 Polaroid Camera for department.

FOLEY—completed electric panel; built 3 exhibits; ordered 18 FFA jackets and 32 T-shirts; collected dues; working on safety, electrical, home improvement, reporter, and chapter contests; sponsoring Ag Queen contest; selling Farm and Ranch magazines; have 121 paid members; have a total of 49 jackets in chapter; pushing safety program.

FORT DEPOSIT—purchased 2 calves to enter in Calf Show; plan to sell peanuts at football games; held 2 meetings; appointed committees for year; entering State sponsored contests; planned activity program; have secured two beef calves to feed out.

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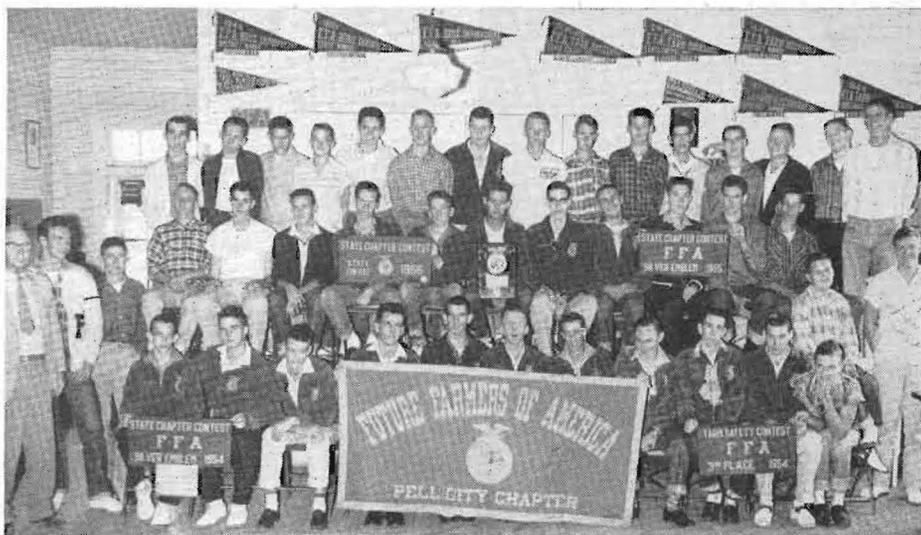
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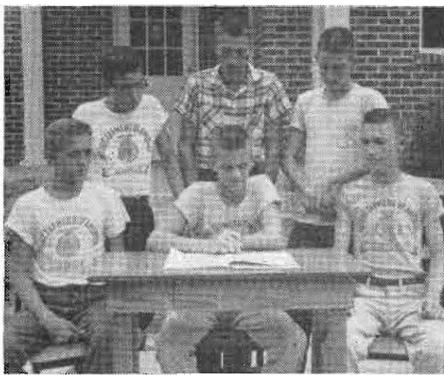
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FORT PAYNE—elected officers; appointed committees.

FRISCO CITY—elected officers and held first meeting; discussed possibilities to make money throughout year.

GENEVA—initiated 27 Green Hands; showed two educational exhibits in Geneva Fall Festival; participated in Halloween carnival; selling Farm and Ranch magazine subscriptions; awarded Gold Emblem in National chapter contest; conducted Chapel program; participated in District Soil Conservation Week.

GERALDINE—held 2 meetings; elected officers; appointed recreational, finance and concession stand committees; sold popcorn at football games; collected dues from members and National Future Farmer magazine; ordered 5 official jackets, 25 Green Hand pins and 18 Chapter Farmer pins.

GOODWATER—held 2 meetings; elected officers; first year vo-ag class plans to establish nursery for the purpose of having extra pine seedlings.

GORGAS—initiated 18 Green Hands; ordered 12 official jackets and plan to order more during year; FFA and FHA plan to have Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet.

GOSHEN—joint social with FHA; constructed community barbecue pit; placed pigs from chain with members; plan to have hotcake supper with band members.

GREENBORO—bought 10 guides to Parliamentary procedure, 10 handbooks for conducting FFA meetings and 1 book More Effective FFA; ordered 3 official jackets; member received American Farmer Degree; operated concession stand at football games; distributed soil conservation posters; held 2 regular meetings and 2 officers meetings; bought magazines; held tractor clinic; added 5 agricultural yearbooks.

GREENVILLE—held 2 regular monthly meetings; elected new president; started Landrace pig chain by purchasing 2 purebred Landrace gilts; appointed chairmen and committeemen to serve on committees on activity program; initiated 17 Green Hands; placed 2 gilts in Duroc hog chain.

GROVE HILL—initiated 20 Green Hands; bought \$200 of new equipment for shop; elected new officers; held 2 officer training periods; had 2 chapter meetings; working on chapter program of work; sold concessions at 2 football games; 100% members own official FFA manuals; placed 4 gilts in pig chain; feeding out 8 hogs to buy more new equipment for shop; ordered 4 jackets; entered Farm and Ranch magazine sale; repaired flag pole; entered float in homecoming parade; presented 1 honorary chapter member a certificate.

HACKLEBURG—held 2 regular meetings; had weiner roast with FHA; sold magazine subscriptions; adding new books to FFA library; all members to enter Public Speaking Contest; ordered pine seedlings.

HALEYVILLE—officers learning parts; one meeting of officers on conducting meetings; collecting dues; plan for all members to take National Magazine; officers planning activity program; making committee assignments.

HARTFORD—elected officers; ordered FFA jackets; showed livestock in three fairs.

HARTSELLE—held officer training school; presented radio program over WHOS; striving for 100% membership goal; had representative attend National Convention; entered land judging contest; sold magazines for chapter prizes.

HATTON—worked out and adopted Chapter Activity Program; initiated 30 Green Hands; held officer training school; cooperating with county in promoting rat control program; held barbecue supper; gave Green Hand pins to new members.

HAYNEVILLE—holding regular meetings; sold peanuts at ball games; had fair exhibit; have appointed all committees; made \$99 on selling broilers; plan FFA party.

HEFLIN—bought new FFA truck; held one meeting; elected new officers; held tractor clinic;

sold ads for FFA calendars; 94 paid members; entered float in homecoming parade; initiated 50 Green Hands; elected chapter Sweetheart; ordered jackets; planned program for entire year; ordered 25,000 pine seedlings; 83 members plan to enter Public Speaking Contest; truck paid for and money left in bank.

HIGHLAND HOME—initiated 21 members; operating 2 FFA pig chains, a Duroc and Landrace.

HOLLY POND—harvesting FFA sorghum; planning camping trip; chapter was represented in Rodeo Calf scramble.

IDER—5 members and advisor attended National Convention; 2 members received American Farmer Degree; held officer training program; initiated 33 Green Hands; sponsored community fair; entered hogs in Chattanooga Fair.

INVERNESS—held Green Hand initiation; ordered FFA jackets; completed a very successful calendar drive.

JASPER—member attended National Convention in Electrification Contest; received National Gold Emblem; presented Walker County High School with FFA mailbox; built Miss Homecoming float for homecoming parade; conducted magazine sale campaign which amounted to \$208; completed

FFA training program with a "T" bone steak supper.

KINSTON—bought 7 hogs to feed out on lunch-room scraps; leadership training session held for new officers; held Green Hand initiation ceremony, with 16 boys being initiated.

LAFAYETTE—held county FFA Guernsey show; string band made personal appearance at Lions Club; entered Guernsey in chapter chain in Piedmont District Dairy Show; two members awarded trip to Chicago by Alabama State Fair; president made talk to Kiwanis Club; string band entertained Kiwanis Club; young farmer class organized and in process of organizing adult class.

LEROY—appointed all committees; working on activity program; ordered necessary FFA supplies and equipment; bought feeder hogs to fatten out; raffling off Purebred gilt to raise chapter funds; held 2 regular meetings; ordered FFA manuals and supplies; 5 members purchased purebred pigs for projects.

LINEVILLE—elected 3 honorary members; initiated 32 Green Hands; ordered pins for each member; write articles each week for local paper; participated in county livestock show.

LOCUST FORK—purchased popcorn popper to

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be used to raise chapter funds; went on week-end camping and fishing trip; working for 100% membership.

LIVERNE—have a total of 71 members; elected officers; selling ads for FFA calendar; held officers training meeting; outlined Program of Work for year; held special officer training class; initiated 34 Green Hands; ordered 5 official jackets; bought official opening and closing ceremony equipment; placed 4 pigs in pig chain.

MARBURY—held regular meeting; initiated 15 Green Hands; bought purebred horned Hereford bull; studying engineering in ag class.

MCADORY—constructing mailbox stands; ordered 100 fruit trees; all members entered Public Speaking Contest; Ag II completed project records for advisor.

MCKENZIE—elected officers; have 28 Green Hands; each Green Hand bought official manual; 5 members bought FFA rings; working on farm safety; building mailbox posts; have 68 members—largest in history of chapter.

MELLOW VALLEY—ordered FFA pins for all chapter members; initiated 14 Green Hands; ordered chapter equipment for all officers; collected pine cones; held FFA-FHA party.

MIDLAND CITY—held 2 regular meetings; initiated 15 Green Hands; held joint social with FHA; gilt farrowed 8 pigs.

MILLRY—building concrete mailbox posts; held joint social with FHA; all ag students FFA mem-

bers; ordered jackets; placed purebred Duroc in pig chain; sponsored radio group as fund raising activity.

MONROEVILLE—held one chapter meeting; elected officers; plans made to raise money by operating school canteen; members urged to participate in contests.

MONTEVALLO—2 members attended National Convention; started making mailbox posts; sold pine cones to Coosa River Newsprint Company—made \$208; made 20 fruit tree orders; planned annual opossum hunt; making film story for one class in ag; plan trip to Nashville to Grand Ole Opry.

MOULTON—have 94 members; cooperating with County Extension Service in rat control program; Bank of Moulton sponsors corn-growing contest; entering car in homecoming parade.

MOUNT HOPE—ordered 5 jackets; honorary membership given to a good friend of chapter; initiated 15 Green Hands; sold \$114 worth of sheep; sold subscriptions to Farm and Ranch magazine; participating in rat control campaign.

NEW BROCKTON—discussed contest; feeding pigs; held contest in Farm and Ranch magazine subscription sales; studied about the control of Fire Ants; sold 5 mailbox posts.

NEW SITE—initiated 18 Green Hands; elected officers; plan to enter several state sponsored contests; 4 members entered dairy judging contest; have 100% membership this year.

NEWMVILLE—Mr. Robert Thompson from REA taught Jr. III boys about electricity; making mailbox posts; planning picnic.

NORTHPORT—held 1 meeting; sold peanuts at all home football games to raise money for treasury; voted to complete purchase of meeting room equipment and \$120 worth of shop equipment; ordered 5 FFA jackets; County Board of Education granted \$1,000.00 to department for purchase of new books and shop equipment.

NOTASULGA—planned scrap metal drive; ordered 6 jackets and other supplies; initiated 19 Green Hands; organized string band.

OAKMAN—held 2 meetings; placed gilt in pig chain; tested hog herd for Bangs disease; wormed beef calves that are to be shown in fat calf show; 3 boys entered hogs from pig chain in State Fair.

ONEONTA—sold concessions at football games; repaired bleachers; selling Farm and Ranch magazines; ordered 5 official FFA jackets; have 51 active members.

OXFORD—ordered 12 jackets, 75 fruit trees and 10,000 pine seedlings; working on new plan for farm shop; held 2 meetings; organized string band.

OZARK—Farm and Ranch magazine subscriptions being sold to raise funds for summer trip; 100% of students enrolled in vo-ag are FFA members; Mr. Thompson of Pea River Cooperatives is helping members with their electric problems.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY—held FFA-FHA ice cream supper; 55 members present at first meeting; ordered 12 jackets and tickets for annual trip to Grand Ole Opry; planned activity program; sow given chapter by Sears Roebuck farrowed 9 pigs; Hampshire sow farrowed 8 pigs.

PALMETTO—adopted program of work; each member learned opening and closing ceremony of each officers part; constructed 4 mailbox posts; held meeting; appointed committees.

PELL CITY—initiated 26 Green Hands; 8 members raised to Chapter Farmer Degree; 2 members attended National Convention; articles sent to local papers and Birmingham daily papers; ordered 7,000 pine seedlings; have all programs worked out for year.

PINE APPLE—elected officers; committee working on program of work for chapter; plans for control of erosion on school campus made.

PLANTERSVILLE—held tractor clinic with Standard Oil Company; painted lockers for school; made plans for re-wiring shop; installed two new pieces of equipment in shop.

PLEASANT HOME—elected new officers; received 1 gilt from pig chain; feeding out 3 hogs; built corn crib in tractor shed; initiated 28 Green Hands; sold 2 hogs; purchased Army surplus equipment; sold light bulbs to raise funds.

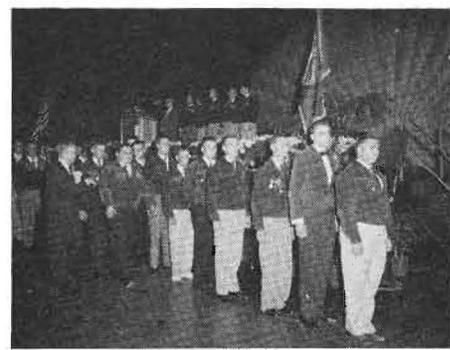
PRATTVILLE—harvested chapter corn project; initiated 18 Green Hands; held monthly meeting; enrolled 22 new vo-ag students; committee working on activity program; held officers training school; studied Parliamentary Procedure; quartet entertained Progressive Farmer meeting; bought 5 jackets.

RAMER—plans made for holding meetings throughout year; elected officers; plan to initiate 28 Green Hands.

RED BAY—selling Warfarin rat and roach poison to raise money for chapter; ordered official secretary and treasurer's book; awarded past officer pins; ordered official Gavel and Block; holding officers training school; selling popcorn to raise chapter funds; landscaped principal's home; ordered Green Hand pins; entered float in homecoming parade, won \$50; planned chapter program.

REELTOWN—held regular meeting; elected officers; pig chain Hampshire hog farrowed 8 pigs; had canning plant this summer, approximately 10,000 cans were canned this season; busy improving shop; repaired old machinery; have some new tools.

REFORM—held 2 FFA meetings and had watermelon cutting; all 52 members subscribed to National Future Farmer magazine; wrote 4 news



SCENE from National FFA Convention showing most of the Alabama candidates preparing to march across stage to receive the American Farmer Degree.

articles for local papers; finished calendar project; ordered 4 new road signs, chapter secretary and treasurer books; all new members have recited Creed; working on Quartet, String Band and Public Speaking Contests; ordered 8 jackets; plan to honor Mr. L. J. Howell by making him honorary member of chapter; will do complete new wiring job on ag building.

REHOBETH—elected officers; appointed committees; purchased 7 hogs to fatten on lunchroom scraps; initiated 21 Green Hands; member won a purebred Hereford calf and one won a Purebred Landrace pig.

ROCKFORD—had charge of chapel this month; held 2 meetings for the purpose of planning chapter programs for year; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings; planned community project for year; collected boys report sheets; planned initiation; had party and hay ride with FHA; bought television for Ag and Home Ec department.

ROGERS—will have banker speak at next meeting; plan to purchase an acetylene tank; first year boys starting in shop work; second year boys studying swine production; third year boys starting study of banking.

ROGERSVILLE—string band attended National Convention and entertained on several occasions added 6 pigs to pig chain; Green Hands studying manual for initiation; ordered 6 jackets; making plans to enter float in homecoming parade; ordered Chapter Farmer and Green Hand pins.

SAMSON—enrolled 26 Green Hands; participated in Geneva Fall Festival; ordered 3 FFA jackets.

SAND ROCK—held two socials; initiated 11 Green Hands; sold rat poison; attended county meeting; operated school store; ordered jackets and rings.

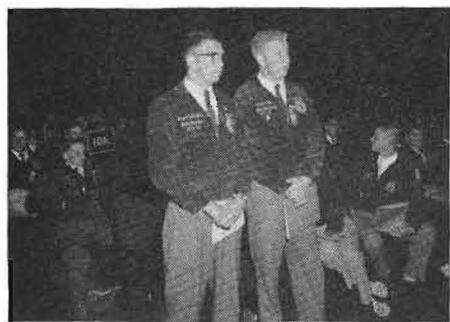
SILAS—member caught white face polled bull in the 1957 Calf Scramble in Meridian, Miss. He weighed 500 lbs. at that time, five months later he had gained 305 lbs. or an average of 2 pounds per day.

SMITH STATION—held 1 regular meeting; elected officers; have total of 72 members; made mailbox posts; gathered pine cones and sold them to Coosa River Newsprint Company; planning to get pine seedlings and fruit trees.

SOUTHSIDE—hogs won total of \$60 at State Fair; sold 6 pigs for \$60; held 1 regular meeting; won district Dairy Judging contest at Gadsden.

SPRING GARDEN—all boys taking vocational agriculture are FFA members and all subscribing to National Future Farmer magazine; plan to buy 6 hogs for chapter to top out; ordered manuals and pins.

STRAUGHN—placed 2 pigs in pig chain; held Green Hand party for new members; planned fun night program to raise funds for chapter; state vice president spoke at chapter meeting; held quartet practice; made plans for initiation of Green Hands; planned program of work; purchased equip-



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ment from educational surplus; harvested peanut crop; gathered corn on chapter plot; ordered jackets; collected dues from 74 members; held string band and quartet practice; ordered fruit trees; elected county officers; developed program of work.

SULLIGENT—elected officers; held annual ice cream party; checked corn yields; operating school supply store; kept bulletin board up-to-date; organizing string band; 74 members and subscribers to National magazine; 14 members have official jackets; ordered films for future showings; planned contest entries and mailbox program; ordered pine seedlings and a sander for shop; published 19 news articles and 3 pictures; ordered materials for land judging team.

SUTTLE—purchased 6 pigs to feed corn from demonstration plot; initiated 13 Green Hands; Green Hands pulling corn in demonstration plot; planting vetch on plot; members feeding 6 show calves; elected Sweetheart; Landrace gilt farrowed 10 pigs; collecting pine cones for National Forest Service; made \$60.47 on Sweetheart contest; approved chapter program of work.

SWEET WATER—elected officers; feeding hogs to raise funds for FFA; studying contests and awards; appointed committees for various tasks; plan to get officers pins; putting on drive to sell magazines; cooperatively ordering fruit and nut trees and pine seedlings.

SYLVANIA—elected officers; 3 members entered Chattanooga Hog Show, won third place in chapter contest.

THEODORE—100% membership and national magazine subscriptions; elected officers; showed 6 dairy calves; held officers training school; string band presented program for PTA; started forestry project; 46 paid members.

THOMASTON—held officers meeting; worked up chapter activity program; planned barbecue; advisor attended International Dairy Show; had barbecue; initiated Green Hands; have 20 new members; planning Chapter Farmer ceremony.

THOMASVILLE—elected officers; plan to make 50 mailbox posts; secured 60 film strips for vo-ag department; selling Farm and Ranch and Parents magazines; held tractor clinic.

TOWN CREEK—installed new radial arm saw in shop; rewired shop in vocational building; initiated 33 Green Hands; placed 2 pigs in pig chain; conducted 3 day electricity clinic; conducted rat control campaign; have 100% membership in FFA; all members subscribed to National FFA Magazine; selling Custom Cal ads for chapter calendar; bought new film strip projector for department.

TROY—harvesting peanuts; rewired shop; making plans to check corn yields of students; initiation plans for new students; 3 pig chains being started; plans made to visit purebred herds of cattle.

VALLEY HEAD—held first meeting; appointed committees; sponsored horse show; 2 members attended National Convention; ordered club supplies and equipment.

VERBENA—held joint party with FHA; initiated 14 Green Hands; dismantled old concession stand and built new one; elected officers and FFA Sweetheart; ordered 1 jacket, 1 ring, 1 billfold and 1 official advisor's jacket; will enter several contests; began clearing and reseeding forestry plot.

VERNON—ordered 14 jackets, 24 shirts and 24 sweat shirts; wrote weekly news article for paper; initiated 60 Green Hands; made out and approved activity program; held 2 regular meetings and 2 executive meetings.

WEST LIMESTONE—planning formal initiation with FHA; purchased registered Landrace hog for \$100; all members planning to enter Public Speaking Contest.

WETUMPKA—bought 6 calves for boys; initiated 13 Green Hands; plan to sell fruit trees; sold drinks and peanuts at ball games; checked corn yields; planned activity program; ordered jackets and T-shirts.

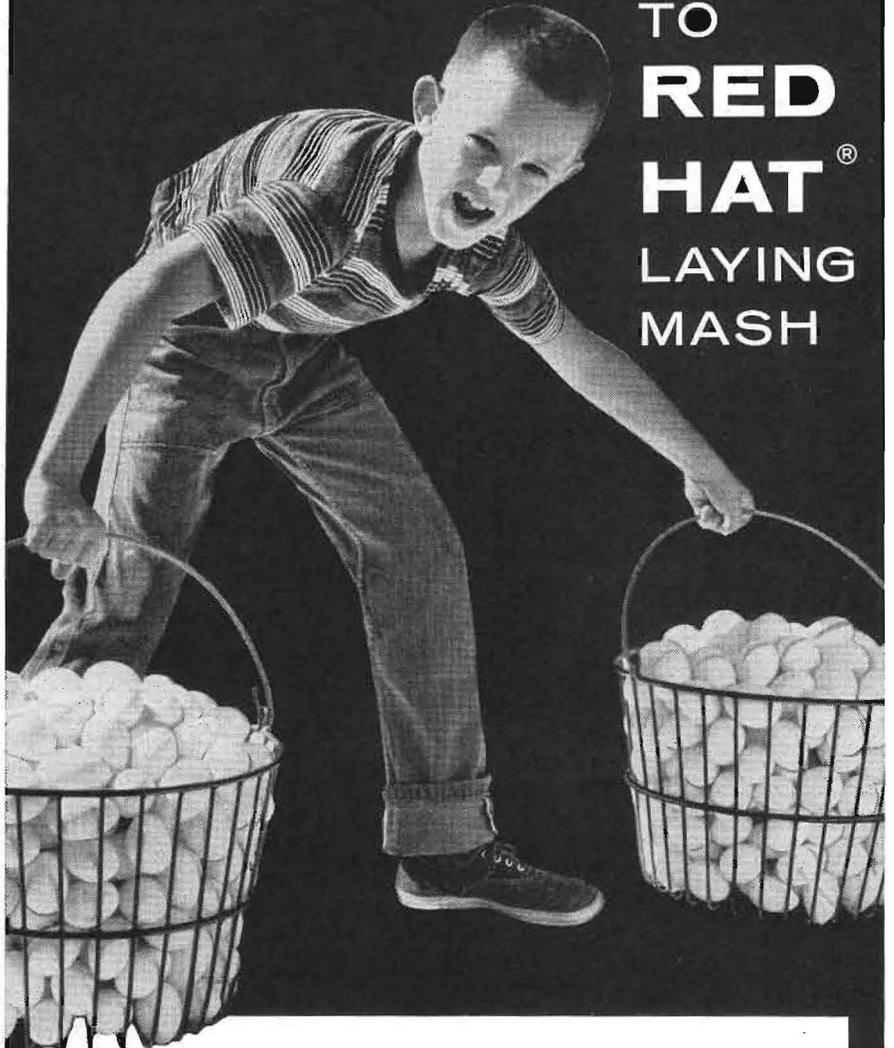
WICKSBURG—held 2 meetings and collected dues from 54 members; operating school store and at football games operating concession stand; plan to enter 3 beef calves in show this spring; members will enter state contests; beginning to make mailbox posts.

WINTERBORO—held officer training school; picking pine cones for paper mill; activity program approved by chapter and committees appointed; 38 members paid dues.

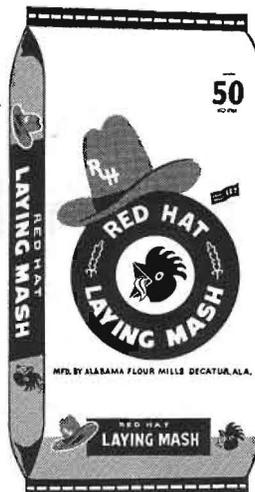


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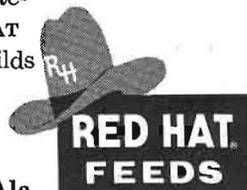
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