Shown above is the group of Alabama FFA boys visiting Vulcan while on their recent visit sponsored by the Agriculture Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.
Mack Patterson Wins State Championship

Mack Patterson, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Patterson, Huntsville, was named Champion FFA Corn Grower of Alabama. Mack lives in the Buckhorn community in Madison County and is a member of the Buckhorn FFA Chapter. The 223 bushels of corn per acre he produced to win the championship title is the highest yield ever turned in by an Alabama FFA member. Mack won the title from over 4,000 FFA members who entered the FFA Corn Contest.

On February 4, 1959 Young Patterson was honored at a special FFA program at the Buckhorn High School. At that time he was presented a beautiful banner and a cash award of $100 by Mr. Ben Hamby, Salesman, Chilean Nitrate Sales Corporation. Others appearing on the program were T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, Nathaniel Almon, County Superintendent of Education; W. E. Popejoy, Business Manager, Madison County Board of Education, and C. F. Bendall, Principal, Buckhorn High School. Mack will also receive a beautiful loving cup at the State FFA Convention in Auburn this summer.

Young Patterson has been active in FFA for the past two years. He has a good supervised farming program in operation, having cotton, corn, two brood sows, and a show calf. He plans to increase his hog program and add a few dairy animals.

Mack has served on several important committees in his local FFA chapter and is a member of the Livestock Judging team. He plans to make application for the State Farmer Degree this summer at the State Convention and is working toward the American Farmer Degree.

In addition to the State Champion Corn Grower, the following FFA members were named District champions:

Kenneth BryclOt, Bay Minette FFA Chapter, Southwest District with a yield of 120.4; Joe Gilliland, Rockford FFA Chapter, Central District with 130.3 bushels per acre; Windham Pittman, Luerne, FFA Chapter, Southeast District with 156.02 bushels per acre; James Austin, Sulligent FFA Chapter, Northwest District with 142.68 bushels per acre. Each of the district winners received a $50.00 cash award and a chapter banner.

The corn growing contest for FFA members is sponsored by Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., in cooperation with the Vocational Agriculture Service.

Unhandy Man

"When anything goes wrong at my house, I just get busy and fix it," a husband was telling a guest.

"Yes," commented his wife, "he fixed the clock the other day—now the cuckoo backs out and asks, 'What time is it?' "

Assistant FFA Advisor Resigns

J. L. Dailey, a friend to many thousand Alabamians, has resigned as Assistant State FFA Advisor to take a position as Regional Manager with the Federal Land Bank, New Orleans.

Mr. Dailey, a native of Wilcox County, graduated from the Moore Academy High School, Pine Apple, Alabama in 1933. After working for a few years he attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Education in 1941. He received his M.S. degree from the same institution in 1951.

He taught vocational agriculture at Blount County High School, Oneonta, from 1941 to 1946. Since that time he has been on the staff of vocational agriculture working out of the State office located in the State Department of Education, Montgomery. He served as Assistant Supervisor, Veterans Vocational Agriculture until 1957 when he was named to his present position of Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Mr. Dailey is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, agricultural fraternity, a Mason, and an active leader in the Baptist Church. He is married to the former Merle Warren of New Orleans, and is the father of two sons, James Warren, eight, and Gary Lynn, six.
EDITOR'S SWAN SONG

This is the last issue of the Alabama Future Farmer that I will have the pleasure of helping publish. Effective March 1, 1959 I will be leaving the Vocational Agriculture Service to go with the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans as a Regional Manager. For a period of about five months I will still be located in Montgomery but after then will move to New Orleans.

It was a very difficult decision for me to make after having been associated with Vocational Agriculture for 18 years. However, I will still be associated with a very fine organization and will be working with and serving farm people. I will also still be associated with Vocational Agriculture, FFA and other agricultural organizations. The Federal Land Bank of New Orleans is vitally interested in the Vocational Agriculture program and Future Farmers of America in the several States served by it. As most of you know the National Farm Loan Associations in Alabama contribute to the FFA Public Speaking Contest.

You have a very fine Vo-Ag program and FFA organization in Alabama. It is one of the best in the nation. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years of service. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely express my appreciation for the wonderful cooperation that I have received down through the years — from the members of the staff, office personnel, teachers of vocational agriculture, former State FFA officers, present State officers, local chapter officers and 15,000 Future Farmers. Through your cooperation, help and support we have made progress. You are a wonderful group and my family and I will always cherish our association with such a fine group of individuals, as well as such a fine organization. With your support and cooperation Vocational Agriculture and FFA will continue to grow. I leave for my successor the best FFA organization, Vocational Agriculture program, and co-workers in the nation. I am sure that the organization will continue to grow and serve. In my new work it is my hope that I will have an opportunity to share in a small way this growth.

If I can ever by of any service to any of you, as individuals, or to the organization please do not hesitate to call upon me.

J. L. Dailey

State FFA Convention

The Annual State FFA Convention dates have been set by the Executive Committee for June 4, 5, and 6. It will again be held in Auburn.

Each chapter will have one delegate and others to attend will be candidates for the State Farmer Degree, state officer candidates, local advisors, award winners, and those participating in contests and other programs at the Convention.
Former State FFA Officer Develops Outstanding Farming Program

Lawrence Lipscomb, a member of the Foley FFA Chapter and former State FFA Treasurer, has turned his supervised farming program into a full time farming operation. Lawrence, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lipscomb, started farming when he was four years old with a heifer calf his father gave him. Since that time he has kept expanding until now he is a member of a three-way partnership with his father and brother on a 1464 acre Baldwin County farm.

At the age of eight he was given another calf and Lawrence purchased a lamb. By the time he was 13 Young Lipscomb had bought a sow and sold two litters of pigs.

The profits from these projects enabled Lawrence to start his first year of vocational agriculture. During his first year he received a gilt from the pig chain, bought two steers to fatten, raised two acres of corn and five acres of soybeans. He kept expanding his program until at the time of graduation from high school his farming operation included approximately 100 head of market hogs, 13 market cattle, 15 market sheep, five acres of corn, 10 acres of oats, 15 acres of soybeans, 10 acres of watermelons, and 20 acres of corn and velvet beans.

300 head of commercial beef cattle, 60 acres of oats for grain, 15 acres of sorghum for silage, 300 acres of soybeans, 30 acres of watermelons, and some corn. They also have 85 brood sows on the farm of which Lawrence is completely in charge. He has just completed a 20 unit farrowing house for his hogs.

Upon graduation from high school his father offered him a partnership in the farm but he did not accept, he continued his own farming program. The next year when his brother graduated from high school they both decided to go into partnership with their father. Since that time they have continued to operate the farm on a partnership basis. However, Lawrence is the sole owner of 94 acres of land. He plans to purchase more as time goes by.

At the present time their farming operation will consist of 330 acres of oats for grazing on which they plan to carry

JOYCE TERRY, 16 year old member of the Senior I class, has been elected the Town Creek FFA Sweetheart for 1958-59. She was awarded a FFA sweetheart jacket at a regular FFA meeting.

JUNE WALLACE, 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wallace, was recently elected Sweetheart of the Butler FFA chapter. She will be honored at the annual FFA-FHA barbecue.

High School at Boy's State, entered many essay and other contests, and held a class office almost every year. In his church he has served as President of the Baptist Training Union, a member of the Choir, a member of Baldwin Baptist Youth Fellowship, and many others. He is always ready to take an active part on any committee that will help his church and community.

Mr. B. C. Nix, teacher of vocational agriculture at Foley High School, says that Lawrence was a very good student in school and is doing an outstanding job on the farm.
Future Farmers Enjoy Birmingham Visit

Chamber Of Commerce Entertains Sixty-seven County Presidents

Eighty-five Alabama Future Farmers serving as County Presidents, State officers, and entertainment groups were royally entertained in Birmingham February 19-20. They were guests of the Agriculture Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce with Mr. J. A. Beaty, Manager, in charge.

Buddy Farrington, State President, and Charles Turner, State Vice-President, arrived in Birmingham on Wednesday afternoon, February 18, and met with Mr. Beaty at the Chamber of Commerce Building to help complete last minute arrangements. After the meeting, the boys were interviewed by Birmingham newspaper reporters. That night, Buddy, Charles, Mr. Beaty, Dr. R. E. Cammack, State Director of Vocational Education, and J. L. Dailey, Assistant State FFA Advisor were guests of the Chamber of Commerce for dinner at “The Club” atop Red Mountain.

The boys began arriving early the next morning from every county in the State. Shorty Long, a member of the Pell City FFA Chapter representing St. Clair County was the first to register. The group registered at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel and was officially welcomed to the Magic City by Mr. Beaty. That afternoon they made a tour of downtown Birmingham, the Vulcan, Radio and Television Station WAPI, and the Birmingham Food Terminal and Farmers’ Market. Mr. Terry L. Jackson and Mr. R. Paul Moon of the Alabama Power Company served as official guides and pointed out places of interest to the boys.

Thursday night, February 19, the FFA group was guest of the Alabama State Fair Authority at a Smorgasbord Dinner in the Jefferson Room of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel. The food was excellent and all the boys thoroughly enjoyed it. Activities during the program at which Mr. R. H. McIntosh, General Manager of the Birmingham State Fair, was Master of Ceremonies included talks by Mr. Roy Hickman, President of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; Dr. R. E. Cammack; Buddy Farrington, and James Brindley, Alabama’s “Future Farmer of the Year” from Blountsville. Mr. Paul Huey, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, presented the State officers with leadership awards. James Brindley was also awarded a certificate of leader-

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THE Dadeville FFA string band is shown entertaining at the Birmingham meeting.

John Davis, Master of Ceremony, Reggie Buckner, Tommy Cooksey, Ray Kizziah, Ronnie Jennings, and Gene Coggins, The Auburn Quartet consists of John Hill, John Pruett, Lamar Logue, John Self, and accompanists Sara Jo Abernethy, pianist and Paul Rumph, bass fiddle. Mr. J. L. Dailey was in charge of the entertainment.

Following the Thursday night program all the FFA group was entertained with a movie at the Alabama Theatre, courtesy of Mr. H. C. Glohon, manager.

An early breakfast at Britling's Cafeteria, courtesy of the Standard Oil Company, started Friday's activities. Following breakfast the group made an educational tour of T.C.I. division of the U.S. Steel Corporation, Mr. Clinton R. Mistleoid, Director of Public Relations for the Southeast Division, U.S. Steel, was in charge of the tour. Also Friday morning Mr. Dailey and the State Officers were guests of Boyd Evans, Farm Director of Station WAPI, on his early morning T.V. program.

THE Auburn FFA Quartet furnished entertainment at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce meet.

FFA And Vo-Ag Editor Called By Uncle Sam

J. T. Langley, FFA and vo-ag editor for the past seven months leaves for active duty with the U.S. Army on April 4. He will report to Fort Jackson, South Carolina and will probably be stationed there for the next six months.

Mr. Langley has done a good job as FFA and vo-ag editor and everyone in vocational agriculture and the FFA appreciates the fine work he has done.

SHOWN above are the boys who were visiting Birmingham for the first time along with Paul Huey, Chairman of Agricultural Committee and Roy Hickman, President of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Front row, left to right: Paul Huey, John C. Langele, Mobile County; Carey Tidmore, Hale; John Moss, Monroe; Larry Taylor, Henry; Eddy Worrell, Russell; and Roy Hickman. Back row, left to right: W. C. Watkins, Pike; Joe Deason, Counceb; Tharon Williams, Washington; and Bobby Geldy, Marion.

A luncheon at the Terrace Ballroom of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel ended the two-day festivities. A very interesting program with Mr. R. Paul Moon acting as master of ceremonies was presented with the luncheon. During the program, Buddy Farrington, James Brindley and Mr. T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture made very inspiring talks. The Dadeville band and Auburn quartet again entertained. Special entertainment was furnished by Pryor Murphee, Prattville FFA member, and Paul Rumph, Auburn. Paul sang two solos and Pryor did imitations of Deacon Andy Griffith.

For the second consecutive year, every one of Alabama's 67 counties was represented. In addition to the boys, the entertainment groups, state officers, Dr. Cammack, Mr. Faulkner, and Mr. Dailey, others present were District Supervisors H. F. Gibson and H. R. Culver, and J. T. Langley, FFA and Vo-Ag news editor. The following vo-ag teachers also attended: B. F. Rawls, Auburn; Oscar Strickland, Dadeville; J. J. Lewis, Blountsville; and B. C. Nix, a member of the advisory council from Foley.

During the two days the Magic City of Birmingham and Farm boys from over the state got a good look at each other, and each seemed satisfied with what they saw.

J. T. LANGLEY
Vocational Education’s Importance To Future Development Of Alabama

By R. E. CAMMACK
State Director of Vocational Education

Vocational Education’s contribution over the past 40 years to Alabama’s economic, cultural and educational growth is of quality and quantity to insure that during the next 40 to 50 years Alabama’s progress along all fronts will profit immeasurably from the constructive force of Vocational Education as an integral part of the public school program. There are tremendous forces at work in Alabama and throughout the Nation which have great implications for all phases of Vocational Education. Methods and practices used in our agricultural economy are rapidly changing. The size of farms is becoming larger. The activities on the farms are becoming more highly specialized, larger in size, more costly in establishment, and expensive in operation. The percentage of the total population required to operate the farms becomes less and less.

Alabama is one of the states in the Nation which finds itself faced with an opportunity for tremendous industrial growth. Much of this opportunity comes by reason of its natural and human resources (water, climate, location, soils, minerals and people). New industries are moving into the State daily at an ever increasing rate. This means that during the past several years Alabama has been moving from a predominately agrarian economy toward a better balance between agriculture and industry.

These two definite and well-established trends have great significance for Vocational Education during the next 50 years. The program of training youth and adults in Vocational Education must be adjusted, intensified, and expanded to meet their needs. Rural youth who choose to remain on the farm must have an opportunity through vocational agriculture to receive the type and amount of training which will prepare them to operate larger farms, operate and maintain complicated machinery, purchase supplies economically, and sell the products of the farm in a market where the greatest return will be received. To do this the training program in vocational agriculture must be adjusted from time to time to meet the rural youth’s problem. His problem now in farming is quite different to what it was 40 years ago. It is reasonable to anticipate that his problems in the coming years will change as they have in the past. Vocational Agriculture has a tremendous responsibility and a great opportunity to expand its service to farm youth and adults. At no time has it ever been so important that those who farm have the very best preparation for it that is possible to provide.

The predicted increase in population during the next 25 to 50 years poses a larger and larger training program for Trade and Industrial Education. As industry moves into the state, the population increases and rural youth leaves the farm and goes into urban areas, Trade and Industrial Education must be prepared to give the indispensable tools in the way of technical training and skills which will enable them to become a part of the workaday world with profit to themselves and their families, to the employer, and to the State. They must have the tools of science and technology in this age of automation, atomic energy, and nuclear fission. They must be craftsmen and artisans who manufacture, install, operate, trouble shoot, service, and maintain highly complex devices and mechanisms. A plan must be worked out where rural youth who elect to do so will have an opportunity to get at least two years of trades training as a part of their high school training.

The field of distribution provides the arteries and veins through which goods, services, and materials of commerce flow. The efficiency with which distribution operates has a direct bearing upon the economy of a state and the Nation. The ever multiplying numbers, kinds and complexities of products, coupled with the natural competition of free enterprise makes the fields of distribution ones for which people need considerable training and education. There are probably more people employed in distribution than in any other single area. The highest annual incomes are earned by people engaged in distribution. All of these facts and many others combined make a strong case for a greatly expanded program of Distributive Education to reach more young people entering the field and more of the people already employed in it.

The home continues to be one of the basic units in our society. The home is fundamental in the producing of one of our most important products — people—human beings. For today’s world is needed strong, healthy people, with sound values, good mental outlook, skills in human relationships and in the ability to make the world a better place in which to live. It is recognized that how people live together in families, and what they are taught to live by, determine in large measure the kind of people they are and, therefore, the kind of influence they will have on the future of our State and Nation. “Better Homes Today — A Better World Tomorrow” is an established truth because the home is the child’s first and most influential teacher. The home is important to the economy of our State and Nation. The building, furnishing and maintenance of homes is big business. Women spend more than 80% of the family income. It is, therefore, highly important that the adult mother and the prospective homemake have training in vocational home economies in order that she may know values and purchase wisely.

The role of Vocational Education in agriculture, home economics, trades, and

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Calling All FFA Graduating Seniors

A Future For You in Teaching Vocational Agriculture

By T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture and FFA Advisor

Each year there are positions for about 40 new teachers of vocational agriculture in Alabama high schools. For the past 20 years every qualified graduate, who desired to teach vocational agriculture, has been employed. These graduates are being employed at higher salaries each year. The average starting salary of vocational agriculture teachers is slightly higher than the average for other agricultural positions. There is always a demand for good vo-ag teachers.

One of the major problems facing you graduating seniors is that of choosing your life work or your vocation. This decision is probably more important than you now realize. Few decisions will affect your future as much as your solution to this problem. In making this decision, have you considered teaching vocational agriculture?

T. L. FAULKNER

AN INTERESTING LIFE . . .

Teaching agriculture is interesting. As a teacher of vocational agriculture you teach high school boys, young farmers, and adult farmers. Much of the work is on the farms of the members of your classes. In your teaching you deal with practical farm problems which the members of your classes need to solve. In a single day an agriculture teacher may make a field trip with a class to select dairy heifers, work in the shop with another class on adjusting combines, and teach still another group new practices in fertilizing corn.

Another part of your work as a vocational agriculture teacher is that of serving as Adviser of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America. Typical chapter activities under your direction might include a trip to the State Future Farmer Convention, sponsoring a school fair, training a livestock judging team, as well as many other activities designed to help boys become successful farmers, good citizens, and competent rural leaders.

MANY ADVANTAGES . . .

As a teacher of vocational agriculture you enjoy many advantages. It is hard to spell out all of these advantages but experienced teachers tell us they have unequaled opportunity to be of service to rural people. They find their work interesting, practical, and enjoyable. They receive an income which provides a comfortable living.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE . . .

As a teacher in an Alabama high school you can make a real contribution to the youth of today, who hold our future in their hands. The future of our country is determined to a large degree by the teaching in our schools.

Your work results in improving the farming of the community in which you teach. Better farming results in a more prosperous community, state, and nation.

You can be a leader in your community. Alabama's modern rural schools need good teachers to provide and develop rural leadership.

Teaching vocational agriculture gives you an opportunity to be creative in your work. It challenges you to put forth the best that you have.

AN ENJOYABLE CAREER . . .

You will enjoy watching the development of those whom you teach. There is a real thrill awaiting you the day your first State Farmer receives his gold key.

Your work is practical and useful. It deals with the interesting and changing science of agriculture. You may have the satisfaction someday of driving through your community and seeing contoured, high-yielding fields replacing eroded, unproductive hillsides, one of results of your teaching in adult farmer classes.

Much of your time is spent out of doors in the country, working with farm people.

Your work consists of many different activities. You do not have a routine which must be followed day by day.

A COMFORTABLE LIVING . . .

In Alabama, salaries of vocational agriculture teachers range from $4,000 to $5,100 with an average of $4,632. As a teacher of agriculture, you receive travel expenses in addition to your salary. As a typical teacher of vocational agriculture, you receive around $450 per year for travel.

You are employed twelve months a year. Unlike most other teachers, you work during the summer. You also receive a week's vacation each year with pay.

You have all the advantages of the Alabama Teacher's Retirement System, and also Social Security. This means you can retire at 65 with a good income as long as you live. After a few years of experience, the position offers the security of tenure.

FARM EXPERIENCE NEEDED . . .

The fact that you have lived and worked on an Alabama farm will help you in becoming a successful teacher of vocational agriculture. As a teacher of agriculture, you will need to understand and to like farm people, as well as to demonstrate many farming practices. Your farm experience can be put to good use in teaching.
Scholarships Available To Auburn Freshmen

The Alabama FFA Association will award five scholarships to worthy graduating seniors who wish to study vocational agriculture at Auburn. These scholarships have a value of $200 each, yearly.

Application blanks may be obtained from vocational agriculture teachers. The applications must be mailed to T. L. Faulkner, State FFA Advisor, State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama, before May 1. The winners will be announced at the State FFA Convention at Auburn in June.

Sears-Roebuck and Kroger scholarships having a value of $200 each are available to freshmen entering the API School of Agriculture. These scholarships are available to graduates of Alabama High Schools who are interested in some field of agriculture and who need financial help to get started.

These scholarships, financed by grants from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and the Kroger Company, are divided into three parts, with the winner receiving $75.00 at the beginning of both the fall and winter quarters and $50 at the beginning of the spring quarter. Application blanks may be obtained from vocational agriculture teachers and high school principals. They must be mailed before April 1 to Dean E. V. Smith, API School of Agriculture, Auburn, Alabama.

The Alabama Feed Association is also offering a $500 scholarship to some high school graduate who wants to study Animal Husbandry, Dairy Husbandry, or Poultry Husbandry. The applications can also be obtained from vo-ag teachers. They must be sent to Merlin T. Bryant, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Alabama Feed Association, Brundidge, Alabama, before May 1, 1959.

SCHOLARSHIP IMPORTANT . . .

Students in the upper fifty percent of their high school classes are usually more successful in teaching vocational agriculture. It takes a good student to successfully do college work necessary in preparing to teach agriculture. The good student is also better able to keep up to date with new agricultural practices when he begins his work as a teacher.

PERSONALITY IMPORTANT . . .

As a prospective teacher of vocational agriculture you should be able to work harmoniously with many different types of people. A pleasing personality and a cooperative attitude will be invaluable to you in working with your students, teachers in the school, and others in the community.

LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT . . .

Qualities of leadership will be helpful to you. You need to be able to lead, help, counsel, and advise boys. The ability to be a leader gains the respect of those you teach and makes your teaching more productive and enjoyable.

THE ABOVE exhibit on "Farm Safety" won first place for Auburn High School at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham.

THE ELKMONT FFA chapter won second place at the Alabama State Fair with the above exhibit on "Rural Leadership Starts in FFA."

IF YOU HAVE a farm background, are a good student, possess a pleasing personality, can work well with people, and have certain qualities of leadership, you can become a successful teacher of vocational agriculture.

Your preparation of teaching vocational agriculture requires a four-year course in Agricultural Education at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. During these four years you will take courses in most departments of the college such as Animal Science, Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Science, Poultry, Agricultural Economics, and Horticulture. With this same preparation you will also be prepared for hundreds of other important agricultural occupations.

SO . . .

If you are interested in going to college and studying Agricultural Education, write to the –

Department of Agricultural Education
API
Auburn, Alabama
FFA Bull Program Upgrading Alabama Cattle

The Alabama Future Farmers Association in cooperation with the Sears-Roebuck Foundation has greatly increased the grade of Alabama beef cattle by placing registered beef bulls with local FFA chapters. They are used by the vocational agriculture students to improve their beef projects and by adult farmers who are served by the vocational agriculture department.

In 1948 and 1949 the Sears-Roebuck Foundation donated 71 bulls to various Alabama FFA chapters. Since that time the program has been self-supporting. Every three years the older bulls are sold and replaced with younger ones. To date, 214 such bulls have been placed with FFA chapters.

The bulls are kept on the school campus or on the farm of an FFA member. It is the responsibility of the local chapter to see that the animal is properly fed and cared for. Some chapters transport their bull to individual farms for service. Others require the farmer to bring the brood cow to the bull. Precautions are taken to keep the bull from being used for breeding until he is fully mature.

Each year a special show is held where the different FFA chapters exhibit their bulls. The premium money for this special show is given by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. They also award individual chapters various prizes for carrying on an outstanding breeding program in their community. The prize is usually a registered heifer of their choice.

The chapters that are presently active in the program and their distribution over the state are as follows: Siluria, Shelby County; Blue Springs, Barbour; Red Level, Covington; Marbury, Autauga; Stevenson, Jackson (3); Troy, Pike (2); Headland, Henry; Greenville, Butler; Highland Home, Crenshaw; Camden, Wilcox; Wateroo, Lauderdale; Baker Hill, Barbour; Buckhorn, Madison (2); Sidney Lanier, Montgomery; and Gurley, Madison.

Other chapters are: Clanton, Chilton (2); Jemison, Chilton; Lafayette, Chambers; Eclectic, Elmore; Wetumpka, Elmore; Coffee Springs, Geneva; Dozier, Crenshaw (2); Cottonwood, Houston; Priceville, Morgan; Hazel Green, Madison; Kinston, Coffee; Montgomery County Training, Montgomery; Columbiana, Shelby; Guin, Marion; Eufaula, Barbour; Laverne, Crenshaw; Frisco City, Monroe; Excel, Monroe; Inverness, Bullock; Pine Apple, Wilcox; and Thonaston, Marengo.

SHOWN above are the FFA Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Sears' bulls at the South Alabama Fair. From left to right: Donnie Bulger and the Grand Champion from Clanton and Harold Phillips and the Reserve Champion from Stevenson.

DR. CAMMACK (continued)

distributive education becomes ever increasingly important as our population increases and our society becomes more complex. In the field of distribution we have much to learn and as distribution becomes more important in our society, it will be imperative that more training be given.

Looking at all phases of Vocational Education, during the next 50 years it would appear that the problem and the job becomes larger and more important to the State, and along with that an opportunity for Vocational Education to render greater service.

DAILEY (continued)

Everyone interested in the FFA sincerely regrets his resignation because he has always been actively interested in the organization and is a true friend to the 15,000 FFA members and 268 vo-ag teachers in Alabama.

The Supervisory Staff of Vocational Agriculture wishes Mr. Dailey and his family the best of luck and happiness as he undertakes his new vocation.

His resignation was effective February 28, 1959.
WADLEY

John White, a Wadley FFA member, is putting knowledge obtained in vocational agriculture to work for him. He is growing corn and marketing it through hogs.

The White family moved to Wadley from Texas two years ago. John became interested in hogs after studying about them in vocational agriculture under instructor W. H. Alsabrook. Presently, John has seven pigs that he is going to feed to market size before selling them. He is also helping his father with 29 more market hogs. He and his father plan to expand their enterprise by keeping all their litters of pigs and fattening them out.

John has been improving his home as a Home Improvement Project. He is a member of the Ag. II class.

SIDNEY LANIER

The vocational agriculture students at Sidney Lanier High School are raising hogs as a chapter project.

At the present time the chapter has 51 head of hogs which includes one registered boar and eight brood sows. All the hogs were purchased this past November. The pigs will be grown to market size before they are sold. Plans are to grow into a purebred Landrace program in the near future. The purebred stock will be shown by the Sidney Lanier FFA members in the hog shows this fall.

The project was financed by borrowing money from a local bank and selling shares at $26.00 each to FFA members. The FFA boys can pay one dollar a week until their amount is paid. The boys can receive dividends in the form of cash or pigs, whichever they prefer.

The gilts that are not taken by stockholders will be placed in a pig chain. If a member receives one of these gilts then he will return three pigs to the chapter as payment. If a gilt is bred when it is placed in the pig chain then the one receiving it will return four pigs to pay for it.

The hogs are kept on Riley Bailey's farm. He owns four shares in the project. All the hogs are fed supplement and shelled corn. This spring the chapter plans to plant eight acres of corn to feed to the hogs. They hope to purchase a small tractor for cultivating the crop. Plans to build a grain storage house, a pig parlor, a farrowing house, and farrowing jackets are underway.

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SYLVANIA

Willard Carroll, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carroll of Route 2, Fort Payne, has developed an outstanding farming program while enrolled in vocational agriculture at Sylvania.

He received his State Farmer Degree in 1958 and is working toward the American Farmer Degree which is the highest degree awarded to an FFA member.

Willard served as chapter reporter in 1958 and has been on several important committees.

His projects in 1956 included ten acres of cotton, forty acres of corn, one market calf, a home garden and farm fence. He carried out nine supplementary farm practices. This farming program netted him $981.01.

For his second year, 1957, he carried twenty acres corn, three acres cotton, one acre watermelons, and one boar, home ground, home orchard, fencing and farm buildings, plus thirteen supplementary farm practices. This year netted him $591.85.

Third year projects included seventy-five acres corn, twenty acres cotton, six acres peas, orchard, fencing, terracing, farm buildings, and ten supplementary farm practices. This year netted him $2,265.12.

Willard's FFA Advisor and vo-ag teacher is Mr. G. M. Butler.

SOUTHERN BELL

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WETUMPKA

The vocational agriculture students at Wetumpka High School are constructing picnic tables, barbecue pits, farm gates, and farrowing jackets.

These items made in the Vo-ag shop under the supervision of C. S. Bazemore, Vo-ag teacher at Wetumpka, are very useful and economical. A picnic table that would cost $50.00 or more commercially can be constructed for less than $10.00. A farrowing jacket that cost approximately $.75 to build would cost about $30.00 commercially.

The main cost of the picnic tables is the top and seats which are made from lumber. The metal frame, bolts, and paint cost less than $2.00. The farrowing jackets have no woodwork therefore they are very cheap.

Twenty-four picnic tables, five farrowing jackets, and fifteen farm gates have been constructed in the Vo-ag shop. Sixteen of the tables were made by adult farmers. A major part of the farrowing jackets were made by farmers.

Mr. Clarence W. Varner, Route 3, Wetumpka, is very proud of the farrowing jacket he made. For a little work and less than $1.00 Mr. Varner has cut the loss of his pigs during farrowing to almost zero. He has 10 brood sows at all times on his farm.

COLD SPRINGS

Freddie Myers, Cold Springs FFA member, has an outstanding record in hog production for young producers in Cullman County.

He began his swine enterprise by working for a neighbor to pay for his first Duroc gilt. From this gilt, he has raised nine litters of pigs, and has his sow bred for her tenth litter.

In nine litters, his sow has farrowed 93 pigs for an average of 10.3 pigs per litter. From this number he has raised 81 pigs to weaning age for a total of 87 percent livability.

This year Young Myers is growing out three of his best gilts to expand his program. With his past record, he should do a good job.

In addition to his swine activities, Freddie has two dairy cows and operates his small home farm. On the farm he produces corn, hay, and grazing crops. He does custom work on his uncle's farm to pay for the use of farm machinery to do his own work.

Freddie's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Myers, recently completed an attractive new home, and he plans to landscape the home grounds as part of his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture.

Young Myers is an outstanding FFA member, and has done a fine job scholarly. He serves as assistant FFA Re-
HAZEL GREEN

A short course in welding was held at the Hazel Green Vocational Agriculture Department. The course consisted of one lesson each week for five consecutive weeks.

The purpose of the school was to give the average person enough confidence and knowledge in welding to be able to do the great majority of his own welding, whether that be farm welding, maintenance welding, repairs, building of labor saving devices or much needed machinery.

After having completed this five lesson course the average person will have a very solid foundation on which to base his future experience in welding.

The course was initiated by the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and sponsored by L. Miller & Son, the Lincoln Dealer of Huntsville, Ala.

Instruction was given by Ralph L. Carlisle, the teacher of vocational agriculture in the Hazel Green High School, and assisted by Mr. W. G. Crick who is an experienced welder in the community.

Twenty-eight members of the community completed the short course and received a certificate at the end of the course.

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HARTFORD FFA chapter won first place with the above exhibit on "Hog Production" at the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery.

"BEEF CATTLE" was the theme of the exhibit that won second place for the Plantersville FFA chapter at the South Alabama Fair.

AUBURN (Collegiate)

District supervisors and faculty members, their families and the wives of students were guests of the Auburn Collegiate FFA Chapter at a wiener roast recently. The affair was attended by more than 65 persons who participated in group singing and games following the "roast."

This event marked the beginning of an enlarged program of work by the collegiate chapter. The chapter has revised its constitution and adopted a long-range program of objectives which will place greater emphasis on scholarship and community service.

Chapter officers during the Winter Quarter were: Paul Johnson, President, Jacksonville; Lee Gober, Vice-President, Nauvoo; Roy Chance, Secretary, Chipley, Florida; Tom Thompson, Treasurer, Aliceville; Reese Kilgore, Reporter, Red Level; and Alex Cooper, Sentinel, Thomaston.

ROCKFORD

Bobby Gilliland, a second year vo-ag student at Rockford, and his father, B. L. Gilliland have constructed 15 minnow ponds on their farm. They are going to sell commercial minnows as a primary income from their farm.

Three of these ponds will be one of Young Gilliland’s supervised farming projects according to J. L. Holmes, vo-ag teacher at Rockford. The vo-ag department is going to use his ponds for class demonstration work.

Water for thirteen of these ponds is obtained from two large ones. Pipes are used to transport the water from the larger ones to the smaller ponds.

Mr. Gilliland started his project just a little over a year ago because of ill health. His first stock consisted of 500 minnows obtained from a commercial minnow producer. At the present time he estimates each of the smaller ones to contain over 10,000 minnows.

A large number of minnows will be kept in a wire box for customers. They will be caught from the ponds in seines.

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SLIGHT HANDICAP

Dad to Daughter: "But when he proposed, didn’t you ask him if he had seen me?"

Daughter to Dad: "Oh, yes, Dad, he said he’d seen you lots of times, but loved me just the same."

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ALICEVILLE—held chapter speaking contest; gave cash prizes to speakers in chapter and county; received pine seedlings; pruned orchards; presented awards in the following contests: star dairy farmer, farm safety, farm mechanics, soil and water management, public speaking and corn production; State Report; attended State meeting.

ATTAWAL—held two regular meetings; held county public speaking and quartet contests; ordered 12 official FFA jackets and other FFA material; made plans for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; sold Ford almanacs to raise money for chapter.

BERBY—held monthly meeting; 10,000 pine seedlings donated to members by Paper Corporation; placed five official mailbox stands; made plans for contests.

BLOUNTSVILLE—bought new welder, initiated 28 Green Hands and raised 24 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers, giving each a pin; bought new one-half inch drill.

BOAZ—set date to give out Green Hand pins; held monthly meeting; planning Coronation Ball for February; have a new Advisor; held regular classes and shop work.

BLOOMHORN—held three chapter meetings and two officer meetings; assisted school with holding county basketball tournament; quartet won county contest.

CAMP HILL—elected chapter FFA Sweetheart; attended county newspaper sales program in attempt to increase profit in beef cattle; initiatedakes in the following contests: State dairy farmer, corn production; State Fair; attended State meeting.

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and FFA library; sold 11,000 pine seedlings; boys attended leadership school on vegetable gardening.

COJNER—held one officer, one regular and 6 special members; chapter public speaking contest, land judging and chapter quartet contests; set out cactus; presented new admission program; purchased orchid for vio-oq shop.

FLORIDA—spoke to one regular and one officer; meeting; assisted in making float for inaugural parade; with executive board making money for quartet, purchased $120.00 worth of books for ag library.

GREENWOOD—bought materials to use during National FFA Week; held public speaking contest; classroom meeting; activities in school yearbook; organized chapter public speaking contest.

GREENVILLE—held two regular meetings; started next year’s projects; sold magazines; host to area public speaking and quartet contests; completed another set of mailbox posts; stressed National FFA Awards.

JACKSON—heled chapter public speaking contest; 43 entered; 22 made speeches; 10 judged; sponsored chapter band; presented an official meeting.

NEW BROCKTON—held a meeting and five reports were given; started working in shop and every boy has already planned his project; selling magazines, striving to reach the goal of $100.00.

PINE HILL—initiated 18 Green Hands; purchased Lumbermen’s Baeke; two sows farrowed 23 pigs for barbecues; elected chapter Sweetheart; ordered fruit trees and set them out in the community; distributed 41,000 pine seedlings; erected billboard.

FISJAH—featured 2 pages of FFA accomplishments in school yearbook; encouraged members to carry out improvement projects around their homes; subscribed for all local papers which print our news articles; built mailboxes for community; held regular meetings; built hog house; bought electric motor and electric saw.

RAEMOR—Ag II boys attended leadership meeting; Mr. Mauldin gave demonstration on killing undesirable trees; there were 350 posts to treat; George Waitsall worked with Ag II boys on soil judging contest; Mr. Maudlin gave demonstration on electric motors; secured three big hens to raise on same.

RANBURNE—purchased welding and plumbing tools; pruned hedges around school; made several mailbox posts; made $60 on donley ball game; rewired classroom; held regular meetings; bought 25 jerseys, Sweetheart jacket and complete set of pins.

RED BAY—held chapter public speaking contest; pruning fruit trees as a community service; repair shop; arranging shop tools; selling popcorn and candy at basketball games; purchased a new paint gun; held two meetings.

REHOBETH—pig chain gilt farrowed 8 pigs—7 lived; bought new mailbox posts; member attended FFA meeting.

SANDY—selected chapter Sweetheart; sponsored FFA basketball team; elected FFA Sweetheart; operated FFA store; sold rat poison.

SILAS—set out 11,000 pine trees; dynamited some stumps; went through Ziegler packing house; held regular monthly meeting; planned for 15,000 pine seedlings; made some mailboxes for ag library; attended FFA meeting; 12 members received FFA jackets.

SOUTHSIDE—heled regular meeting and public speaking contest; making plans for banquet; added two ruminating stalls; two sows farrowed 23 pigs; Ag III class studying grafting.

TOMATON—heled regular meeting; presented public speaking award and corn growing award.

USHVILLE—heled two noon hunts; set out 15,000 pine seedlings; making mailbox posts; purchased $69 worth of books and $18 worth of magazines for chapter; had one official meeting.

URIAH—heled 2 regular meetings; planned annual FFA-FHA banquet; 12 members put out 15,000 pine seedlings; on assembly program; member attended Birmingham meetings; FFA Sweetheart; 5 members feeding beef calves for calf show in May; bought $100 worth of new equipment for shop and $500 worth of books for ag library; ordered 2 FFA jackets.

VINA—ordered 100 fruit trees and FFA jackets for members; attended implement show.

WALNUT GROVE—29 sows and grits in chapter pig chain; distributed FFA calendar; ordered FFA jacket; sold 16 pigs to chapter members.

WATERLOO—selling light bulbs to raise chapter funds; held chapter speaking contest, county quartet and speaking contests and one regular meeting; preparing for soil judging and tractor driving contests; operated concession stand at basketball games.

WUTUMKA—made plans for FFA banquet; elected FFA Sweetheart; sold rat poison and fruit trees; feed store for sale for fall count; 12 members received Chapter Farmer Degree.

WOODVILLE—heled regular meetings; participated in county contests elimination; constructed new washhouse in school gym; quarter and string band contests.

YORK—received 14,000 pine seedlings; purchased new band saw and jig saw for shop; held chapter speaking contest; planning chapter program; plans to build new shop; purchased new shop course books.
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