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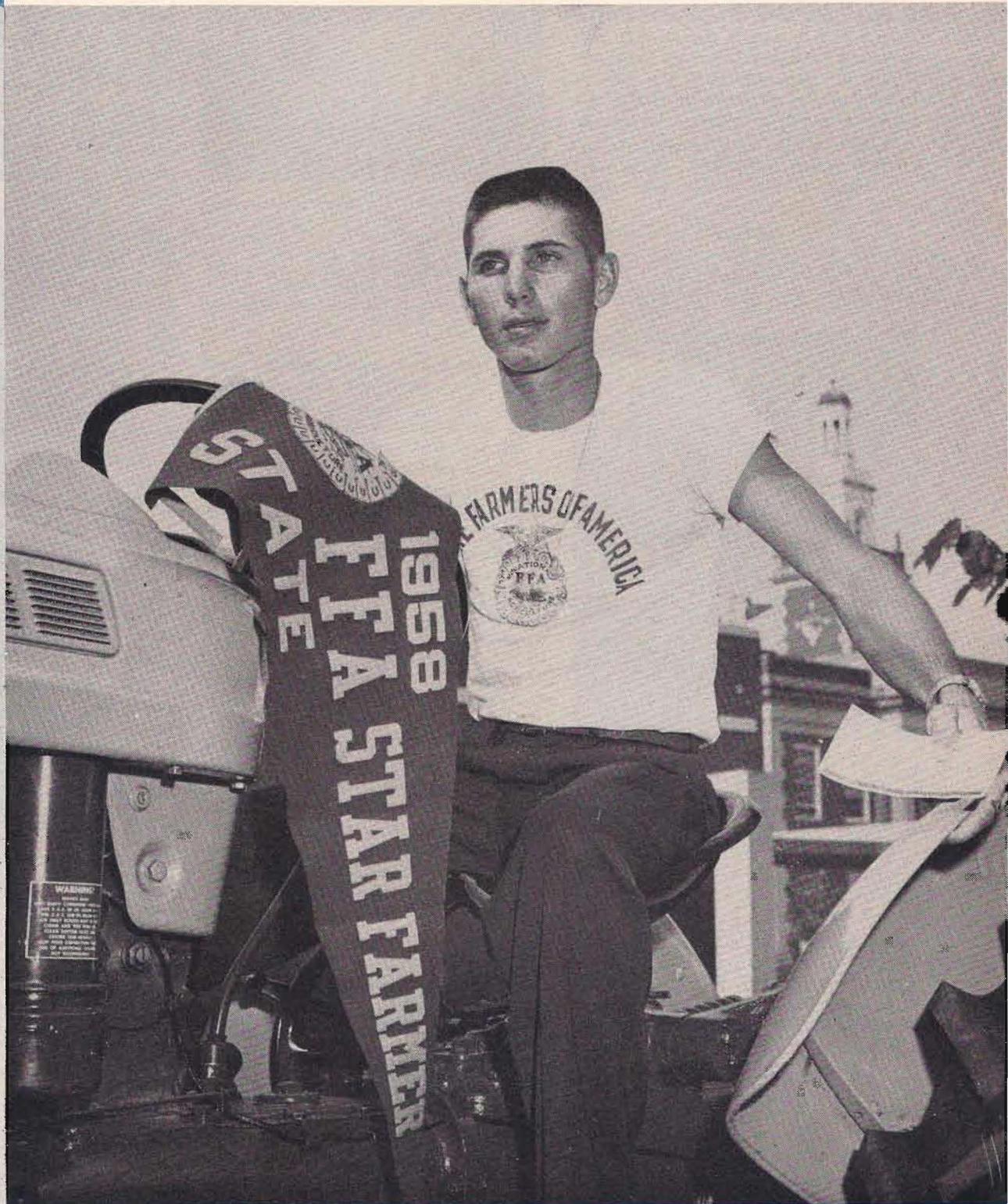
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Soil And Water Management

Joel D. Hardee of the Beatrice FFA Chapter was the top State winner in the Soil and Water Management Program. His application has now been submitted in the National Contest where four regional winners along with a National winner will be selected.

Joel has one-fourth interest in 672 acres of land. Many of the soil and water practices were put into effect on the land in which he has an interest. However, he has the responsibility of the soil and water practices on additional land which his father owns but is farmed by tenants.

"I selected the soil and water management program," says Joel "because of my sincere interest in the conservation of our natural resources."

Much of the equipment used to work the farm has been constructed by Joel. He has built a Martin ditcher as well as a 6' rake and top piler. In addition, he



JOEL HARDEE has done much work in Forestry. He has thinned, culled, and planted over 17,000 pine seedlings, a factor which helped him score first place in the Soil and Water Management Program.

designed a metal shield for the Caterpillar which provides protection when the "A" frame is in use.

Joel has terraced 125 acres of land and planted Bahia grass to 37 terrace outlets. He has cleared and planted approximately 125 acres of pasture land in Dallis grass and Bahia grass and White Dutch clover.

Young Hardee has subsoiled 40 acres of corn land, leveled and cleared 82 acres of land which he planted to perennial hay, and surveyed and constructed a 2½-acre farm pond.

Elimination of a 140-acre swamp area was one of the prime objectives on Joel's agenda. This he did by surveying and

cutting 2.2 miles of drainage ditching. "In fact," says Joel, "this is now some of the finest pasture that we have on our entire farm."



ALABAMA'S Soil and Water Management winner for 1957-58 has an outstanding record in controlling water run-off on the land on which he lives. One such project was the construction of 2.2 miles of ditching. Shown above, the Beatrice FFA'er does a fine job in preparation for the ditch and waterway construction.

Joel has given much thought and work to forestry improvement, having thinned, culled, and planted over 17,000 seedlings on 400 acres of land.

The work of this young farmer has not been restricted to his own home farm, for as he put it, "In order to earn money to pay for the equipment I purchased, I have done a considerable amount of work in conservation for other farmers in the community." He has constructed terraces, cleared fire lanes in timberlands, and surveyed and ditched numerous farm and pasturelands. When asked what he considered to be his greatest help in conservation work, he promptly replied, "Being able to handle explosives."

Joel has been immensely active in FFA work. While president of the Beatrice FFA Chapter, he worked to gain the interest of the Beatrice community in establishing a gigantic 4,700-acre hunting reserve.

We salute this Future Farmer for a wonderful job in the Soil and Water Management Program.



JOEL D. has done much with the conservation problem of his farm by terracing some 125 acres and planting 37 outlets to Bahia grass. He is shown above doing some typical terracing work.

Twenty-Two Teachers Awarded Honorary Farmer Degree

Twenty-two teachers of vocational agriculture were awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree during the annual State FFA Convention. The degree was conferred upon these teachers in appreciation of their outstanding service to the Alabama FFA Association and vocational agriculture.

The following is a list of teachers receiving the degree:

J. C. McClinton, White Plains; D. M. Eddleman, West Point; W. W. Dulaney, New Market; Earnest Pruett, Pisgah; Charles W. Killough, Linden; Herbert Barnes, Atmore; B. H. Nall, Bay Minette; Frank H. Cowen, Grand Bay.

W. T. Richards, Orrville; J. W. Lee, Silas; O. L. Hunt, Millport; Posey E. Thompson, Hatton; Fred J. Cornelison, Ardmore; W. H. Alsbrook, Wadley; Gordon Conway, Isabella; W. D. Key, New Site; B. J. York, Lincoln.

Milton McKellar, Troy; J. D. Granger, Opp; Curtis Eiland, Blue Springs; Woodrow Wilson, Fort Deposit; M. L. Carroll, Brantley.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Editor apologizes for not having pictures. Pictures were made but unfortunately they were not good enough to have cuts made. Sorry.)

—FFA—

Three State Members In National Band, Chorus

Three Alabama members have been selected to participate in the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus. The performance will take place at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October.

The members from Alabama to play in the band are Jimmy Rudd and Cecil Spence of the Northport chapter.

In the chorus is W. M. Britton of the Milly chapter.

COVER PICTURE

Shown on the cover is a picture of Leland Helton, Atmore FFA member. Leland was State Star Farmer for 1958. The tractor upon which he is seated was awarded him by the Southeastern Ford Tractor Company and Ford tractor dealers in Alabama. He was also awarded \$100 in cash by the National FFA Foundation. (Photo courtesy of Les King)

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Team Work

IN THE GREAT game of life, in the vast field of farming, industry, labor accomplishment, social enterprises, world military campaigns, in the field of competitive sports and any organization, the element that contributes most to success is TEAM WORK.

The Master Teacher who came into the world over two thousand years ago was the greatest exponent of team work that has ever been known to walk and talk with men. He came into the world when the political, economic and social life of the people was at a very low ebb. He proclaimed an unpopular and dangerous philosophy which met with bitter opposition, yet he welded together a team of the most diverse or different personalities that could be found.

It is said that J. C. Penney was about 50 years old before he conceived the idea of setting up a business based on service and good will—that he welded together a team of workers whose ideals were grounded in the idea of unselfish and honest service and throughout the years his teams have never been defeated.

One has only to observe a labor crew laying rails on a great railroad to see that team work gets the job done. One man stands near the workmen and chants the rhythm. Every move is together, every man catches, holds, lifts, stops, lowers and lets go at the same time. All for one—one for all—gets the job done smoothly and efficiently.

The most fascinating thing one can imagine takes place when the circus comes to town. Stand down by the Fairgrounds and watch the elephants and roustabouts set up the show. Every man has a task which is coordinated with every other man. Every elephant in use coordinates his efforts with others. In a matter of just a few quarter hours the team has done the job.

The great coach, Knute Rockne, one of the greatest men and finest coaches ever to come on the scene of American sports was one of the greatest exponents of team work and team spirit. He dressed his men trim and neat; he trained them so perfectly that a team in action was so finely coordinated that they were as rhythmic in action as a team of beautiful Rockettes in Rockefeller Center. It was one for all—all for one—the goal to win the game for the glory of the team.

In the Future Farmers of America organization it is every member's responsibility to have the team work that will develop the qualities of leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and character that every FFA member should possess. The successful chapter is one in which its members, officers, committees and advisor develop outstanding team work.

Plan Your FFA Farm Safety Program

Most studies of accidental deaths show that more persons are killed annually by accidents, while engaged in farming, than in any other industry. Two factors influence these findings. First, more persons are engaged in the pursuit of agriculture than in any other occupation, and second, safety rules are not enforced on the farm and they are in organized industry.

The time to be concerned about accidents is before they occur. One may be too many. Most farm accidents could have been prevented if the necessary precautionary measures had been taken.

The primary purpose of this campaign is to make farm people more "safety minded." Emphasis will be given to locating farm hazards and removing as many of them as possible.

Procedure for Conducting the Campaign

1. Devote one chapter meeting to a discussion of common farm accidents and their causes.

2. Take a field trip to a member's home. Using the Farm Hazard Survey Sheet, make a systematic survey of the farm to locate hazards and record them.

3. When a safety hazard is located mark its identity on the back of a "Danger tag" and tie or tack the tag in a prominent location at the place of the hazard. Keep a record of the number of tags used.

4. Encourage each member to do the same on his home farm.

5. Place emphasis on the removal of hazards. The tag is not to be taken down until the hazard is removed or precautionary steps taken to lessen it. Record on the back of the tag the corrective action taken.

6. Each member will turn the tags in to a Farm Safety chairman as they are removed and will receive credit against the number originally used.

7. At the end of a specified period of time (1 to 6 months) the record of hazards removed will be evaluated.

This may be set up as a contest in which the member who most effectively removed the greatest percentage of hazards will receive the chapter FFA Foundation Medal for Farm Safety for the year.

8. Public news releases should be made of the activities and accomplishments in this campaign.

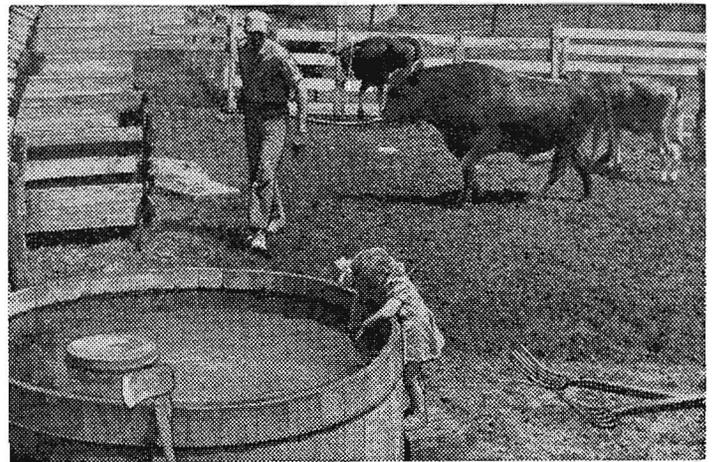
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HOT SEAT . . . "We sent my mother a chair for Mother's Day last year," Mrs. Whitman said to her husband. "Have you any ideas about what we should do for her this year?"

"Electrify it!"

Danger Spots On The Farm!

Here are 21 ways to get hurt. Can you find them?



A. ACCIDENTS FROM ORDINARY FARM WORK claim as many as 3,600 lives in U.S. annually. Find six possible accidents at right.

B. MOTHER'S IN DANGER too. Each year about 3,100 fatal accidents happen in farm homes. Six serious accidents could be avoided in photo at right.



C. NEVER A THOUGHT OF DANGER at the old swimming hole, yet four safety rules are broken in photo at far right. Public non-motor vehicle accidents take lives of 900 farm residents annually.



D. MODERN FARM MACHINERY is designed for safe and efficient operation. Use it that way! Ask your farm equipment dealer for a free copy of "Tips for Safe Tractor Operation," a Farm Equipment Institute booklet just off the press. Find five ways to get hurt in this photo.



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LOCATE AND REMOVE

Your Farm Fire Hazards

Be Systematic—Use This Check List To Record Your Progress

- Are chimneys clean and mortar tight in all joints?
- Is fire resistant roof or chimney spark arrestor used?
- Are stove or furnace pipes in good condition, clean and well-anchored?
- Are metal containers used for ashes?
- Are combustible walls, ceilings, floors, curtains, wood boxes, rugs and papers protected or a safe distance from stove pipes, stoves, furnaces or fireplaces?
- Are attic, basement, and closets free from old papers, rags, or other rubbish?
- Are matches safely stored and out of reach of children?
- Are oil stoves of approved type refueled carefully, and operating safely?
- Are newly filled hay mows inspected frequently for symptoms of spontaneous combustion?
- Is smoking prohibited in barns and out-buildings?
- Are tractors, trucks or automobiles stored in the barn or other buildings storing combustibles?
- Are engines stopped while refueling?
- Are electric motors and gasoline engines free from dust or excess grease accumulations?
- Are the principal buildings rodged with good ground connections for lightning protection?
- Are approved electrical wiring and appliances used?
- Are fuses of proper amperage (usually 15) used to protect circuits?
- Are extension cords frayed, under rugs, over pipes or nailed to wall?
- Are gasoline and kerosene (one gallon or more) stored under ground or a safe distance (75 feet or more) from buildings?
- Are all flammable liquid containers labeled and sealed?
- Are brooder stoves of approved types and safely installed in isolated buildings?

Provide Fire Protection

To complete the job of safeguarding your farm from fire, be prepared, so the odds are not stacked against you if a fire does occur. Can you answer yes to all of these questions?

1. Do you understand the types of fires, their behavior and methods of suppression?

2. Is home fire-fighting equipment available and kept in a handy place for instant use? (Axe, wrecking bar, rope, ladder, sand, water buckets, or other extinguishers.)

3. Are family first aid supplies available and easily accessible?

4. Can water be secured from a supplementary supply (stock tanks, cistern, pond, milk can brigade) in sufficient volume for fire-fighting?

5. Will ladders and ropes safely support a person's weight and reach the top of buildings?

6. Are farm plows, disks and orchard

spray machines kept in readiness for fire fighting?

7. Are members of the household fully instructed on the specific duties they should perform if a fire starts?

8. Is fire resistant construction and safe spacing used where feasible for new buildings?

9. Is there organized fire protection planned for your community?

10. Has definite arrangement been made for assistance from neighbors in lieu of organized community protection?

11. Are telephone numbers of fire department, or other sources of assistance posted near the telephone?

12. Do you discourage the burning of timberland and crop residues in your community and prohibit it on your farm?

America's cities and towns have demonstrated the value of fire protection. With safer building codes and better fire prevention precautions and equipment, urban centers lose only half as much property as they did a generation ago.

Hunt Safely

Hunting season will be opening in a short time. There are still many deaths due to firearms, most of which occur from hunting trips. Let's hunt safely during this hunting season.

How about a chapter committee on hunting safety. Set your goal for no hunting accidents.

The following are some good DON'TS in hunting:

1. DON'T shoot unless you are sure of what you are shooting.

2. DON'T point a gun toward anyone — playfully or otherwise.

3. DON'T strike gun against ground or other objects.

4. DON'T rest barrel of gun on foot or ground.

5. DON'T carry loaded gun while climbing fence or walking through thickly wooded areas.

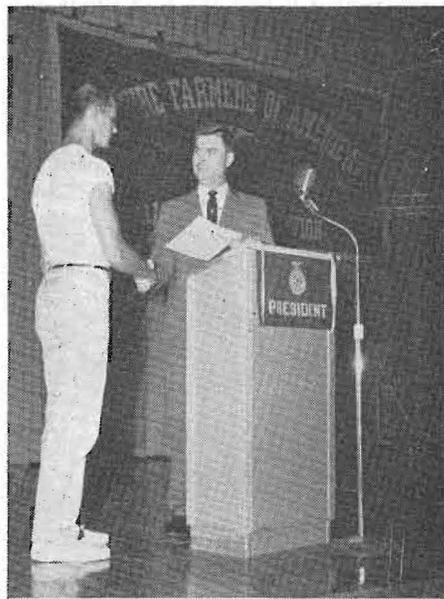
6. DON'T lift loaded gun from automobiles, boats or other vehicles.

7. DON'T pull gun, loaded or unloaded, muzzle first, from automobiles or boats. (Unloaded guns are usually the ones that kill.)

—FFA—

The vocational agriculture shop of the Lowndes County High School will be open each Thursday afternoon from 1 to 5, for use by the men and boys in the surrounding area.

There are many projects that can be built or repairs made around the home. The people are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to use the shop and build or repair these many items.



DIXIE FEED SCHOLARSHIP—Randolph Gonce, Stevenson, is shown as he received the scholarship from Victor Dearen, representative of the Dixie Home Feed Co. This company sponsors a \$300.00 scholarship for an outstanding FFA member in north Alabama each year.

Successful Forestry Camp Held



SHOWN ABOVE, left to right, duly elected camp officials and high grade winner. Jerry McEwen, elected Chief Forester, Rockford FFA and Wilson Tubberville, Carlowville, district FFA Forester. LeDell Pearson, Pine Hill, highest grade and winner of the FFA wrist watch. Shown also are prizes won by each boy.

Another successful Alabama Forestry Camp was held at Camp Crist August 3-9. Reports from Camp Director John M. McCullough, Management Chief, Division of Forestry, and the instructors indicate that it was the best camp ever held. There were 103 boys who attended, with at least one FFA member from each of the sixty-seven counties. These farm boys were selected to attend the camp because of their outstanding work in forestry projects in connection with their high school supervised farming programs.



SHOWN ABOVE is camp dispatcher and camp rangers. Left to right, front row: Rich Pearson, Leroy; Terrill Gonce, Stevenson; Roger Sturdivant, Silas. Standing: Bob Peterson, Camp dispatcher, Childersburg; LeDell Pearson, Pine Hill; Ronnie Murphy, Waterloo and Bob Martin, Wetumpka.

The camp was sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association through its member mills, Gulf States Paper Corporation, Hollingsworth and Whitney Division of Scott Paper Company, International Paper Company; in cooperation with Coosa River Newsprint Company and Alabama Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry. The only expenses incurred by boys attending the camp were travel to and from the camp.

The Future Farmers attending the camp were provided with a camping program where the teaching of forestry was combined with a program of recreation. The forestry classes were held in a natural setting — under the trees. Swimming, basketball, volleyball, softball, horseshoes, archery, and many other recreational activities kept the boys occupied when they were not attending classes. On a typical day at the camp the FFA'ers were up at 6:15 in the morning; they would hold a devotional and flag-raising ceremony and have breakfast at seven. After policing up their quarters and grounds, the instructional period began at 8:30. The campers were divided into 4 groups with each group receiving instructions on the different phases of forestry, such as harvesting, utilizing, and marketing of forest products, tree planting and identifica-

tion, timber management, forest fire prevention and control, and similar subjects. At eleven o'clock another swim or other athletics would take up their time. Supper was served at 6:45 with evening vesper services at 7:45. From eight until ten o'clock the group assembled in the gymnasium for entertainment. One of the highlights of the evening programs was the entertainment furnished by the Dadeville String band. There was never a dull moment during the entire week.

The highlight of the week's programs was Friday night, August 9. At that time the Camp Officers were elected, and prizes were given to the winners in the various contests, as well as to the Camp officers.

The Chief Forester and his nine assistants were awarded several valuable prizes. Some of the prizes awarded were baseball gloves, bow saws, a basketball, a spinning reel, a rod and reel, a fire extinguisher, and a wrist watch. Most of the prizes were furnished by the cooperating mills and the Southern Pulpwood Association, the Division of Forestry, and the FFA Association. Incidentally, LaDell Pearson won the nice wrist watch which was awarded by the Alabama FFA Association. In addition to these prizes, every boy was given a T-shirt and awarded a Forestry Certificate of Merit. The following is a list of



SHOWN ABOVE are the teachers of Vocational Agriculture who attended the Forestry Camp along with Camp Director. Kneeling, left to right, R. A. Brockway, Carrollton; E. P. Garrett, Cherokee; Willis Bell, Red Level; J. D. Granger, Opp; C. A. Blevins, Falkville; John McCullough, Camp Director. Back row, left to right: N. B. Lawhon, Thomasville; R. D. Claybrook, Palmetto; P. H. Alsbrook, Notasulga; M. H. Moses, Fyffe; C. H. McKay, Five Points and J. R. Lindsey, Grove Hill.

the boys who were elected Camp officers and who won prizes:

Chief Forester — Jerry McEwen, Rockford, football. Assistant Chief Forester — Jimmy Hubbert, Fayette, Badminton set. District Forester — Wilson Tubberville, Carlowville, spinning reel. Dispatcher — Robert Peterson, Talladega County, fly rod. Rangers — LeDell Pearson, Pine Apple, baseball glove; Roger Sturdivant, Silas, icebox; Terrell Gonce, Stevenson, ping pong set; Rick Pearson,

Leroy, sprayer fire fighter; Ronnie Murphy, Waterloo, baseball glove; and Roger Martin, Wetumpka, basketball. Highest Grade — LeDell Pearson.

Millry Wins Farm Woodlands



SHOWN ABOVE at left is Ken Ralston, Conservation Forester giving instructions on the use of bow saw.



SHOW ABOVE is Fun Time on the lake.



SHOWN ABOVE is John McCullough and three Future Farmers discussing tree identification.

— FFA —

IT'S A FACT

An estimated 750 deaths occur annually in the nation from drivers attempting to avoid obstacles thrown into the highways.

About 10 per cent of the fatal crashes on the Pennsylvania Turnpike involve halted cars. Get off *any* hardsurface if you want to stop for *any* reason.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports that a man turned in his driver's license with the comment that he was forced to do so by the Welfare Commission under penalty of losing his pension for the blind.



SHOWN ABOVE is Mr. A. D. Britton, Jr., Principal; C. W. Burrage, Agriculture and Forestry Agent, G. M. & O. Railroad; W. M. Britton, Millry FFA President; and C. W. Crawford, chapter advisor. Mr. Burrage is presenting W. M. a \$100.00 check.

The Millry FFA chapter has been named first place winner in the Farm Woodland Improvement contest. They received \$100.00 for this achievement.

Northport was second place winner, Leroy placed third and Chatom won fourth place. They received \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

The contest involves activities in forestry that are being carried on by the chapter and individual members. Individual member activities considered are planting, constructing fire lanes, removing undesirable trees, selective cutting, marketing and controlling forest fires. From a chapter standpoint such items

as owning a demonstration forestry plot, using visual aids in promoting forestry and public relations about forestry are considered.

The Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad in cooperation with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Alabama State Department of Education sponsors the contest. FFA chapters in the following counties participated: Pickens, Tuscaloosa, Bibb, Chilton, Autauga, Montgomery, Jefferson, Washington, and Mobile.

— FFA —

SIGN LANGUAGE

Despite the numerous "No Smoking" signs which were posted in the cross-town bus, one passenger calmly lit up and puffed contentedly away. "I'm sorry, sir," explained the conductor, as he passed through the bus, "but there's no smoking allowed."

When the conductor returned, the passenger was still smoking his cigarette with complete nonchalance. "Look!" the conductor pointed out angrily, "Can't you read that sign? It says 'No Smoking.'"

"You look," replied the passenger. "There's a sign right next to it that says, 'Drink Coca-Cola,' but have you given me a Coca-Cola to drink?"

— BEN LARSON

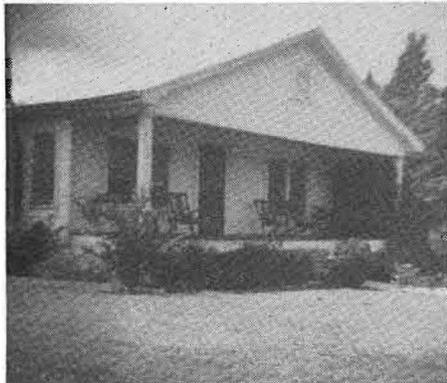


SHOWN ABOVE are the Leroy chapter officers and their advisor, O. D. Gissendanner, seated at right, with the \$25.00 check presented for 3rd place winner in the Farm Woodland Contest.

Former State Officer Is Home Improvement Winner

Jacky Pennington, Sulligent FFA member, is the winner of the State Home Improvement contest this year. For winning first place in the State, Jacky and Mr. S. J. Gibbs, his Vo-Ag teacher, received a free trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Pennington became an active member of the Future Farmers of America upon entering the ninth grade at Sulligent High School. At that time he didn't realize what was in store for him during the next four years.



SHOWN ABOVE is view of Jacky's new home.

Immediately after joining the FFA, his advisor and parents encouraged him to enter as many FFA contests as he possibly could. Among the contests he participated in were the Home Improvement, Public Speaking, Dairy Judging, Forestry, FFA Quiz, and Corn Growing. He was also fortunate enough to become the State FFA Reporter. Jacky believes through these contests and opportunities he will become a better citizen and farmer in the future.

The Home Improvement contest was one of the first to be entered. During the first year Jacky and his family lived on a rented farm. He didn't have much



SHOWN ABOVE is Mr. S. J. Gibbs, chapter advisor and Jacky inspecting shrub around new home.

of a chance at home improvement there, but the next year the Pennington family bought a 160 acre farm. The house on the new farm was very run-down and because he had participated in the contest the year before, Jacky saw the challenge that the house had to offer.

With the help of the family he started the project by putting up sheetrock and painting the inside of the house. New electrical wiring was added and then a complete water system for the house and barn was installed. The bathroom for the house wasn't added until several months later. Jacky then put down new tile on the floors of the entire house. The yard was resodded with grass and landscaped with flowers and shrubs.

After this he sent his application for the State Home Improvement contest to the State FFA office, but he failed to place. He didn't become discouraged — instead he worked harder for the contest the next year. When he was notified that he was state winner, Jacky said that was one of the happiest moments of his life. At the State Convention in Auburn, Jacky was awarded first place in the Home Improvement contest.

It took two years of hard work for him to win but it was worth it. Now the Pennington family lives in a very attractive home and they are all proud of it. Jacky thinks that the Home Improvement contest is the best offered by the FFA. He said that he enjoyed being in the contest and all the work he did on his home.

Jacky is now enrolled at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in the School of Forestry.

—FFA—

Horse Racing FFA Style

The Pleasant Home FFA has another money-making project this year. A ¼ mile horse race was held last month at an old abandoned airport just outside the city limits of Andalusia on the old Florida highway. Another race is planned early next month.

The races are open to the general public and the entrance fee is \$2.00.

Gwynne Weaver, riding "Old Blue", a horse owned by Rufus Armstrong, was winner in the first race. Bobby Wilson, riding his own blaze-faced horse came in second. Tom Powell came in as a very close third.

The first place rider received \$10.00 and second place \$5.00. The hat was passed to raise funds for prize money for a second race and the same horse, "Old Blue," with the owner Rufus Armstrong riding, won this race.

There were approximately 100 people at the race. The FFA Chapter also made a profit from admission tickets and the sale of drinks.

Other entries in the race included

Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest Held In Alabama

The Prattville FFA Chapter was host to the Southern Region Public Speaking Contest on September 10. Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina and Oklahoma had representatives in this contest.

Ben F. Keahey, Pickens, Arkansas, won first place in this competition. He will represent the Southern Region in the national contest which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, during the National FFA Convention in October. The subject of Ben's speech was "The Farmers Future."

Other winners in the contest were Cecil Tindel, Graceville, Florida, second place, "What Can We As Future Farmers Do To Help Conserve Our Soil?"; Nurham O. Warwick, Clinton, N.C., third place, "The Survival and Success Of Tomorrow's Farmer"; and Bill Williams, Alva, Oklahoma, fourth place, "These Changing Times." These boys had won the local, district, State and Tri-State elimination contests in their respective states.

Judges for the contest were Dr. J. C. Blair, Director, Division of Secondary Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery; Burt Cloud, Assistant Manager, Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives, Inc., Montgomery; and C. Ed. Teague, Director, Agricultural Division, Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery. The time-keeper was H. Y. Grooms, Principal, Prattville Elementary School, Prattville, Alabama.

—FFA—

FFA Mailbox Program

New State officers set a goal of 7,000 mailbox stands be built this year at the first Executive Committee meeting. They wholeheartedly endorsed this program as one of the best in which Future Farmers participate.

They feel that it is one of the best of our community service projects. They hope that every FFA member in Alabama will strive to have one of these mailbox stands. Not only is it a good community service, but it is a very fine Public Relations Program.

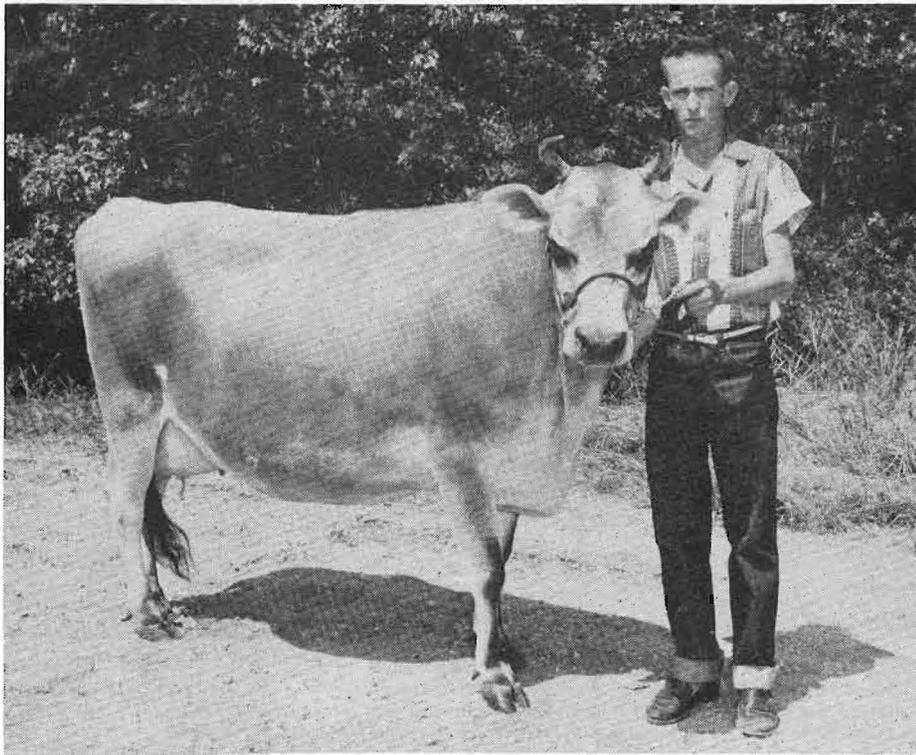
This program also offers instruction in mixing and pouring concrete, metal work as well as woodworking.

Buddy Harper, Rufus Armstrong, riding another of his horses, D. C. "Pee Wee" Lambert, Carlos Powell, Larry Starnes, and Bobby Wilson.

The FFA Advisor at Pleasant Home is Glenn Carmichael.

Top Honors In Dairy Shows

Dates For National FFA Convention Set October 13-17



SHOWN ABOVE is Billy Hollis, Winfield FFA member, and his grand Champion Jersey of the Fayette District Dairy Show.

Alabama FFA members won honors in district dairy shows this fall.

Billy Hollis, Winfield FFA member, showed the Jersey Breed Champion at the Fayette District Dairy Show. Young Hollis was also a member of the winning Dairy Judging team. Other members of the winning team were Jimmy Ray Byars and Alvin Beasley.

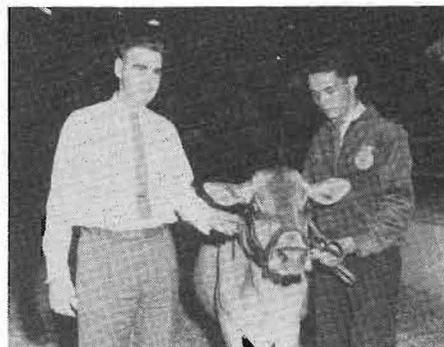
Robert Dozier, Wetumpka FFA member, was first place winner in the FFA showmanship contest held at the Montgomery Dairy Show. Dozier, Billy Jones,



SHOWN ABOVE is Robert Dozier, Wetumpka FFA member, who won first place in showmanship contest held at the Montgomery Dairy Show. Robert was also a member of the winning FFA Dairy Judging team. From left to right are: T. L. Faulkner, State FFA Advisor; C. S. Bazemore, Wetumpka FFA Advisor and young Dozier.

and Charles Hilyer won the Dairy Judging contest. At the same show Clark Gaston, Lanier FFA member, won several honors with his outstanding Holstein Heifer.

In the Piedmont District Dairy Show which was held at Dadeville, Henry Lovelace, LaFayette FFA'er, won first place in the FFA showmanship contest and showed the Grand Champion Guernsey. As an award for his performance he received an expense paid trip to Chicago. Also in the Piedmont show, Buddy Farrington, Dadeville FFA member and State FFA President, showed the Grand Champion Jersey.



SHOWN ABOVE is Buddy Farrington, State FFA President, and Mr. Oscar Strickland, his chapter advisor, with Buddy's Grand Champion Jersey of the Jr. division at the Piedmont District Dairy Show.

The 31st Annual National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-17. Temporary plans are for the Alabama delegation to go by train leaving Birmingham from terminal Railroad Station on the Frisco, Sunday, October 12 at 12:00 noon.

FFA members and local advisors who are planning to attend the convention should notify Mr. J. L. Dailey, Assistant FFA Advisor, Auburn, Alabama, before October 1.

The state officers, livestock and poultry judging teams, other designated winners in the various awards program as well as all American Farmer Degree candidates are urged to make plans to attend.

— FFA —

Vo-Ag Teachers Receive Twenty And Thirty Year Awards

Five teachers of Vocational Agriculture were presented awards for twenty years' service at the Annual Conference of Vocational Agriculture Teachers. These teachers are Herbert Barnes, Atmore; O. D. Gissendanner, Leroy; O. L. Hunt, Millport; N. B. Lawhon, Thomasville, and J. D. Wigley, Buckhorn. Mr. Silas B. Martin, Sr., Martin Hardware Company, Wetumpka, made the presentations.

Five additional teachers were presented awards for thirty years' service



SHOWN ABOVE is a group of Vocational Agriculture teachers honored by Alabama Council of Retail Merchants at annual teachers conference. Seated left to right: W. D. Hunt, Winfield; L. F. Ingram, Jacksonville; B. A. Johnson, New Brockton; and J. W. Locke, Pell City who received awards for 30 years of service. H. E. Phillips, Scottsboro, not shown in picture, also received this award.

Standing: These received 20 year award keys. They are left to right: J. D. Wigley, Buckhorn; O. D. Gissendanner, Leroy; O. L. Hunt, Millport; Herbert Barnes, Atmore; and N. B. Lawhon, Thomasville.

at the same conference. They are W. D. Hunt, Winfield; L. F. Ingram, Jacksonville; B. A. Johnson, New Brockton; J. W. Locke, Pell City; and H. E. Phillips, Scottsboro. These trophies were presented by Tine W. Davis, president, Winn-Dixie Montgomery, Inc., Montgomery.

The awards were given at the annual banquet honoring men with twenty or more years service in vocational agriculture. The banquet is also given by the Alabama Council of Retail Merchants.

— FFA —

Alabama FFA'ers Tour Chicago and St. Louis As Contest Winners

Several Alabama FFA boys received an expense paid trip to St. Louis and Chicago for winning the Salesmanship and Livestock judging contests sponsored by Farm and Ranch Magazine.

Mr. Herbert Barnes, vo-ag teacher at Atmore, was in charge of the Alabama group.

They left Mobile by chartered bus on Friday, June 13, at 8:00 a.m. The bus made scheduled stops through Alabama to pick up boys from different areas. They arrived back in Mobile at 12:30 a.m., Sunday, June 22.

In St. Louis the group visited the Purina Research Farm and saw a baseball game between the St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Braves.

While in Chicago they toured the Chicago Board of Trade which is the world's largest grain exchange and witnessed a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Boston Red Sox. One morning they were guests at Chicago's famous Breakfast Club.

Alabama FFA chapters represented on the trip were: Atmore, Aliceville, Enterprise, Ft. Deposit, Foley, Fairhope, Grove Hill, Greensboro, Greenville, Hackneyville, Holly Pond, Jackson, LaFayette, Montevallo, New Brockton, Pleasant Home, Selma, Thomasville, and Wetumpka.



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SHOWN ABOVE are the officials of the Southeast Ford Tractor Company and Ford Tractor Dealers in Alabama, who help sponsor the Star Farmer Awards. Left to right: Jim Romine, Assistant Sales Manager, Southeast Ford Tractor Co., Decatur, Ga.; Don Cotton, Cotton Tractor Co., Andalusia; Frank McDonald, Educational Manager, Southeast Ford Tractor Co., Decatur, Ga.; H. E. Pennington, Penn Tractor Co., Greenville; John Melton, Joe Pitts Tractor Co., Opelika; Wayne Hutcherson, Cotton Tractor Co., Evergreen; H. T. King, Sales Manager, Southeast Ford Tractor Co., Decatur, Ga.; W. H. Hendrix, Hendrix Tractor Co., Atmore; Barney Marsh, Metcalf Tractor Co., Enterprise; H. C. Heermann, President, Southeast Ford Tractor Co., Decatur, Ga.; Grady L. Hughes, Hughes Brothers Tractor Co., Hartford; Jack Hendrix, Hendrix Tractor & Equipment Co., Montgomery; Max Adams, Walden Motor Co., Headland; A. W. Sullivan, District Manager, Southeast Ford Tractor Co., Dothan; Curry Williams, Green-Williams Tractor Co., Troy; Paul Walraven, District Manager, Southeast Ford Tractor Co., Montgomery.

FFA Members Take Part In Sears-Roebuck Pig Chain Show

Twenty-five Alabama FFA chapters will have approximately 200 hogs in the Sears-Roebuck and Company pig chain shows held in connection with the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham during the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 4, and the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery, October 6-11.

Fifteen chapters will show in the South Alabama Fair and 10 chapters in the Alabama State Fair. During the past nine years Sears-Roebuck and Company has given purebred gilts to FFA chapters in Alabama. To date 190 of these gilts have been placed with chapters.

As a result of this program, several thousand head of purebred hogs are on Alabama Farms.

It is anticipated that many FFA members will win ribbons and prize money during these shows. The following are the names of the chapters from which hogs will be shown in the South Alabama Fair: Excel, Bakerhill, Opp, Five Points, Highland Home, Rawls, LaFayette, In-



FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR—John Jay, Jr., Greensboro, right, receives loving cup from Tommy Pruett, President, Alpha Gamma Rho.

verness, Verbena, Clanton, Troy, Suttle, Ozark, Wetumpka, and Hartford.

Participating in the Alabama State Fair will be Five Points, LaFayette, Hartford, Milltown, Stevenson, Dadeville, Southside, Elkmont, Pisgah, and Suttle.

FFA Members Attend American Institute Of Cooperation

Five Alabama FFA members along with their advisors have just returned from the Youth Session of the American Institute of Cooperation which was held recently at Pennsylvania State College. The trip was sponsored by the Farmer Cooperatives in Alabama.

The Alabama FFA members who attended the convention received the trip as an award for being the winner in the district Public Speaking contests. They were: Guy Solley, Glencoe; Earl Mack Gavin, Slocomb; Clifton Depreast, Speak; Mack Leggett, Citronelle; and Dan Culpepper, Winterboro. FFA and 4-H Club members from Alabama and Mississippi made the trip by chartered bus. It included a one-day stop in Washington, D.C. for a tour of our nation's capitol. The group was allowed to sit for a few minutes in the gallery of the

Senate and House of Representatives while they were in session.

While at the AIC, which lasted for three days, the group became better acquainted with farmer cooperative organizations across the nation. At the meeting there were representatives of these organizations from every state, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and Canada. Sepa-



SHOWN ABOVE is a group which was on the chartered bus to the American Institute of Cooperation. Identified in the picture in the extreme left is Mr. Waddy Thompson, teacher of vocational agriculture at Winterboro, and C. R. Bass, teacher of vocational agriculture, Slocomb.

rate sessions were planned for the young people with adults acting as consultants. Part of the time was devoted to group discussions on such topics as "What is a Cooperative" and "How Does a Cooperative Function."

Several joint sessions of adults and young people were held when outstanding speakers in the field of agriculture spoke. Some of these were Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson; Howard Downing, president, National Association of FFA; Grace Elliot, National Representative, 4-H Clubs; and Fred Davis, President, National Young Cooperators. Several awards, both individual and group, were given to young people for outstanding achievement. Among these were several college scholarships.

Two very enjoyable and interesting features of the convention were the tours made of the farms in the area and the square dancing each evening after the program.

The Alabama and Mississippi group made the return trip through the beautiful farmland of the Ohio Valley.

To All FFA Chapter Officers

You have been elected to a position of responsibility by your fellow Future Farmers because they thought you best qualified to serve the organization. They have faith in you and in your ability. Endeavor always to strive for the progress of the chapter. Your fellow members believe you capable of accomplishing things.

It will be necessary for you to do much planning if the chapter is to conduct a successful program. Any events sponsored by the organization carry with them responsibilities for the officers until they are completed.

You should strive always to uphold the dignity of the chapter and maintain the high ideals and purposes of the FFA. Yours is a position of leadership to which the members look for guidance.

The training you are receiving in leadership comes through active participation in the chapter program. Give all members an opportunity to receive this training through their participation in the program.

The successful organization is one in which every member has a definite job. Interest is developed and enthusiasm generated in this way. Give responsibilities to others rather than try to do all of the work yourself. Keep informed of progress, suggest, guide, and direct. Be ready to recognize service rendered to the chapter.

Endeavor to maintain a harmonious attitude and understanding among the membership. Deal tactfully and impartially with all members, acting as coordinator, but ever pushing ahead toward the goals set for your chapter.

Confer frequently with your advisor. He can assist you with many of the perplexing questions. His broad training and experience are yours to draw upon.

The real satisfaction which comes from a task well done and the training for larger opportunities will be ample compensation for your effort in building the chapter during your term of office.

FFA ROUNDUP

THOMASTON

The Thomaston FFA Chapter recently sold two grade Hereford steers that were grazed on their lab plot.

This two acre lab area consists of

crimson clover and Rescue grass for winter and spring grazing. Dallis grass and Johnson grass are used for summer grazing. These two steers were fed 10 bales of hay in addition to the grazing. In a year's time the steers gained 655 pounds. This project netted the chapter \$199.31 last year.

Plans are being made to buy two more steers this fall. This project has been in operation for eight years.

GREENVILLE

John Floyd Corley, Greenville FFA President, and his father, Floyd Corley,

have established a partnership in swine production.

Young Corley is an outstanding agricultural student at Greenville High School and his father is a member of the adult program in vocational agriculture.

They have 29 head of hogs that weigh about 35 to 40 pounds each. At the present they are feeding last year's corn but they have six acres set aside this year to feed their market hogs. These hogs will be sold on the market in early spring.

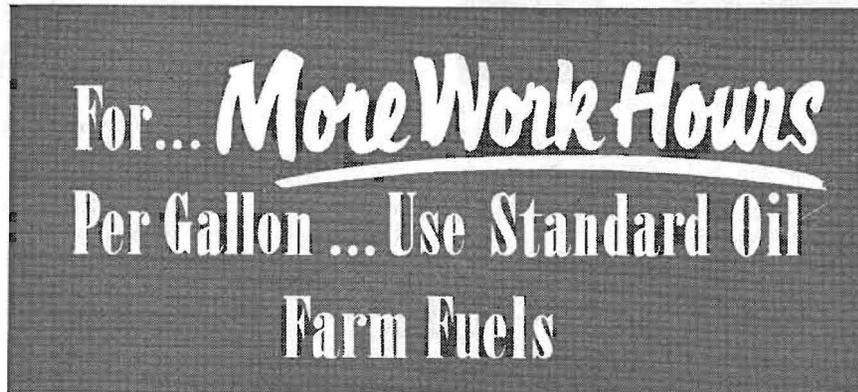
Last year they fed out 28 hogs. Twenty-five of them were marketed and three used for home purposes.

LUVERNE

Jamie Jones, Luverne FFA member, has a Hampshire gilt that farrowed 11 pigs a few days ago. The pigs are now over two weeks old and she still has the eleven.

Jamie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, of Patsburg, obtained the Hampshire gilt through the Luverne chapter pig chain last fall. He will return two of his gilts to the chapter chain which will be given out to other chapter members.

As a member of the first year agriculture class last year Jamie was an outstanding student. He has a good supervised training program. He is carrying beef cattle and corn as his other cash enterprises, along with his supplementary and improvement projects.



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Jamie is one of many FFA members who is working hard and looking forward to receiving the State Farmer Degree this next summer.

LOUISVILLE

The Louisville FFA members enjoyed a weiner roast before the program at its first monthly meeting which was held recently at the Louisville Vocational Building.

Bill Fouts, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fouts, gave a very interesting report on the week that he spent in forestry camp at Camp Grist, near Selma, Alabama. Some of the educational activities that he studied included tree identification, the different hardwood trees, tree planting, and fighting forest fires. Recreational activities included such things as rifle shooting, boating, swimming, and other sports.

BLUE SPRINGS

The Blue Springs FFA chapter has just completed a very successful year and are looking forward to this year being a better one.

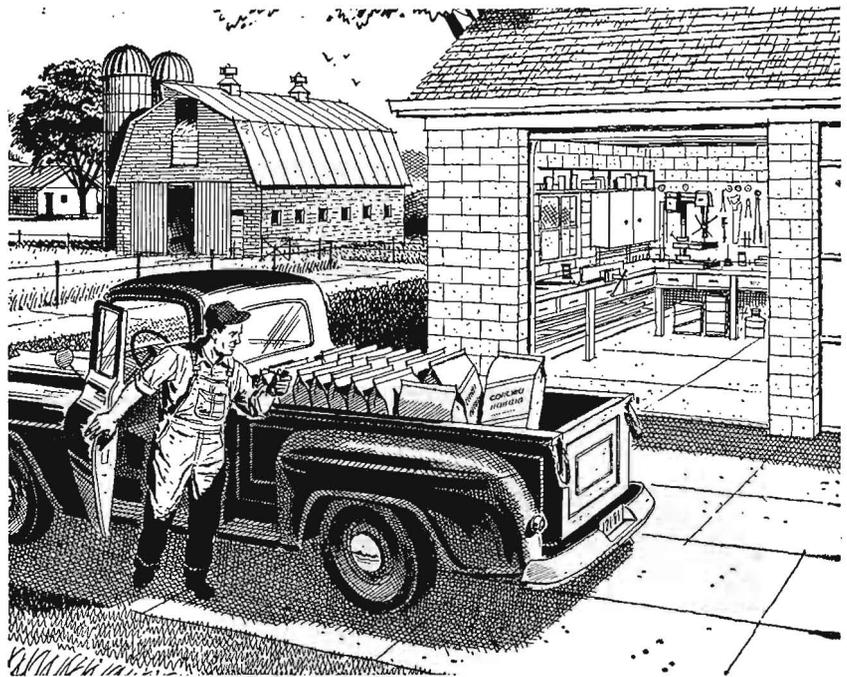
The newly elected officers met recently to make plans for the coming year. Important topics such as officer training, duties of FFA members, activity programs, and dues were taken up at the meeting. The new officers are Jimmy Parr, president, Lawson Spivey,

vice president; Leroy Spivey, secretary, Lamar Parmer, treasurer; Bobby Scott, reporter; and Thomas Long, sentinel. Their advisor is Mr. C. M. Eiland.

There are 23 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture at Blue Springs this

year. These boys have in operation 58 productive projects, 200 supplementary projects, and 70 improvement projects.

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provement, orchard improvement, pasture improvement, home garden, and fencing are some of the improvement projects that are being carried out. Supplementary practices being carried on include wiring homes, building farrowing pens, vaccinating hogs, culling poultry, and spraying fruit trees.

VERNON

The Vernon FFA Chapter held its first regular meeting of the new school year on September 10.

Paul Thompson, new president of the chapter, was in charge of the meeting. Other newly elected officers participating in the meeting were: Wayne Mays, vice

president; Johnny Mays, secretary; Thad Boman, treasurer; Larry Hopper, reporter; and Freddie Roberts, sentinel. Boyd Hudson and Earl Barham were parliamentarians.

Byron Brock and Paul Perkins were presented State Farmer pins as a result of their being awarded the State Farmer Degree at the State FFA Convention. This represents the highest award which can be given to any FFA member by the Alabama FFA Association.

In a special ceremony, six senior members of the Vernon FFA Chapter were awarded the "certificate of merit" for outstanding service during the past three years of membership. These boys were Paul Perkins, Jesse Moore, Jimmy Hays,

Agee McReynolds, Byron Brock and Raben Knight.

The date for the initiation of 32 new Green Hands was set for September 24, 1958.

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On The MARCH

ALICEVILLE—selling concessions at ball games; training FFA officers; enlarging library; studying Parliamentary Procedure; ordered official FFA notebooks.

ATTALLA—bought camera for chapter; held two regular meetings; planned two summer meetings; made plans for summer trip; purchased FFA jackets and T-shirts.

BEAR CREEK—planned Green Hand initiation; held two meetings; elected and installed new officers; planned program of work for year.

BERRY—held chapter meeting and elected officers; demonstration given to chapter by Forney Welder Representative on latest techniques of welding and welders.

BEULAH—growing out gilt to show in Sears Pig Chain Show; 2 members attended Forestry Camp.

BLOUNTSVILLE—84 paid members, largest membership ever and includes every eligible boy in school and community; entertained Jr. III members with hamburger supper; member elected to American Farmer Degree; purchased 15 new text books.

CAMP HILL—elected new officers; made net profit of \$412 from sale of 1958 calendar ads; purchased over 100 books on electric welding and farm mechanics for library; held three meetings during summer.

CHAVALA—made educational tour to Sea Grove, Florida. Met a group of FHA girls there from Columbiana.

CITRONELLE—held regular meeting; ordered 24 T-shirts and one jacket; elected officers; constructed and placed 18 mailbox posts; presented certificate of appreciation to rural mail carrier; wrote five news articles for local paper.

CLEMENTS—presented TV program; quartet and public speaker presented a program to Kiwanis Club; made tables for classroom; placed registered pigs with new members; string band and quartet entertained at political rally.

COFFEEVILLE—held Mother-Daughter, Father-Son fish fry; installed new officers; held two meetings; purchased new equipment for shop.

CORNER—held one officer and one summer chapter meeting; had annual parent-son function; held open house; organized annual chapter program of work; held officer leadership school.

CURRY—held joint FFA-FHA social; elected officers for 1958-59; member attended Boys State; placed two gilts in pig chain.

DADEVILLE—took vacation trip to Smoky Mountains; held officer's leadership school; preparing for hog show in Birmingham and Columbus; purchased new equipment for shop.

EAST LIMESTONE—placed 20 new books in library; planned chapter activity program for year; held officer leadership training school; sold subscriptions to Cappers Farm magazine and received many prizes; 100% FFA members subscribing to National Future Farmer; added several tools to shop.

ECLECTIC—held FFA-FHA social; bought 10 feeder pigs; feeding and grooming FFA bull for showing.

ELKMONT—worked on county and state fair booths; dairy judging team placed 3rd in district; obtained more books for library; placed one more pig in chain; classes worked in shop.

FOLEY—remodeled tool room; added four electric drills to shop; completed soils lab; news letter to officers; held officer training; purchased 113 new books for library; working on chapter program of work.

FORT DEPOSIT—member attended Forestry Camp; placed 2 FFA show calves with members; working on leadership training for FFA officers.

GENEVA—held regular chapter meeting; elected 2 Honorary Chapter Farmers; entertained State officer; conducted project tours of chapter members projects; Advisor and four members presented 30-minute program on television station WTVY; member recommended for American Farmer Degree.

GREENVILLE—held regular meeting; planned initiation for Green Hands; 100% of students taking agriculture are members of FFA; Ag. III boys painting outside of vo-ag building.

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GROVE HILL—held two chapter meetings; presented Sweetheart with Sweetheart chest; held assembly program and recognized all members who were outstanding during the year and presented awards to each.

HALEYVILLE—two officers meetings for special training; camping trip to National Forest; all boys bought standard notebooks; elected county president from our chapter.

HATTON—held two meetings; made educational tour to Mobile; elected new officers.

INNERNESS—string band entertained Community Club; preparing to show hogs at South Alabama Fair in Montgomery; purchased registered Hampshire boar; string band entertained at Farm Bureau meeting; elected officers.

JACKSON—made mailbox posts; elected officers for 1958-59; toured International Paper Company; plan to add more reference books to library.

JASPER—held two FFA officer camp planning meetings; held tour on woodland improvement; finance committee setting up budget for year; plan to purchase 16 mm sound projector; purchased sanding machine.

KINSTON—had a 15 minute radio program over WAMT; held meetings; elected officers.

LaFAYETTE—held joint FFA-FHA meeting; secured six feeder calves; expanded pig chain; erected Sears bull sign; readying entries for Dairy and Hog Shows.

LEROY—sent one member to Forestry Camp; held officers meeting; made plans for activities of coming year.

LOCUST FORK—State Secretary was guest speaker at Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; held chapter meeting and popcorn party.

LUVERNE—member received Hampshire pig last fall and she farrowed 11 pigs—all of which are living; built a 1½ acre hog pasture on school grounds and have 6 hogs; purchased a Hampshire sow and 4 pigs; had two officers training meetings; had a registered Hampshire boar donated to chapter.

McKENZIE—bought radial saw for shop; plan for barbecue.

MIDLAND CITY—held two regular meetings; elected officers; feeding hogs for club project.

MONTEVALLO—member will exhibit his registered dairy animals at Shelby Fair and at Bessemer; developed a Beginners Guide which will be used in student orientation for the first eight weeks of school; plan to attend state fair.

NEVILLE—FFA members and their fathers enjoyed an all-day picnic; three FFA classes made 10 redwood picnic tables for community; Jr. III's cleaned and oiled all tools.

ODENVILLE—elected officers; 77 members enrolled in ag classes.

PELL CITY—held 2 meetings; elected officers; put out 17 mailbox posts; pruned 600 peach trees; cleaned up department; placed magazines in public meeting places; sold ads for calendars; added four film strips and 11 reference books to library; showed 7 films.

PINE APPLE—held meeting at vo-ag building; advisor showed movie "Crossroads U.S.A."; discussed need of participation in various FFA contests.

PISCAGH—featured 4 pages of FFA accomplishments in school yearbook; bought new camera; encouraged members to carry improvement projects; entered all contests; trained officers for their jobs and responsibilities; conducted essay contest on farm safety; subscribed for all local papers; bought FFA truck; held regular meetings; built mailboxes for community; entered FFA hogs in Chattahoochee Fair.

RAMER—mowed pasture; purchased new Black and Decker skill saw; treated 200 posts for people in community.

SULLIGENT—entered dairy cows and heifers in county dairy show; opened supply store; held organizational meeting; elected officers; publishing weekly Round-up column in county paper.

SUSAN MOORE—had ice cream party; made 16 concrete mailbox posts; got new books for library; held one meeting.

SUTTLE—held officers training school; 17 members and advisor went to coast for a week; placed 3 Landrace gilts in pig chain; purchased Landrace boar for chapter use.

THOMASTON—installed new officers; held regular meeting and executive committee meeting; presented chapter awards; held pig chain committee meeting.

THOMASVILLE—held tractor driving contest; field trip to Ford Tractor and Equipment Company and International Tractor and Equipment Company.

VALLEY HEAD—members went on educational and recreational tour to Florida; membership drive on; elected officers.

VERNON—80 boys enrolled in agriculture; weekly news article in local paper; assisted in construction of county show barn; new chapter officers installed.

WOODVILLE—enrolled 24 new members; started contest for FFA Sweetheart; held regular meeting; put up three chapter road signs; started quartet practice.

YORK—elected officers for 1958-59; planned program of work for chapter and each member; farm welding will be taught and practiced on new welding machine which was recently purchased for shop; attended State Fair in Birmingham.



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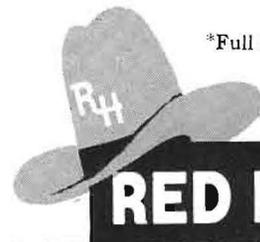
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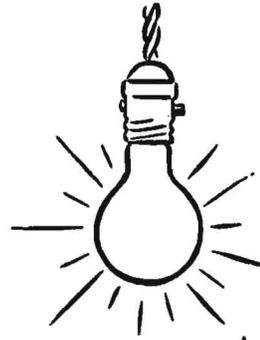
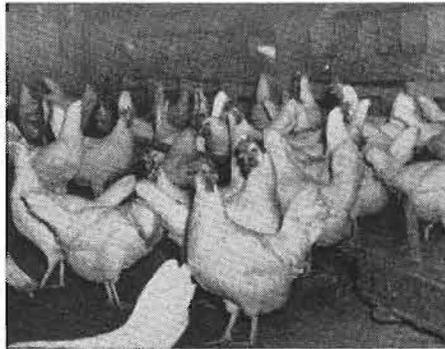
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