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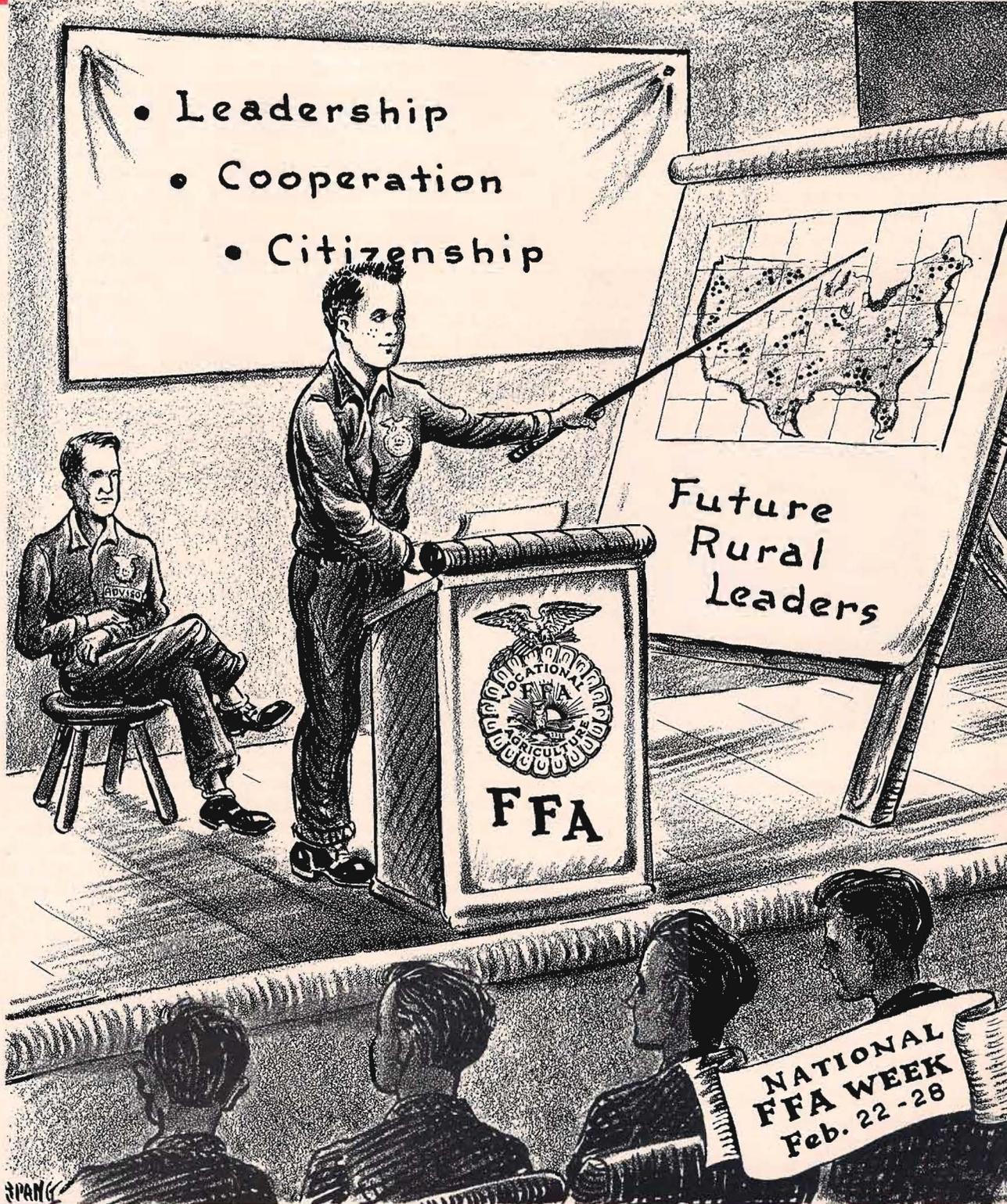
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Purpose Of National FFA Week

By T. L. FAULKNER
State FFA Advisor

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

This nation must have a constant supply of NEW farmers every year to replace those who die, retire, or otherwise leave the farm. These must be men with experience and training, for the successful farmer today is both a scientist and a businessman; he must be a mechanic and a laborer, at the same time capable of leadership in the affairs of his community. Generally, they must be men who have begun farming at an early age, so that by the time they are ready to marry and start a family they will be firmly estab-



T. L. FAULKNER

lished in a farming program that promises a good future.

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

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

National FFA Week comes every year during the week of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. Although usually considered first as a great general, our first president, and an engineer, George Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There

he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, and other soil conserving methods.

Probably no other man in America of his day spent more time seeking new agricultural information, either by experimentation on his own farm or by correspondence with agricultural scientist in England. The title of America's first "scientific farmer" might be applied in Washington. It was more than a century after his death that many of the sound agricultural practices he advocated found general practice.

It is out of deep respect and admiration for George Washington, the farmer in whose progressive ways they seek to follow, that Future Farmers annually observe their National FFA Week at the time of his birthday.

The FFA motto is "LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN; EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE."

Learning To Do - (As vocational agriculture students in high school, Future Farmers study the practical, scientific principles of agriculture that will enable them to become good farmers.)

Doing To Learn - (Each member is required to conduct a farming program at home, under the supervision of his vocational agriculture instructor. The student thus gets practical experience to supplement his study.)

Earning To Live - (The supervised farming program at home is designed to operate at a profit so that the Future Farmer may expand his farming enterprises as he learns, to the end that he will be successfully established in farming and become a self-supporting, substantial citizen.)

Living To Serve - (Development of competent, aggressive rural leadership and citizenship is a primary aim of the FFA; practical experiences in parliamentary procedure, committee work, and conducting other business of an organization are provided through regular chapter meetings.)

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

Birmingham Makes Plans For Annual Visit Of FFA Officers

The Magic City of Birmingham will open its doors to about 85 of Alabama's top-ranking Future Farmers on February 13 and 14. The FFA group will be guests of the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, according to J. A. Beaty, Manager of the agriculture department.

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

FFA state officers making the trip are: Bob Helms, president; Haniel Croft, vice president; Charles McCay, secretary; Billy Steele, treasurer, and Roscoe Johnston, reporter.

Others attending the meeting will include Dr. R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education; T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture; J. L. Dailey, Assistant FFA Advisor; H. F. Gibson, and B. P. Dilworth, Assistant Supervisors, Vocational Agriculture.

The group will arrive in Birmingham by noon on February 13 and register at the FFA booth in the lobby of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, where they will be assigned rooms. That afternoon, they will make a bus tour of the Birmingham Food Terminal and Farmers Market. Terry L. Jackson and Paul R. Moon of the Alabama Power Company will be the official guides.

That night at 6:30 the boys will be the guests of Alabama State Fair Authority and Chamber of Commerce at a banquet in Thomas Jefferson Hotel. Bob Helms, State FFA president will be the principal speaker of the banquet. FFA bands, quartets, and other talented Future Farmers will furnish the entertainment during the banquet with J. L. Dailey in charge. Then the group will go to the Alabama Theatre for a theatre party, courtesy of Mr. P. M. Russell, theatre manager.

Friday morning the Future Farmers will be guests of the Standard Oil Company for breakfast at Britling's Cafeteria.

After breakfast, the Future Farmers will board special buses for an educational tour of T. C. I. Division U. S. Steel Corporation with Mr. Clinton R. Milstead, Director of Public Relations Southeast Division, in charge.

FFA members selected to make this annual trip to Birmingham will remember it as a highlight of the FFA year.

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WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

By RICHARD P. HUMPHREY, JR.

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News from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903, amazed the world . . . the Wright Brothers had just completed the first successful power-driven flight in the history of man. Fifty-four years later, the world was stunned to learn that the Russians had succeeded in putting into an orbit a satellite which is now swinging around the earth every one and one-half hours.

World-shaking events such as these often cause us to ask ourselves, "What of America's future in this new age of science and technology? What does the future hold for me as a young man on the farm?"

The answer to both questions appears bright for the trained and dedicated farm youth of today. Even though our farm population has steadily decreased for the past several years, it has been estimated that the population of America in 1975 may exceed 225 million people.

People, millions of them, will be enrolled in our schools, getting married and rearing families. These people are going to need, want, and create a demand for more food, clothing, and shelter along with the other good things in life that we enjoy.

The challenge to produce more food and fiber on the farm will face thousands of Future Farmers who are now enrolled in vocational agriculture in our high schools today. For this reason, we, as vo-ag students and FFA members, should not be discouraged by the present-day farm picture.

As Future Farmers of America, belonging to the largest farm boy organization in the world, we should accept this challenge by studying and working hard in school today so that we will be prepared to meet the wonderful future that lies ahead of us. Every FFA member who can should further his agricultural training after graduation from high school by attending an agricultural college.

The demand today for college trained agricultural graduates is great and will be greater in the years to come. Out of 62 million people employed in America, 25 million are working at jobs in agriculture or in jobs related to agriculture.

Each year over 15,000 good paying jobs are available to college trained agricultural graduates. At present our colleges in the United States are graduating only 8,500 agriculture students each year — which results in only one trained graduate for almost every two jobs that are available.

From this one can readily see the future for farm youth enrolled in vocational agriculture today is bright — it will be brighter tomorrow.

FFA DEVELOPS GOOD CITIZENSHIP

By CECIL M. GANT, JR.

The Future Farmers of America organization has as one of its primary aims the development of good citizenship. It is encouraging to see this aim in practice by boys studying vocational agriculture in America's rural high schools, because in their hands rest the hopes for the future and upon their shoulders rest the responsibilities for solving the problems of tomorrow's world. The training in character development, honesty and cooperation received by boys while they belong to the FFA is giving them the qualities needed by young folks to better prepare them to cope with the problems which they will be facing. Many of the leaders in agriculture, government, industry, and other phases of American life will come from this farm boy organization.

FFA gives to boys and young men many opportunities to develop those talents which they possess, and also to learn new skills and to develop greater ability — ability to get along well with others; ability to assume the required initiative to do a job and to do it well. This organization brings into focus evidence of what may disprove the old saying, "The younger generation is going to the dogs." The training that FFA gives in helping its members to accept responsibilities and enjoy privileges helps the coming citizens to be up and about the business with which they will soon be directly concerned.

How is this accomplished? In numerous ways, ranging from participation in FFA-sponsored contests to exchange programs with students in foreign lands. How is this so significant? It teaches the FFA'ers agricultural and diversified leadership. It teaches them international fellowship and brotherhood.

If this spirit of universal friendship existed today, the whole world would seem as one big neighborhood, and a good citizen in one place would be a good citizen anywhere. With the immortal Jefferson we could say that all men are endowed by their Creator to the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And in finding this happiness an idea from the FFA Creed is practiced by the FFA'er; "I believe in my own ability . . . and in respect from others." It is this ability which achieves good citizenship and gains the respect of those around us.

Alabama's "Future Farmer of the Year"



JOHN JAY, JR., named "Future Farmer of the Year," is shown at desk with wife Louise.

Greensboro Member Is Most Outstanding

John C. Jay, Jr., member of the Greensboro High School FFA Chapter, has been named Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jay of Greensboro.

For being the outstanding farmer of the nearly 14,000 FFA members in Alabama John will receive the \$300 Turner E. Smith Educational Award and the special Alpha Gamma Rho trophy. These awards are given annually to the FFA boy in Alabama who demonstrates exceptional leadership in farming ability.

John has been interested in farming since he was a small boy. Even before entering vocational agriculture he had a few livestock projects. When he enrolled in vocational agriculture in September

1952 he became even more interested. However, John was handicapped by living in town and not having a farm. His father did have a large back yard and some sheds so John converted the sheds into a barn and started his projects. His projects for his first year in FFA were as follows; seven head of sheep, five beef calves, one dairy cow, four hives of bees and 41 hens.

From this small beginning in his father's back yard John has kept growing and expanding his farming program until now he is worth over \$11,000.00. His projects this year include fifty head of sheep and lambs, thirteen registered Hampshire brood sows and two registered Hampshire boars from which he expects 150 head of market hogs, fifteen head of milk goats, eight head of beef cattle, one Hereford bull, twenty-four thousand broilers, nine acres of hay, fifty acres of pasture, twenty-five acres of corn and nine acres of crimson clover. He also expects some income from the wool from his sheep.

John has just completed a \$5,000 broiler house and he is in the process of completing a modern pig parlor. He owns eight acres of land which he purchased during the last few years and on which his buildings are located. For his pasture and feed crops he is renting 92 acres. He owns one pickup truck, one tank trailer, all the feeders for his brooder house and a water pump. In addition to

owning land and buildings, John owns all of his livestock.

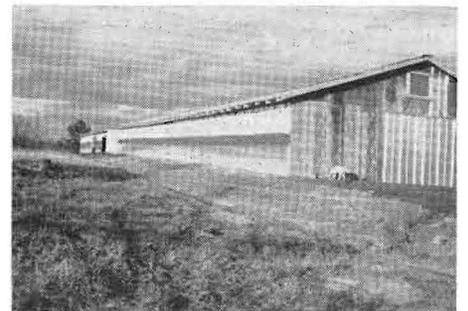
In addition to his productive projects, John had six major farm and home improvement projects and has done many outstanding supplementary farm practices.

Last fall John was one of the fourteen boys from Alabama to receive the American Farmer Degree. He attended the National FFA Convention and served on the Ushers Committee during the entire convention.

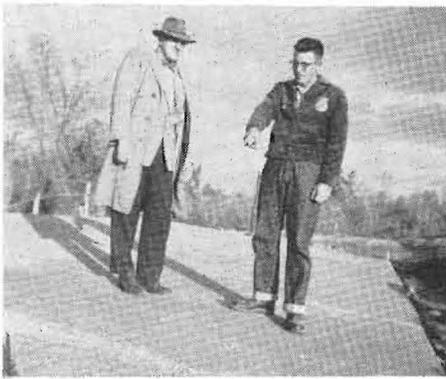
John gives much of the credit for his successful farming program to his father and his vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. T. C. Smith. Even though his Daddy is not a farmer, he is really interested in John's program and has encouraged him to study and work and to be the best in his chosen vocation. John says that Mr. Smith has been a great help and inspira-



JOHN looking over part of his flock of sheep.



JOHN'S new and modern broiler house.



JOHN JAY at right discussing pig parlor with Mr. T. C. Smith, his Vo-Ag teacher.

tion to him in planning and supervising his farming program and FFA activities.

John not only has an outstanding farming program, but also has been very active in FFA work. In his first year of FFA he was chapter sentinel; second year, treasurer; and third year, secretary. He served on many important FFA chapter committees. Some of the other FFA activities that he has participated in are as follows: He entered the quiz contest for two years, was a member of the beef cattle judging team for several years and was chapter corn growing winner.

John was also active in other school activities and in community work. He was a member of the basketball team, vice president of his class, participated in several school plays, was bus driver, and was listed in Who' Who. He has been very active in church activities both while in high school and since graduation. He has served as a Junior Steward in the church. He is interested in community activities, and now attends one of the adult classes being conducted by the teacher of vocational agriculture.

Even before finishing high school John showed his sheep at the Alabama State Fair and attended several sheep shows, one of which was the Montadale Sheep Show at Springfield, Illinois. Not only has he participated in the shows, but has won a number of ribbons and awards for his quality sheep. He is a member of the National Sheep Association, the Alabama Sheep and Wool Growers Associa-



JOHN and some of his purebred Hampshire hogs.

tion, the National Montadale Sheep Association, the Hampshire Swine Registry, and the county Farm Bureau.

John believes that the farmer of tomorrow will have to be a well-rounded, educated farmer who is a leader in his community. Even though he is not able to attend college his desire to continue his education is evident in the fact that he is active in the community and county farm organizations, attends livestock shows, agricultural meetings, and is regularly enrolled in the adult program offered by the vocational agriculture department at his high school.

John was married last June to the former Miss Louise Halbrook. They have hopes of building a home on their farm in the next year or two.



SHOWN above reading the latest issue of The Alabama Future Farmer is John, his wife, Louise, and Mr. Smith his Vo-Ag teacher.

—FFA—

Forming Opinions

By ROSCOE N. JOHNSTON
State FFA Reporter

When you see something for the first time, you automatically form an opinion.

You may wonder what first opinions have to do with the FFA. As you know, we are proud of our organization and want people who know little or nothing about it to get a good first impression of it.

How do people form these first impressions of an organization? People get their impressions about the organization from what some of us think are small, unimportant facts. The way we talk, act, and behave will cause others to form vivid impressions. If we will only follow the little saying of Mr. Faulkner, our State Advisor, "Behave good as Future Farmers should," we will create good impressions. On the other hand, if we use language unbecoming to members of our organization, people who hear us will say, "Listen to that FFA member. Why, the FFA must be an organization of rough necks. If the teacher allows them to talk in such a manner or if they talk like that all the time, I do not want my son to

belong to such an organization." Thus, they have formed a bad opinion which is hard to overcome. The majority of people who have formed these bad opinions will not have enough interest left to find out what the FFA is really like. They will also form the same opinion if we act or behave in any manner other than that of a true gentleman.

There are other things beside personal contact that create vivid opinions about the FFA. Articles in the newspapers create good opinions, for these articles are usually about some FFA member's accomplishments, a banquet, party, or some other activity in the FFA. People also form first opinions from another source — advertising the FFA. The Future Farmers of America Welcome signs which appear over the State, as well as the nation, give people an impression.

What kind of impression does your chapter FFA welcome sign give? In a split second people coming into your community for the first time will form an opinion. This opinion will either be good or bad, depending upon the condition of the sign. Do I need to tell you what kind of opinion they will form if the sign is in bad condition? On the other hand, if the sign is in good condition, they will form good opinions, and these are as hard to change as bad ones.

In traveling over the State, the other State Officers and I have noticed these signs. In some cases they are in need of repair or replacement. It has been noticed that in some places weeds and grass have grown up around the signs. In other places kudzu has covered everything but the FFA emblem, and still in other places the sign hangs loosely, and in some cases, upside down. Is this good public relations? These signs do not show the true spirit of the chapter and its members, but it does not keep people from getting a bad impression of the FFA.

Welcome signs should be a major item in any chapter's public relations program. If signs are allowed to be in need of repair or replacement, we are defeating our own cause. If your chapter welcome sign is not the type that would cause a visitor to form a good opinion, let's do something about it. Maybe this would be a good project to undertake during FFA Week. A good committee might take this as a special project, not only to have the signs looking good for FFA Week, but to continually keep them neat and the area around them clean so that they can be easily seen.

If we can keep all the welcome signs in good condition, more people will become interested in the FFA. With more people interested in our organization, we can improve the FFA and thus, strengthen the greatest youth organization in the world.



JERRY USERY, left, and Advisor R. L. Francis.

Elkmont FFA Member Is State Champion Cotton Grower

Jerry Usery, seventeen-year-old FFA member of the Elkmont High School FFA chapter, is State winner in the Efficient Cotton Production Program. As State champion Jerry wins an all expense paid round trip from his home to the National FFA Convention this fall. The program is sponsored by the American Potash Institute in cooperation with the Cotton Education Committee of Southern Regional Conference of Vocational Agriculture Workers.

On one acre Jerry produced two bales of cotton weighing 497 and 590 pounds. He realized a net profit of \$215.84 from his cotton project.

The program is judged on the basis of efficiency of production and production practices. Even though the weather conditions were unfavorable in many areas for a good cotton yield, Jerry had good yields.

In addition to his cotton program Jerry has a well-rounded supervised farming program, with a brood sow, beef heifers, corn, and hay. His net income from his projects last year was \$631.39.

For his improvement projects Jerry has landscaped his home and made several home improvements.

He has been very active in FFA activities. He was a member of the poultry judging team that placed third in the State contest. He was the winner of the chapter and county tractor operation contest and placed third in the district contest. He also entered the chapter public speaking contest.

Jerry is active in community and church activities. He is a member of the church, attends church and Sunday school regularly, is a Sunday school teacher, and is active in the church's youth activities.

State FFA Executive Committee Meet In Montgomery

The Alabama FFA Executive Committee held its last Executive Committee Meeting in the State Department of Education at the new State Office Building in Montgomery, January 16, 17, and 18. The FFA Advisory Council met with the Executive Committee on the 18th. Those of the Advisory Council in attendance were: B. C. Nix, Foley; H. C. Gregory, Albertville; C. W. Bazemore, Wetumpka; and E. G. Hendrix, Jasper. The group discussed preliminary plans for the State FFA Convention, the Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held in Birmingham on February 13 and 14, State FFA activity program and FFA scholarship program.

While in Montgomery the State officers were guests of Spencer Chemical Company for a steak supper on Thursday night and on Friday were guests of Mr. John Ford, Alabama REA, at a luncheon at the Montgomery Country Club. The officers also had an opportunity to visit and tour WSFA Television Station as well as the State Capitol.

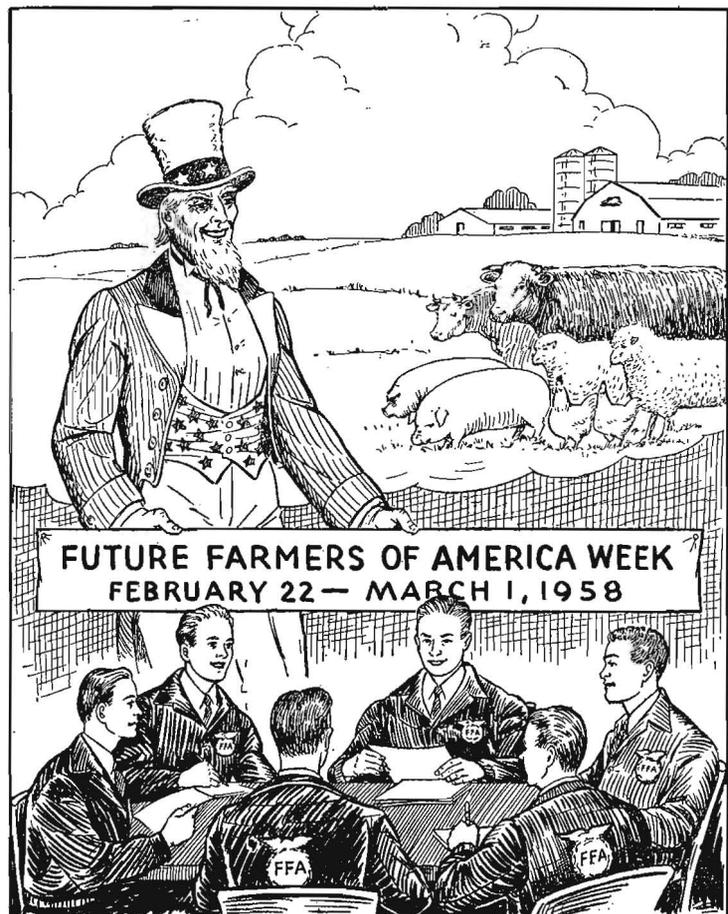


STATE FFA Executive Committee visits State Superintendent of Education. Seated left to right, Bob Helms, Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Superintendent of Education, Haniel Croft. Standing left to right, Mr. T. L. Faulkner, State FFA Advisor, Charles McCay, Billy Steele and Roscoe Johnston.



STATE Officers and the Advisory Council. Seated are the State Officers. Standing, left to right, T. L. Faulkner, C. S. Bazemore, E. G. Hendrix, B. C. Nix, H. C. Gregory and J. L. Dailey.

One Part of the Future He's Not Worried About

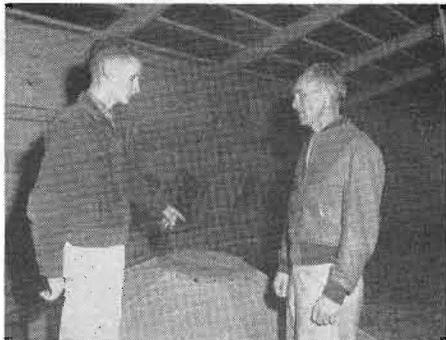


Billy Kirby Wins State Poultry Production Contest

Billy Kirby, 17 year old member of the Pisgah FFA Chapter, has been named State winner in the FFA Poultry Production Program. As winner of the contest, Billy will receive \$100 cash and an all expense paid trip for himself and his advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on January 27, 28, and 29. At this time he will compete with nine other state winners from the southeastern states for the regional title. The regional winner will receive \$500.

Billy has developed an outstanding poultry enterprise. He became established in the broiler business by borrowing money from his local bank to add with that which he and his mother had saved. Consequently, a partnership between mother and son was developed. By sharing equally in profits and expenses and practicing good management on the poultry farm, this team soon paid back the borrowed money.

The cash income gained from the poultry farm has afforded Billy and his mother a comfortable income for living expenses.



BILLY KIRBY, left, and his Vo-Ag teacher E. V. Pruett, discussing chicken brooder in Billy's broiler house.

Total receipts usually amount to over \$5,000 annually. Billy's plans are now to boost this total even higher in the future.

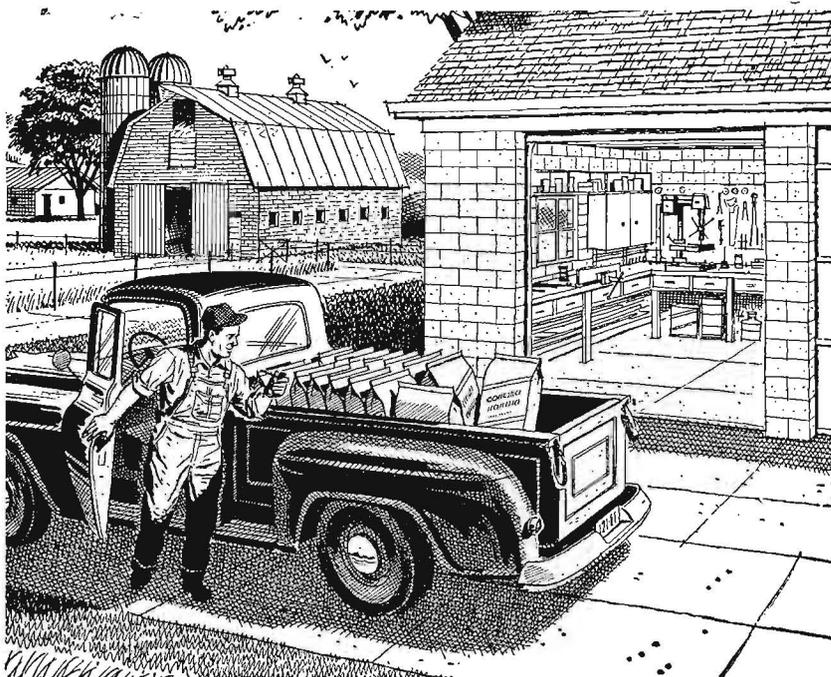
Billy has received helpful advice, supervision and encouragement in his poultry project from Mr. Earnest Pruett, his teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

The experience this youthful farmer has gained from his poultry projects so far will be a guiding light to him as he advances further in the rapidly growing poultry industry in the Sand Mountain

area. He plans to continue his specialized enterprise with greater emphasis on livability, management, and overall development.

The Poultry Production Program is a new phase of the Alabama FFA Associa-

tion and is sponsored by the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association. Its purpose is to stimulate interest and encourage FFA members to learn how to produce poultry in a practical and efficient manner in the southeastern states.



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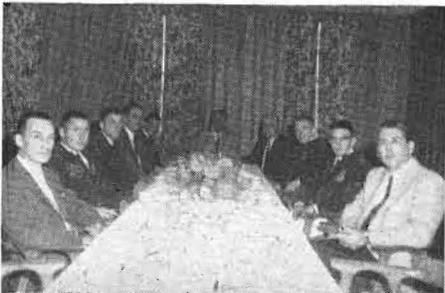
Cherokee County Elects Chapter Officers

The Cherokee County Association of Future Farmers of America held its first meeting at the Gaylesville vocational agriculture department recently, and the following officers were elected for 1957-58: Larry Hardin, Spring Garden, President; Orville Edge, Cedar Bluff, Vice-President; Calvin Grimes, Centre, Secretary; Lynn Fitzpatrick, Gaylesville, Treasurer; Nolan Clanton, Sand Rock, Reporter; and J. C. Hollis, Spring Garden, Advisor.

At the same time the county program of work was planned for the coming year and meeting dates were also planned.



CHEROKEE COUNTY FFA officers and chapter advisors—Front Row (left to right) Larry Hardin, Orrville Edge, Calvin Grimes, Lynn Fitzpatrick, Nolan Clanton. Back Row (left to right) J. C. Hollis, Advisor, Spring Garden; A. C. Teague, Advisor, Cedar Bluff; D. P. Whitten, Advisor, Centre; J. E. Edmonds, Advisor, Gaylesville; and S. E. Pate, Advisor, Sand Rock.



ALABAMA REA entertains FFA Executive Committee at a luncheon at the Montgomery Country Club during recent Executive Committee meeting.



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The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Auburn on April 7, 8, and 9.

FFA ROUNDUP

BLOUNTSVILLE

The Blountsville FFA chapter of the J. B. Pennington High School is off to a good start for the new school year with the following officers in charge: President, Jerry Trammell; vice-president, Stanley Bussey; secretary, Wendell Mead; treasurer, Verbon Black; reporter, Earl Young; and sentinel, Beamon Bryson.

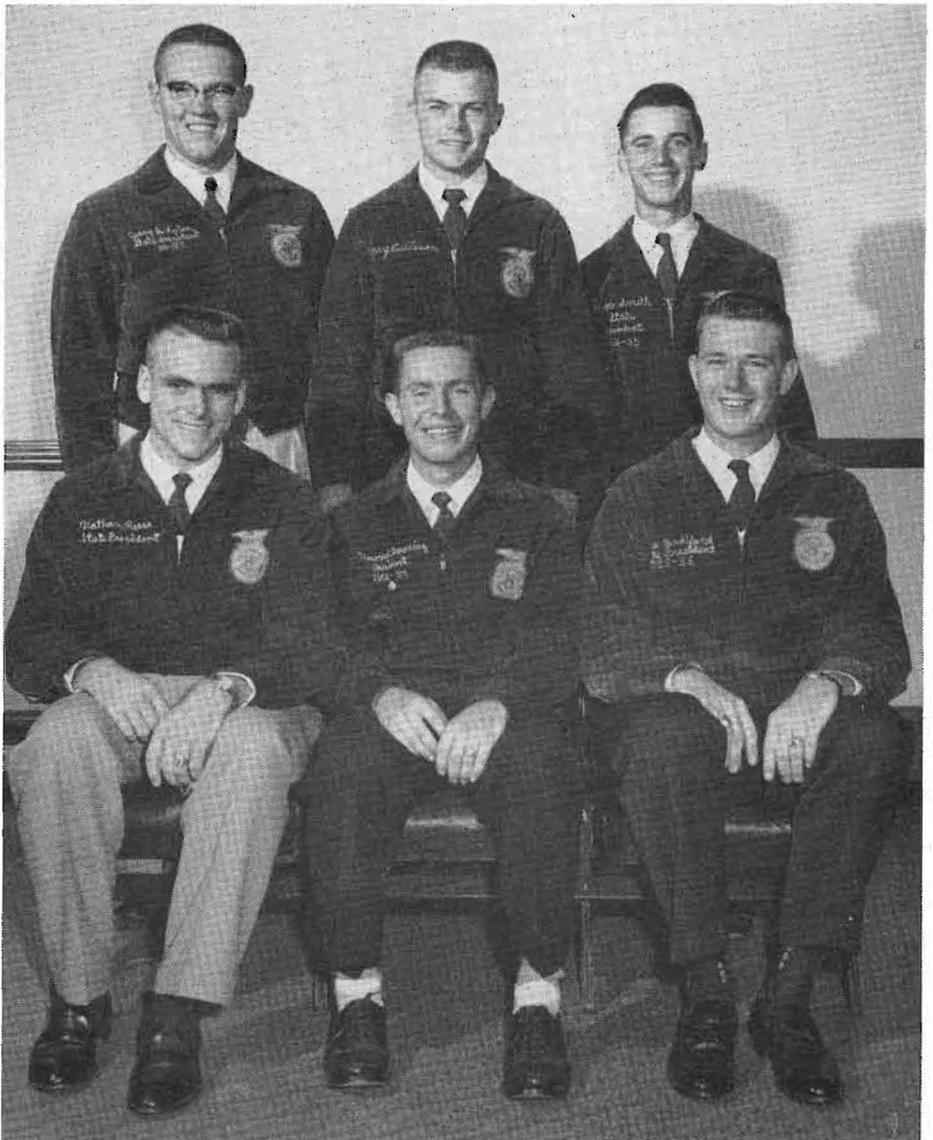
The chapter has a total of 73 mem-

bers which includes every boy enrolled in the vocational agriculture classes. Many worthwhile activities have been carried out by the chapter and individual members.

Four registered pigs have been added to the chapter pig chain since school started, and a modern farm electric welder has been added to the school shop by the FFA chapter. An exhibit was displayed at the county fair which showed a model farm setup for adequate wiring. Plans have been made to continue the mailbox improvement program started last year in the Blountsville community.

Johnny Staton wired three electric motors and does a great deal of other work at the shop at school and at home.

Mack Sherrer helped build and paint a new garage and porch for his home recently.



NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS—Front row (left to right) Nathan Reese, Mooreland, Oklahoma, student secretary; Howard Downing, Nicholasville, Kentucky, president; and Royce Bodiford, Millsap, Texas, vice-president, Southern Region. Back row, Jerry D. Rulon, Arcadia, Indiana, vice-president, North Central Region; Jerry W. Cullison, Phoenix, Arizona, vice-president, Pacific Region; and Leon C. Smith, Rome, New York, vice-president, North Atlantic Region.

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ASHFORD

The one hundred and six students enrolled in the vocational agriculture classes compose the largest number asking for the subject in the history of Ashford High School. The classes offered are Agriculture I with 60 students in two classes, Agriculture II with 29 enrolled and Agriculture III with 17 students in the class.

Special emphasis this year, by the students and teacher, W. F. Knight, is being made to make the FFA program better. Plans are being made for more contestants to enter the various contests sponsored by the State FFA Association. The club members also plan to emphasize public relations through various media and activities.

The first FFA meeting was held in September under leadership of the following officers: president, Bennie Rice; vice-president, Jerry Watford; secretary, John Wayne Massey; treasurer, Glenn Anderson; reporter, Johnny Mack Woodham; and sentinel, Bobby Clemmons. Other officers will be elected at the next regular meeting.

Definite plans are being made for every vocational agriculture student to become a member of the FFA. Reports will be made at the next meeting to ascertain the prospects of this chapter becoming an honor roll chapter.

Two invitations have been accepted to present television programs. One appearance will be the regular presented program by the class, the other will be a presentation for the Dothan Federated Garden Club given by the horticulture class.



MISS TALLULAH STUDDARD elected Sweetheart for Berry FFA Chapter 1957-58. She has held this title for two years.

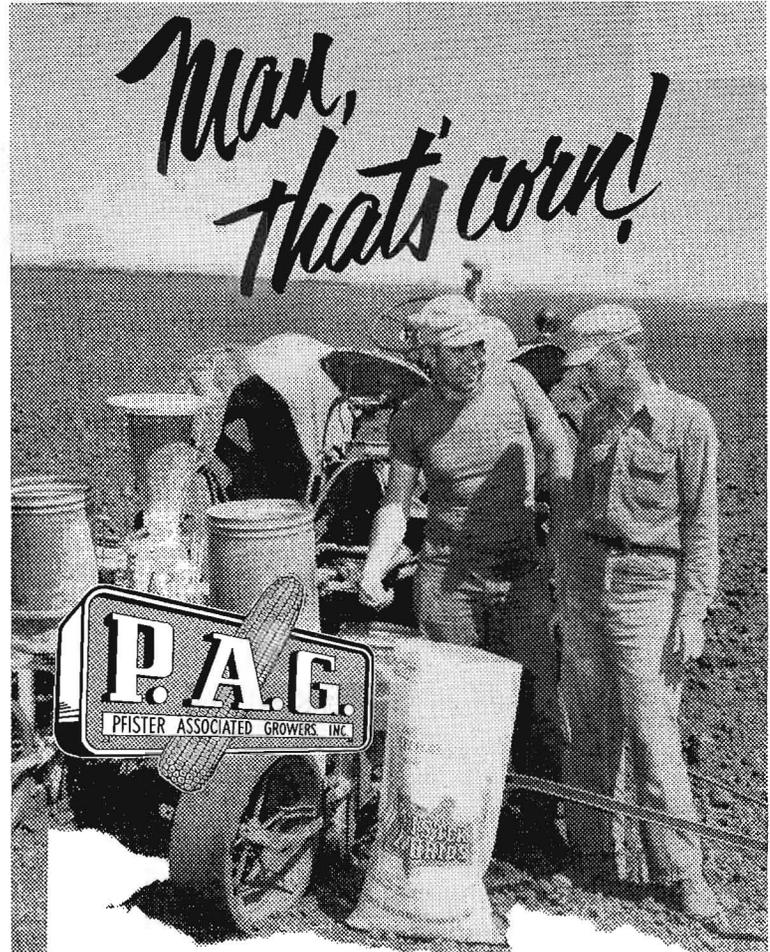
HAYNEVILLE

Boys of the Hayneville vocational agriculture class and FFA are going all out to make the annual spring Lowndes County Fat Stock Show and Sale a big success.

The boys started in June selecting calves for the show. Most of the calves were selected from the herds on the boys

farms or from other Lowndes County cattlemen. However, some of the boys selected calves from out of the county. Herefords are the predominant breed with a few Angus being selected.

FFA boys with calves are: Bobby Moorer, James Waller Till, Francis Kremmel, Robert Day, James W. Coker, Comer Coker, and La Rue Haigler. Several have more than one calf.



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BRANTLEY

The Brantley vocational agriculture department started operating a demonstration farm four years ago. Prior to the time the FFA chapter took charge of the farm, it was producing corn at the rate of 20 bushels per acre. For the first three years an average yield of 75 bushels per acre was produced.

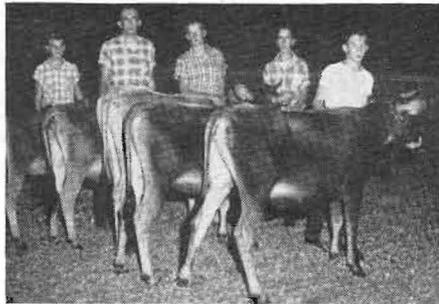
This year 104 bushels of corn per acre was gathered. M. L. Carroll, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, states that this yield was produced by following recommended practices. Some of the practices followed by the boys are, planting winter legumes, land preparation, soil testing, fertilizer practices, recommended varieties of corn, and cultural practices.

Plans are being made by the group to break this record in 1958.



YORK

Ten Brown Swiss heifers ranging in age from 2 to 4 months were purchased by members of the York FFA Chapter during the fall of 1956. The Bank of York aided FFA members in buying the calves.



SHOWN above are York FFA members who have Brown Swiss heifers—(left to right) Freeman Powell, Ralph Byrd, Gordon Powell, Don Wedgworth, and Parker Bragg.

During the vocational classes these FFA boys study jobs on: feeds and feeding; management of dairy cattle, how to keep dairy records, disease prevention and control, and successful pasture management.

Many of these jobs were put into practice by these boys during the past year. Six of these grade calves were shown at the District Dairy Show in Demopolis on September 26, where they won a total of \$65.00 cash.

The Brown Swiss is a new breed of dairy cattle to Sumter County, yet this breed has many desirable features. The Brown Swiss is the 1957 National Butter-

fat Champion. Many of these matured cows, which may weigh 1500 to 1700 lbs. will give eight or nine gallons of milk per day.

The FFA boys not only plan to supply the family with milk but they will raise one good beef calf per cow for the market.

WATERLOO

The FFA chapter at Waterloo started their third house of broilers since completing the building last January. The first group of day old chicks were placed in the house on January 18, 1957. The chicks were grown out and sold on a 17 cent market. The chapter was able to pay for the equipment purchased for the project with this group of broilers.

In about three weeks 2500 more chicks were back in the house to be marketed nine weeks later. Having learned some valuable lessons in broiler production the students got better growth from these chicks. With more efficient growth and a 20 cent market the club made about \$600 profit from their effort with these birds.

After this group of broilers were sold the boys cleaned and disinfected the house in preparation for the third group of chicks which were placed in September.

The broiler project is a teaching aid used in the vocational classes of the high school. Also, it is shown to many adult farmers of the Waterloo area in an effort to get more broiler houses in this area.

The project is under the supervision of the agriculture teacher, William B. Ha-good.

SYLVANIA

David George, Charles Ray Gilbreath and Willard Carrell of the Sylvania FFA Chapter showed their Duroc gilts and boar at the Hamilton County Inter-State Fair in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They won third place chapter award in competition with 25 chapters from the Chattanooga area. They received these hogs from the local FFA pig chain sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

Willard Carrell and Charles Ray Gilbreath showed a blue ribbon boar and gilt. Willard also won second place in showmanship with his blue ribbon boar. David George showed a red ribbon gilt.

Other boys who received pigs from the local pig chain were Boyd Sims, Charles Graham, and Ronnie Biddle.

SILAS

Raymond Sturdivant, an outstanding FFA member at the Silas Chapter has made many accomplishments in his farm practices.

He became an FFA member in 1954. He had corn, peanuts, peas, and forestry



as his projects. His greatest achievements were in his forestry project. In Raymond's forestry project, he planted 33,000 pine seedlings and carried on forestry practices on his 70 acres of forest land.

Raymond attended the State FFA Convention held in Auburn, Alabama in 1956 where he was awarded \$30 for being third place winner in the State FFA Forestry Contest. In 1957 he went even higher to receive the honor of being second place winner in the Forestry Contest and was awarded \$50 at the State FFA Convention.

He was chosen as delegate to represent the Silas Chapter at the State FFA Convention in 1957 and was also chosen as delegate from Silas Chapter to attend the Forestry Camp held at Camp Crist in Selma from August 4 to 10 in 1957. At this camp, Raymond was taught courses in forestry such as Forest Management, Forest Fire Control, Silviculture, First Aid and Farm Safety, Timber Measurement and Tree Identification. There were many activities to be engaged in while not in classes such as swimming, ball playing, vesper services, and many others. Raymond was chosen as one of the 10 most outstanding boys to attend the Forestry Camp and was awarded a baseball glove.

Although Raymond has finished high school, his interest in the FFA and Forestry has not stopped.



MISS SARAH ANN BAKER elected Sweetheart of the New Hope FFA Chapter for 1957-58.

MILLRY

Millry is another one of the chapters that has been busy at the start of the new year.

They have already held a Sweetheart of FFA contest, initiated new Green Hands, placed a pig in the pig chain, held a joint social with the FHA, added new books to the chapter library and they are now conducting a Rat Control Campaign.

PRATTVILLE

First year FFA member Sammy Abney has set a challenging supervised farming program for other Future Farmers to follow. He wanted there to be no doubt about his meeting the qualifications for the Chapter Farmer Degree this fall.

For his projects he has the following: 3 acres of peas, 3 registered Jersey cows, 4 grade Jersey cows, 2 grade Jersey calves, chickens, 3 pair of Japanese quail, 29 rabbits, 3 hen turkeys, 1 gobbler, 2 barrow hogs, 1 sow pig, 13 acres crimson clover, 2 acres oats, 5 acres sericea, 4 acres kudzu, and 1 acre corn.

ROANOKE

The Roanoke chapter won \$25 at the recent county fair with an exhibit illustrating the usefulness of honeybees to agriculture.

This activity is typical of some of the interesting and constructive things which the fifty members of the local chapter expect to accomplish in their activity program during the year.



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ALEXANDER CITY—held two regular meetings and three special officers meetings; elected FFA Sweetheart; adopted two money making projects; selling pens, pencils and sponsoring donkey ball game; pushing mailbox program.

ALICEVILLE—presented FFA Sweetheart with a jacket; held annual corn banquet; gave out Green Hand, Chapter Farmer and Officer pins; working on Public Speaking Contest; Gulf States Paper Company gave us 14,000 pine seedlings; made field trip to poultry farm; putting out rat poison.

ASHFORD—elected FFA Sweetheart; appointed committee to select gift for Sweetheart; gave gifts to needy families of the community.

ATTALLA—adopted new program of work; turned in project records; plan to make 20 mailbox posts; held two regular meetings and one officers meeting; initiated 22 Green Hands; all officers attended county meeting; secured dibbles for setting out pine seedlings; wired vo-ag classroom; plan to sell salt and pepper shakers and toothpick holders for treasury.

BERRY—held monthly meeting; elected FFA Sweetheart and presented her with a jacket; all members participating in Public Speaking Contest; chapter corn grower selected.

BEULAH—sprayed one peach orchard; held monthly meeting; joint party with FHA; selected champion corn grower; added 10 magazines to FFA library.

BOAZ—put on radio program; built two book cases for school library; repaired kitchen cabinet; held one meeting; selected judging team.

BRANTLEY—started magazine sales campaign; completed concession stand on football field; closed out productive practice records; planned program for chapel.

CAMP HILL—ordered president's gavel, large rubber stamp "FFA", small rubber stamp "FFA", 1,000 envelopes and 1,000 sheets of official FFA stationery for chapter room; for chapter members we ordered 10 Green Hand pins, 10 Chapter Farmer pins, 5 FFA rings and 7 FFA T-shirts; sold \$24.50 pone cones to Coosa River Co.; received check for \$50.00 from Piedmont Soil Conservation District for building float for Columbus Fair; selected champion corn grower; completed sale of calendar ads and ordered 600 official FFA calendars from Cal Advertising Co.—made nice profit; held annual FFA-FHA Christmas party; received 4,000 pine seedlings from Coosa River Newsprint Co.



CASTLEBERRY—entertained FHA with a party; selected champion corn grower; selected outstanding farmer of the year to enter REA contest; held regular meetings; initiated 19 Green Hands; one member in Public Speaking Contest; selected 7 new members for pig chain.

CENTRE—elected secretary; selected champion corn grower and chapter FFA Sweetheart; all officers ordering jackets with FFA paying one-half of the cost.

CITRONELLE—held regular meetings; initiated Green Hands; practicing string band and quartet; ordered 2 FFA jackets, 2 FFA rings, and one FFA knife; sold concrete mailbox posts; presented assembly program; placed request for pine seedlings.

CLEMENTS—ordered Green Hand, Chapter Farmer pins and other FFA supplies; building concrete mailbox posts; entered Corn Judging Contest; selling concessions at ball games to raise money; held FFA-FHA banquet; preparing to enter Public Speaking and Quartet Contests; ordered books for chapter library; ordered jackets and FFA supplies.

COFFEE SPRINGS—purchased 4 purebred Landrace gilts to start pig chain; placed one purebred Landrace male in community; started rat eradication program; held regular meeting; initiated 20 Green Hands; FFA-FHA held joint party; obtained Sears FFA bull and placed in community; had barbeque to make money for chapter.

CORNER—held one officer and one regular meeting; organized chapter quartet and string band; raised 16 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; entered chapter corn and cotton growing champions in state sponsored contests; painted chapter room; organized chapter livestock judging team; ninety-five per cent of membership gathering material and outlining speeches for chapter Speaking Contest.

CULLMAN—gave assembly program pertaining to Thanksgiving and also Farm-City Week with

emphasis on farm safety; completed magazine sales; sold Christmas cards to raise money for the chapter.

CURRY—held joint social with FHA; selected chapter corn growing champion; state FFA Treasurer spoke at annual FFA-FHA parents night; held joint Christmas party with FHA; observed Farm-City Week; placed gilt in chapter pig chain; ordered pine seedlings and bicolor lespedeza plants; working on speeches for chapter Public Speaking Contest; ordered books from John Deere Plow Co. for chapter library; plan to rebuild classroom tables; working on FFA contests.

DADEVILLE—held FFA-FHA Christmas party; had charge of assembly program in school; quartet getting ready to appear on TV.

DANVILLE—topped out and marketed 5 pigs; set out 1,000 pine seedlings; rotated sows in pig chain; had joint FFA-FHA Christmas party.

EAST BREWTON—elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered FFA pine seedlings; planning a deep sea fishing trip; held Christmas party with FHA; received FFA jacket; attended Escambia Forest Field Day Tour.

EAST LIMESTONE—initiated 25 Green Hands; members ordered FFA jackets; selected chapter corn growing winner; presented PTA program during National Education Week.

ECLECTIC—held Green Hand initiation; had social with FHA; sold 6 hogs for \$100.03 net profit; bought 10 pigs; bred one pig chain gilt; moved FFA boar and sow; made group picture for annual.

ELKMONT—held monthly meeting; 6 boys writing speeches; making plans for parent-son night; two classes working in shop; replaced one pig chain pig; held officers training school; worked on land judging, dairy judging and livestock judging; ordered supplies for department and material for members; plan to hold county Public Speaking and Quartet Contest at Elkmont; made plans to have banquet for county public speaking and quartet members.

ENTERPRISE—held two meetings; member won a trip to Cuba in Farm and Ranch magazine sale; raising money by selling peanuts at ball games; held one meeting of FFA members and one meeting of FFA officers; plan to have FFA-FHA party; the Lions Club of Enterprise donated a purebred Duroc boar to the chapter.

FALKVILLE—selected chapter champion corn grower; erected FFA signs at all leading highways into city; initiated 23 Green Hands; reworked and painted shop; presented Green Hands with pins; quartet is practicing; preparing for Public Speaking Contest.

FOLEY—working on safety program; ordered 9 FFA jackets; painted shop; refinished class room floor; entered Corn Growing Contest; selected livestock and poultry judging team; ordered 37,000 pine seedlings; selected land judging and dairy judging team; delivered 5 mailbox posts; placed 2 pig chain gilts; one member bought an angus show heifer; 4 members plan to buy show cattle; bought a fifty-cup coffee urn.

FORT DEPOSIT—held two meetings; sold tickets on Thanksgiving turkey; selling peanuts at football games; ordered pine seedlings; elected FFA Sweetheart and getting her a jacket; ordered John Deere Machinery Books; selling Farm and Ranch magazines.

GENEVA—mounted Gold Emblem; bought calf feed cooperatively; 12 calves on feed for spring show; had speaker at Geneva Rotary Club; participated in Farm-City Week; conducted scholarship program; entertained Mr. R. E. Naugher from Washington; held regular chapter meeting; judged corn yields of boys in Corn Growing Contest; conducted field tour; held special meeting; showed film on "Safety in the Home"; cooperating with Farm and Ranch in subscription drive; all project records in; chapter members making mailbox stands.

GOODWATER—held one meeting; received pine seedlings; have a basketball team.

GORDO—made plans to initiate Green Hands; organizing string band; Father-Son banquet to be held in Spring; planning for pig chain; built FFA mailbox posts.

GOSHEN—sponsored float in Homecoming parade; made plans to harvest corn project and feed out hogs; sponsored pancake supper; added paint sprayer and bench saw to shop; ordered fruit trees cooperatively; sponsored Bop Contest.

GRAND BAY—placed 2 gilts with members; cleared approximately \$100 on concessions; held one game night; pruned demonstration pine plot.

GROVE HILL—held two officers meetings and two chapter meetings; sold two meat hogs; completed magazine sale; sold 4 market hogs; held combination FFA-FHA party and dance; 2nd and 3rd year boys in shop; made cattle body for pick-up; closed out supervised farming records; placed 2 mailbox posts; put out 16 bicolor borders for quail feed.

HAMILTON—held annual FFA-FHA parents night; State Treasurer, Billy Steele, represented State FFA Association and Ann Fuller represented the State FHA Association at banquet; president attended "Show You Tour" sponsored by Haleyville Chamber of Commerce.

HATTON—sponsored skating party; placed 200 pounds of rat poison with farmers in cooperation with County Rat Control program; nominated FFA Sweetheart; ordered official FFA jackets; appointed various committees; operating concession stand at ball games; ordered Sweetheart jacket.

HAYNEVILLE—had chicken supper; planning initiation for Green Hands; sold peanuts at football games; plan to put more chicks in house.

HEFLIN—held one regular meeting and electric motor clinic; started mailbox program; showed a number of films; Ag I boys working in shop; made field trip to pulp wood yard.

HOLLY POND—initiated Green Hands; various committees gave progress reports; elected two new officers; painted signs for wild life conservation club; planning contests.

INVERNESS—held FFA social and invited FHA; planning Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; purchased 13,000 pine seedlings; bought a registered Hampshire boar; Purina Feed Company has agreed to furnish feed for growing out chickens to be served at Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet.

KINSTON—helped make landscape plan for grammar school building and set shrubs in front; 10 boys have set out 1,000 pine seedlings each; 17 boys raised to Chapter Farmers; Sgt. Norris from Dothan Highway Patrol spoke to chapter on "Highway Safety."

LAFALETTE—ordered pine seedlings; received Sears bull; initiated Green Hands; string band made personal appearance; feeding out 13 show steers; president made a talk to Kiwanis Club; selected champion corn and cotton growers; held joint meeting with FHA; built FFA Christmas float; put on TV program; selected Future Farmer of the Year for chapter; held tractor clinic.

LEROY—conducted tractor clinic; forestry class sponsored by Hollingsworth and Whitney; ordered 27,000 pine seedlings and made cooperative fruit tree order; placed new books in ag library; two news articles in local paper; committee working on plans for FFA-FHA banquet; ordered bicolor lespedeza.

LUVERNE—held one special officers training meeting and one regular FFA meeting; sponsored donkey basketball game which added \$80 to treasury; ordered and received farm level for department; having belt sander repaired for shop; completed sale of calendars, netted approximately \$200; sponsored Farm and Ranch magazine sales; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings; preparing for Public Speaking Contest; training livestock judging team; ordered electric welder for shop also a shaper for table saw; completed and delivered 10 mailbox posts.

McKENZIE—built 16 mailbox posts; held Christmas party.

MIDLAND CITY—making plans to feed out hogs for FFA project; entering farm electrification; initiated 14 Green Hands; raised 9 members to Chapter Farmer Degree; placed 2 official mailbox posts; held 2 regular meetings; distributed 2 gilts in pig chain.

MONROEVILLE—held two chapter meetings; conducted tractor clinic; show special film on First Aid.

MONTEVALLO—finished Farm and Ranch sales; pruned demonstration orchards; plan to attend Pest-O-Rama in Montgomery; tractor clinic to be held in January; held county-wide Jamboree; plan trip to Grand Ole Opry.

MOULTON—elected Chapter Star Farmer; placed 4 registered Duroc pigs among members; held officers meeting and two regular meetings; elected champion corn grower; plan for initiating Chapter Farmers.

NEW HOPE—working on A-1 projects reports; planning donkey ball game; purchased electric planer for shop; built 8 mailbox posts; held party honoring FFA Sweetheart; held 3 meetings; four members entering Public Speaking Contest.

NEW MARKET—painted 4 tractors; held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; made 3 bookcases, 2 cedar chests, 5 gun racks, 1 hoe stand and 1 magazine rack; sold 1 mailbox post; added 1 gilt to pig chain; sold Christmas cards.

NEW SITE—improved Community Recreation center; made and sold 13 concrete mailbox posts.

NEVILLE—all 14 Jr. III boys have made one mailbox post and some have made two; Sr. I and Sr. II boys have been cutting rafters and making doorsteps; Sr. I boys have made 8 mailbox posts.



NORTHPORT—held regular meeting; ordered 6 FFA jackets; added \$472 worth of books to library; sold peanuts at ball games; purchased new equipment for shop; selected champion corn grower; ordered chapter banner for classroom; taking orders for fruit trees.

OAKMAN—held two meetings; ordered 23,000 pine seedlings; making dibbles for setting seedlings; determined corn growing champion; planned initiation; got two new film strips for library; booked 6 movie films; placed 6 new mailbox posts in community; wrote 4 articles for newspapers; castrated 6 hogs, 2 bulls and dehorned 2 cows; 100% subscriptions to National Future Farmer magazine.

OZARK—sold light bulbs to raise chapter funds; chapter brood sow farrowed 14 pigs; member made speech at Kiwanis Club; helped landscape new high school building.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY—attended Grand Ole Opry; let members have 10 pigs and farmers in community have 3 male hogs.

PRATTVILLE—held public speaking, dairy, livestock and poultry judging practice session; conducted tractor clinic; started forestry project; sold calendar ads for financial earnings; developed Co-op forestry project; carried out Farm and Ranch Co-op plan.

PRICEVILLE—held special meeting; gave out Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degree pins; ordered 15 new books "Our Soils and Their Management."

RAMER—selling pen and pencil sets and subscriptions to Farm and Ranch magazine.

RED BAY—held two FFA meetings; initiated 28 Green Hands; working on contests; selected champion corn grower; enlarged welding room and paint shop; planned FFA-FHA party; selling pop corn at basketball games; ordered \$28.00 worth of magazines for department.

REELTOWN—selected chapter champion corn grower and presented him with key and certificate; held regular meeting; 9 boys participated in corn contest.

REFORM—held 2 meetings; initiated Green Hands; elected chapter Future Farmer of the Year; published 4 articles in local newspaper; planned chapel program; boys working on contests; honored Mr. L. J. Howell; held assembly program; put out 8,000 pine seedlings; working on mailbox program; completed rat campaign.

ROANOKE—have 31 Green Hands; elected FFA Sweetheart; two members appeared on TV show; made money by collecting pine cones; 100% subscription to National Future Farmer magazine; ordered fruit trees co-operatively; sold calendar ads.

ROCKFORD—had try-outs for quartet and string band; selected corn judging team; had a speaker who discussed Farm and Highway Safety; showed two good farm movies; ordered FFA jackets.

SAMSON—purchased water cooler for vocational building and paint sprayer for shop; added Landrace gilt to chapter pig chain; held Christmas party; purchased a 16 mm movie projector for department.

SAND ROCK—elected chapter Sweetheart and



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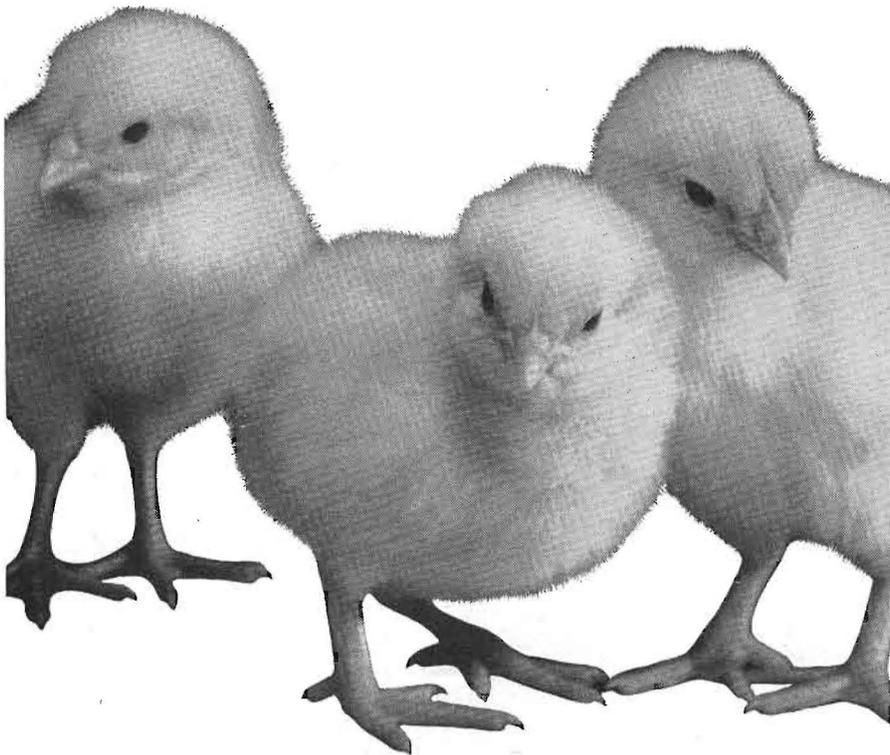
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SILAS—prepared wooden fence around football field; working on bleachers; studying parliamentary procedure; elected FFA and FHA Sweethearts.

SMITH STATION—held turkey shoot as a money making project; plan to buy a tape recorder, camera and record player for chapter; appointed committees; had Christmas party with FHA; ordered pine seedlings; working on FFA speeches; held one meeting.

SOUTHSIDE—held regular monthly meeting; brood sow farrowed 5 pigs; appointed committees for year; string band practicing; making mailbox posts; sponsored tractor clinic; sold 2 top hogs for \$79.35; nominated chapter Future Farmer of the Year; distributed calendars to members and other people in community.

SULLIGENT—elected FFA Sweetheart; working on Public Speaking contest; studying land judging; entered FFA float in Homecoming parade; ordered and received steel for mailbox posts; continuing weekly news column; selected chapter champion corn grower; received Gold Emblem won in National Contest; placed order for 26,000 pine seedlings; keep bulletin board up-to-date; held annual Christmas party with FHA; distributed gifts to 12 needy families.

SUSAN MOORE—ordered 8 jackets; raised 20 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; held one meeting; initiated 19 Green Hands and presented them with Green Hand pins; plan to build 25 concrete mailbox posts; ordered 12,000 pine seedlings; planning a radio program over WAVU.

SUTTLE—placed 2 Landrace gilts in pig chain; crowned FFA Sweetheart; boys working on speeches.

THEODORE—plan to enter G. M. & O. Farm Woodland Improvement Contest; bought magazines; string band made 2 appearances; purchased \$800 worth of shop equipment; held chapter contests; planted 5,000 pine seedlings; sold 9 hogs from school project.

THOMASTON—ordered FFA jackets; expanded pig chain; 3 boys feeding out beef calves; selected chapter corn growing champion; 12 boys planted pine seedlings; raised 13 Green Hands to Chapter Farmer; registered all pigs placed in pig chain; planned speeches for Public Speaking Contest.

THOMASVILLE—Ag. II and Ag. III boys went on Coon Hunt; obtained 4 calves for Fat Calf Show; sold calendar ads; member won trip to Cuba in Farm and Ranch Contest.

TOWN CREEK—held joint Christmas party with FHA; elected FFA Sweetheart and presented her with an official jacket; placed 4 purebred pigs in pig chain; preparing to submit one American Farmer Degree application; submitted Future Farmer of the Year application; selling ads for official FFA fund raising calendar; presented chapter corn growing winner with medal; conducted community rat control campaign.

TROY—placed 3 pigs in pig chain; held Christmas party with FHA; sold FFA calendars; FFA Shorthorn bull used by community; held one meeting.

VERNON—held joint social with FHA; approved activity program; bought registered gilt for pig chain; appointed committees to carry out activity program; president spoke to Kiwanis Club; ordered 34,000 pine seedlings; 23 members ordered fruit trees; all officers purchased official jackets; selected corn and cotton champion growers for chapter; all members of each class gave a speech.

VINA—initiated 20 Green Hands; 20 members promoted to Chapter Farmers; 175 fruit trees ordered for members.

WALNUT GROVE—constructed hog fence, purchased registered Duroc boar; initiated 28 Green Hands; made application for 9 Chapter Farmer Degrees.

WEDOWEE—held 2 FFA meetings and 2 officer meetings; sharpened 10 handsaws and purchased new saw guide; initiated 21 Green Hands.

WEST POINT—sent in 74 subscriptions to National Future Farmer magazine; every ag student entered Public Speaking Contest; held joint class with Home Economics girls on manners.

WETUMPKA—sold drinks and peanuts at ball games; placed two gilts in pig chain; sold fruit trees and magazines; awarded prizes for corn production contest; held tractor clinic; bought movie projector.

WICKSBURG—had two meetings; committee appointed to elect FFA Sweetheart; made FFA mailbox posts; each member writing a speech to enter Public Speaking Contest; entered an exhibit in National Peanut Festival Fair.

WOODLAND—planned joint FFA-FHA chicken barbecue; issued 56 membership cards; completed initiation of Green Hands; selected chapter champion corn grower.

WOODVILLE—held regular meeting; ordered 13 jackets; 18 Green Hand pins, 12 Chapter Farmer pins, FFA banner and Sweetheart jacket; had Christmas party; elected executive committee; gave program at PTA meeting; discussed ways of making money for chapter.

YORK—painted shop and classroom; vaccinated dogs for county; operated concession stand at two ball games; initiated 12 Green Hands; sold \$103 worth of magazines; members purchasing fruit trees; every member entered Public Speaking Contest; purchased a welding machine and other tools for shop; held regular scheduled meetings.

A Message to High School Boys and Girls and Their Parents

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

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

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

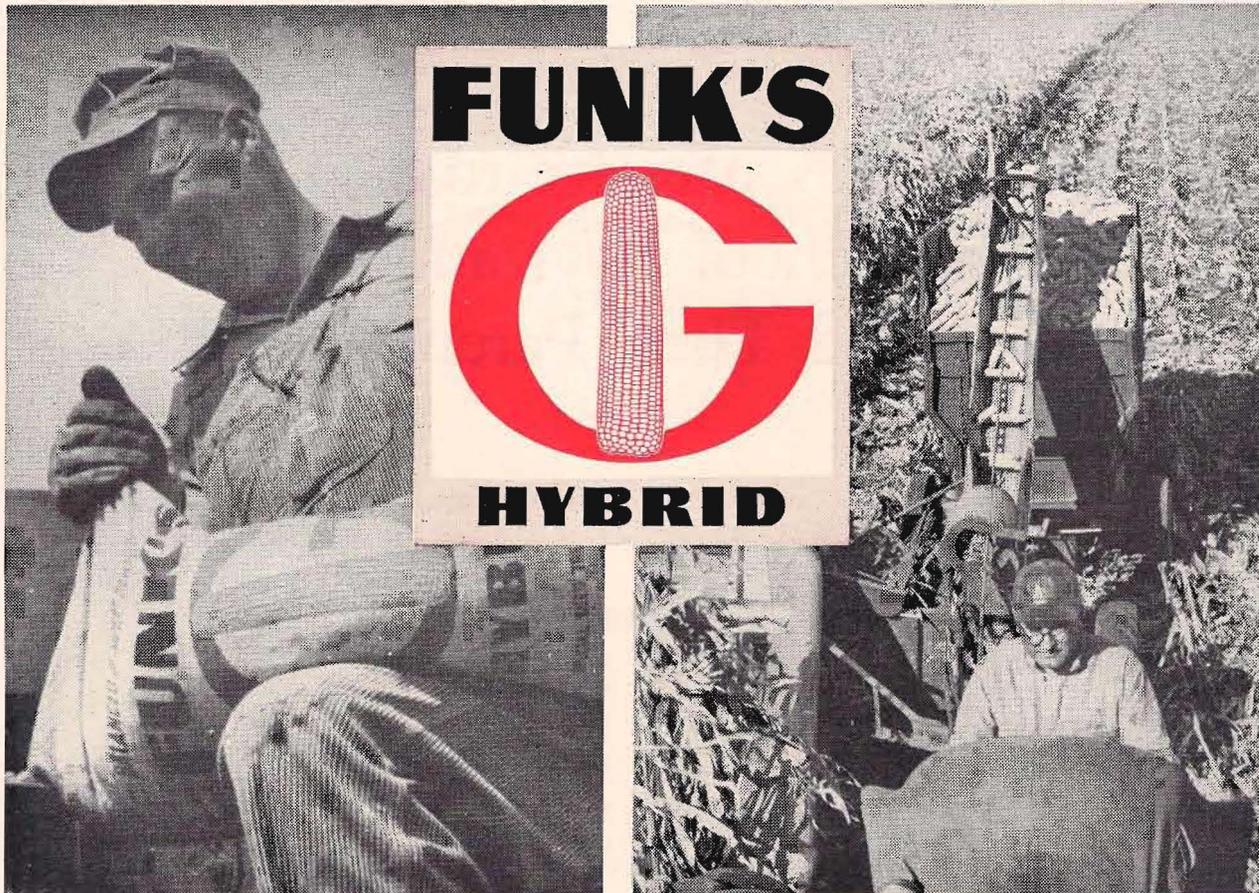
Many top-flight engineers and other graduates in scientific subjects have been graduated from the University of Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and other Southern colleges and universities. Many of them have found employment with Alabama Power Company and other electric power companies in the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

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



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