ALABAMA FUTURE FARMERS won high honors in each of the four district fat calf shows. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion at Birmingham, Grand Champions at Gadsden and Dothan and the Reserve Champion at Montgomery were exhibited by FFA'ers.
Dadeville Chapter Has Forestry Plot

W. W. WELDON (second from right), Tallapoosa County Superintendent of Education, accepts the Dadeville school forest from Gordon Comer of Coosa River Newsprint Company. Carl Moran (left), chairman of the county board of education, and Oscar Strickland, Dadeville vo-ag teacher, admire the newly constructed sign.

Cooperation between industry and education was exemplified recently when the Coosa River Newsprint Company leased a ten-acre tract of forest land to the Dadeville High School.

The land will be used to provide an outdoor workshop where vocational agriculture students can practice forest conservation under the leadership of trained foresters. Field work will be preceded by classroom instruction covering basic forestry subjects.

Gordon Comer, district forester of the company, presented the land to the school. Oscar Strickland, Dadeville Vo-Ag teacher, represented the vocational agriculture department at the ceremony. County Superintendent of Education Woodrow Weldon accepted the land on behalf of the county school board.

Income from the sale of forest products from the school forest will be retained for use by the vocational agriculture department.

At the dedication ceremony, W. R. Williams, treasurer of the Newsprint Company, told the more than 100 persons present that the future of forestry was never brighter and that our Alabama soil is capable of growing timber at a much faster rate than competing Canadian areas.

Following the ceremony, the Coosa River Newsprint Company was host at a barbecue at the Dadeville Community Center.

LONG TIME NO SEE

"Have you read Webster's Dictionary?"

"No, I'm waiting for the movie."

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"Mummy, when can I shave like Daddy does?"

"Not for a long time, dear."

"Why not? I know the words now."

On The Cover

The upper left picture shows Tommy Hallman of the Oneonta Chapter, with his angus calf, “Big Boy,” that took top honors at the Birmingham Show. The animal weighed 1048 pounds and sold for $1.55 a pound.

The champion of the Gadsden show was exhibited by Jim Samford, of the Spring Garden Chapter, which is pictured at upper right. J. C. Hollis, teacher at Spring Garden, is shown in the picture. The calf sold for 75 cents a pound. Jim’s other calf, given him by the Birmingham News, took second place in the Heavy Weight Angus Class at Birmingham.

Jimmy Hudson, Oneonta Chapter, shows the Reserve Champion of the Birmingham Show, at lower left, to complete Oneonta’s sweep of the show. The angus sold for 85 cents a pound.

Future Farmer Lynn Garrett of the Sidney Lanier Chapter, places the rosette awarded the Reserve Champion of the Montgomery Show on his calf, “December.” Admiring the animal is his teacher, W. C. Locke. The 975 pound Hereford brought $1.45 a pound which was high for the show.

FFA’s other Grand Champion was exhibited by Paul Wise of the Kinston Chapter at the Dothan Show. Paul took showmanship honors also with his Hereford calf which is not shown.

Correct Terms For Use Of Future Farmers Of America

National Organization of Future Farmers of America
National FFA Organization
FFA (no periods)
National FFA Officers or National Student Officers
National Board of Student Officers
National Board of Directors (or National FFA Board of Directors)
Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated (or Inc.)
Advisory Committee, Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
Chairman of Sponsoring Committee for FFA Foundation, Inc.
Board of Trustees, Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
Executive Committee, Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
The National FUTURE FARMER
The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine
The Official Magazine of the Future Farmers of America
The Official FFA Calendar
Future Farmers Supply Service
National Convention of the Future Farmers of America
National FFA Band
National FFA Chorus

THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER

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Why I Take Vocational Agriculture

By ALLEN MASON
Heflin FFA Member

I take vocational agriculture because I believe it gives students the basic instruction they need to choose and to succeed in a vast number of occupations including farming and the many agricultural related fields.

Vocational agriculture explores such fields as forestry, soil conservation, farm management, and veterinary medicine, to name a few. From the general knowledge obtained about each field a student is able to decide which field that he likes best and that fits his capabilities.

Whether a student chooses farming, an agricultural related occupation or some other field, there are benefits to be obtained from studying vocational agriculture.

Many of our better farmers today grew into farming from projects begun as an Ag student. A great many chose to go to college and study agriculture because of becoming interested in it while in high school. These have either returned to farms or followed agricultural related occupations, many of whom are our present agricultural leaders.

What home owner has not needed to know something about landscaping, plumbing, electricity, or about different types of construction?

I believe that vocational agriculture can to a large extent meet these needs. Landscaping lessons give a student training in identifying and selecting shrubbery and lawn grasses as well as planting and maintenance.

Instruction and practical experience in shop provides students with training and experience in industry can readily develop.

Another reason I take vocational agriculture is that I realize the importance of knowing something about Parliamentary Procedure and of being able to speak in public. Being a member of the FFA where the meetings are conducted according to rigid parliamentary rules and studying parliamentary procedure in the classroom gives me training that I can use if I am a member of any organization in later life.

Participation in public speaking contests, serving as an officer of the FFA, or being a member of a quartet or string band can provide valuable experience in appearing before audiences.

I have found vocational agriculture to be one of the most interesting subjects a person can study in school in addition to giving him the educational background he needs to find his place in today's scientific world. For those of us who were raised on farms, it makes us see farming as more than everyday drudgery or something that keeps us from going fishing. It gives an appreciation of agriculture and a stronger belief in its future.

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The harried coach pleaded with the professor who had flunked his prize tackle to give the boy another chance. Finally the professor agreed and did give the boy a special make-up exam.

The next day the coach again anxiously queried the professor. "How did Jones do?"

"I'm sorry," said the professor. "It's hopeless. Look at this: 7 × 5 = 33."

"But go on, Prof." said the coach, "give him a break. He only missed it by one."
Vocalist Don Gibson To Appear On Program

Future Farmers of America from 263 Alabama chapters will convene at Auburn on June 4, 5, and 6 for the thirtieth annual State Convention.

More than 1,000 FFA members and advisors will represent the 15,000 Alabama membership for the three days of contests, leadership training, tours, business sessions and entertainment.

Top-flight entertainment will be furnished by Recording Star Don Gibson and Margie Bowes, 17-year-old female star who is fast becoming a star in the country music field.

The convention schedule was drawn up and final preparations made when the state officers met at Auburn recently.

Buddy Farrington, Dadeville, state president, will preside at the convention. Other state officers are Charles Turner, Geneva, vice president; Lavauhn Johnson, Jacksonville, secretary; Herman Majors, Orrville, treasurer; and Scotty Carson Aliceville, reporter. New officers will be installed at the closing session of the convention.

State Farmer degrees will be awarded to 297 outstanding Future Farmers. Youths who will receive this, the highest degree that the state FFA association awards, must have studied vocational agriculture for at least two years and have earned $500.00 or more from farming.

A highlight of the convention will be the naming of the State Star Farmer and four District Star Farmers. Awaiting the winner of the Star Farmer competition is a new Ford tractor furnished by Alabama Ford Tractor Implement Dealers. The finals of eight statewide contests are to be held during the convention. Competing will be first and second place district winners in land judging, livestock judging, string band, tractor driving and dairy judging and first place winners in public speaking and quartet. Fifteen poultry judging teams will vie for state honors in this contest.

Individual awards will be made to members who have been outstanding in farm mechanics, dairy farming, farm electrification, soil and water management, forestry, home improvement, reporting FFA news, corn growing, and cotton production.

Chapter awards will be given to those who have outstanding programs of work, promoted farm safety, and those with a membership of 100 or more.

Alabama's Future Farmer of the year, James Brindley of Blountville, will receive a $300.00 scholarship from Turner Ford Tractor Implement Dealers.

SOMETHING ATTRACTS the attention of the State officers as they enter Thach Hall during the Spring Executive Committee meeting. Left to right are: Herman Majors, Buddy Farrington, Lavauhn Johnson, Charles Turner and, in front, Scotty Carson.

E. Smith Company and an engraved loving cup from Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Featured speakers will be the Honorable Frank Stewart, State Superintendent of Education; Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, President of API; Lee Tolld, Bells, Tennessee, Southern Region FFA Vice President; T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, and Dr. R. E. Cammack, Alabama Director of Vocational Education.

The convention will mark the end of 30 years of progress of the FFA organization in Alabama. Organized in Alabama in July of 1929, FFA has served to motivate and vitalize the systematic instruction offered to students of vocational agriculture and to provide further training in farmer-citizenship.

The FFA organization in Alabama has steadily grown from 69 chapters and 1,245 members in 1929 to 263 chapters and 14,925 members this year.

FFA was organized nationally in November 1929, and since that time has grown to be the largest farm-boy organization in the world. Organizations patterned largely after FFA are found in several foreign countries.

**Convention Program**

Thursday, June 4

**A.M.**

8:00- 12:00 Registration — Union Building

8:00- 11:30 Interview State Officer Candidates by Districts (244 Thach Hall)

11:30- 1:00 Lunch

**P.M.**

1:00 Safe Tractor Driving Finals (Ag Engineering Building)

1:00 String Band Finals

Roll Call of Chapters and Seating of Delegates

Greetings — T. L. Faulkner, State FFA Advisor

Address — Dr. T. M. Pierce, Dean of the School of Education, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Remarks — R. L. Brittain, Magnolia Hall

Adjourn

Meeting of all Local Advisors

5:15- 6:30 Dinner

**Thursday Evening**

6:30 FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Music (Second Place String Band)

Opening Ceremony

Invocation — Herman Majors, State Treasurer

Address of Welcome — Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Public Speaking Finals

Introduction of Guests

Appointment of Committees

Awards to Speakers — Chairman of Judges and T. L. Faulkner

Closing Ceremony

8:30 Entertainment

**Friday, June 5**

**A.M.**

6:30- 8:00 Breakfast

8:00 Livestock Judging (Beef Barn)

8:00 Poultry Judging (Poultry Farm)

8:00 Dairy Judging (North Auburn Dairy Research Unit)

9:00 Movie Film — The Scenic South

9:30 SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Music (4th Place String Band)

Opening Ceremony

Business Session
District FFA Winners

The first and second placings in each of the contests below except the Public Speaking and the Quartet contests will be expected to be in Auburn at the State FFA Convention to compete for the state finals.

Only the first place winners in the Public Speaking and the Quartet contests will compete for top honors at the State Convention.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, Tommy Glover, Corner; 2nd, Jimmy Owens, Clements.

Quartet: 1st, Millport, 2nd, Waterloo.

String Band: Winfield and Waterloo.

Livestock Judging: Ardmore and Tanner.


Tractor Driving: Bobby Woolbright, Sulligent; Sonny Bachelor, Reform.

Land Judging: Northport and Guin.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, John Barnett, Hackneyville; 2nd, Dan Culpepper, Wintertboro.

Quartet: 1st, Buckhorn; 2nd, Southside.

String Band: Jacksonville and Hartsville.

Livestock Judging: Jacksonville and Hartsville.

Dairy Judging: Boaz and Sparkman.

Tractor Driving: William Embry, Grant; Harold Phillips, Stevenson.

Land Judging: Hazel Green and Stevenson.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Public Speaking: 1st, Mack Leggett, Citronelle; 2nd, Larry Vinson, Bay Minette.

Quartet: 1st, Atmore; 2nd, Citronelle.

String Band: Theodore and Fairhope.

Livestock Judging: Bay Minette and Foley.

Dairy Judging: Fairhope and Camden.

Tractor Driving: Charles Owens, Beatrice; Larry Reeves, Camden.

Land Judging: Evergreen and Beatrice.
**Don Gibson**

Future Farmers attending the state convention this year will be afforded some outstanding entertainment Thursday night by country music singing star Don Gibson.

Don, who has been called "The 1958 Phenomenon of the music industry," skyrocketed to success after joining the Grand Ole Opry in April of that year.

The artist’s recording of "Oh Lonesome Me" swept the country music field after winning the Pet Milk Grand Ole Opry talent contest.

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**Notice**

Want to buy some Guernsey cattle?

There will be a sale of 35 registered Guernsey heifers at the Coliseum in Montgomery on June 2 beginning at noon.

These animals were purchased in the Carolinas especially for FFA and 4-H Club members. Ages range from Junior calves to three-year olds.

Additional information may be secured from:

Alabama Guernsey Cattle Club
Glenn Adderhold, Sec’y-Treas.
State National Bank
Cullman, Alabama

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**TOTAL—14,925**

Membership Last Year—14,125
Hayneville FFA Raises Funds With Broilers

THREE MEMBERS of the Hayneville chapter examine one of the broilers that the FFA'ers produced, as Mr. W. A. Davis, advisor, holds the bird.

The vocational agriculture students at Hayneville High School are raising commercial broilers as a source of income for their FFA Chapter.

The project was started in 1957. House was constructed by students' labor, part of the lumber came from the FFA forestry plot which consists of about five acres. The money was borrowed from a local bank to finance the project. At the present time all the money has been repaid. The house which is 30' X 70' has a capacity of 2,100 broilers. It is equipped with automatic waterers and gas brooders.

When the project was started in 1957, the chapter was raising pullet replacements on a contract basis. They would receive a certain amount for every pullet that they raised to 14 weeks of age. The capacity of the house for pullet replacements was 1,100. They only raised two flocks of pullet replacements and in August of 1957 they began growing the commercial broilers on a contract basis.

They receive two cents per pound from the Master Mix Feed Company of Montgomery for every pound they grow to market size. The chapter grows out four flocks of broilers each year.

Profit from the project has been used for recreational and educational trips, father-son banquets, textbooks, and paint and venetian blinds for the classroom.

The birds are cared for during school by student labor and on week-ends by local boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture. The project is under the supervision of W. A. Davis, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor of Hayneville.

Mr. Boston Massey, Principal of Hayneville High School, and Miss Hulda Coleman, Lowndes County Superintendent of Education, were instrumental in getting the project started.

FFA Forestry Camp

The annual Forestry Camp for 100 FFA boys will be held at Camp Grist, near Selma, early in August. This is wonderful training for the boys who are selected to attend. We hope you will begin thinking now about the selection of a boy to attend. The camp is being sponsored again this year by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association through its member mills, Gulf States Paper Corporation, Hollingsworth & Whitney Division of Scott Paper Company, International Paper Company, in cooperation with Coosa River Newsprint Company and Alabama Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry.

MARY ALICE KIMBRELL has been chosen "Sweetheart" of the Aliceville chapter.

BURTON PEARSON

New FFA & Vo-Ag Editor Employed

Burton Pearson has been named FFA and Vo-Ag Editor succeeding J. T. Langley who was called to military service early in April.

Burton, a native of Pickens County, is working part time during April and May and will assume full time duties after being graduated from API in June.

An agricultural education major, the new editor has also completed 24 quarter hours of journalism in an effort to prepare himself for agricultural journalism work. While in school he worked on the Plainsman, (Campus Newspaper) as a member of the news staff and as a feature writer.

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FROM THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT WILL COME BUCKHORN. Members are Jimmy Vasser, Marvin Benson, Carey Johnson and James Rhoden.

Five District Quartet Winners Will Compete At State Meeting

A $60.00 wrist watch for each member and the accompanist and an opportunity to compete in the Tri-State contest awaits the quartet winning the state finals during the convention.

Each of the four other competing groups will receive $50.00 cash along with chapter banners.

The state winner will participate in a Tri-State elimination, and if the Alabama entry wins they will be eligible to attend the national convention. The Alabama Association will pay $100.00 on their expenses provided they can all attend.

The quartet contest is designed to encourage wholesome recreation, to improve singing ability of FFA members and to provide experience in performing before audiences which often can prove valuable in later life. Quartets do much to improve community relations by furnishing entertainment for clubs, radio and TV programs.

AUBURN WILL CARRY THE CENTRAL DISTRICT'S BANNER. Members are John Hill, John Pruett, Lamar Logue and John Self. Accompanists are Sara Jo Abernathy and Paul Rumph.

Wilbur Kelly Field Day

More than 200 Future Farmers attended the Wilbur Kelly Field Day which was held near Marion Junction in Perry County.

Top honors in four judging and six track events went to the Greensboro chapter. Host Suttle took second place and Parrish High of Selma finished third.

The field day is held each year in memory of Wilbur Kelly who for many years directed the Blackbelt Experiment Station and who conceived the idea of the FFA event.

Taking part in the contests were representatives of chapters from Marion, Greensboro, Linden, Orrville, Parrish High, Plantersville, Carlowville and Suttle. Vo-ag teachers from each school accompanied the participants.

The ten events included tractor driving, livestock judging, dairy judging, land judging and the six track events.

Arrangements for the day were under the leadership of Aubrey Smith, supervisor of the Blackbelt Experiment Station on which the field day is held.

Ag. Ed. Students Finish Apprentice Teaching

Twenty-three agricultural education seniors at API completed six weeks of apprentice-teaching during the Spring quarter.

Schools in which they taught, the student teachers, and hometowns are:

Camden, Alex Cooper, Thomaston; Joe Hill, Millry.

Ozark, Jack Davis, McKenzie; Claude Mims, Prattville.

Opp, James Reynolds, Ashford; Alfred Romine, Rogersville.

Eufaula, Eugene Woodfin, Holtville.

Dadeville, Paul Johnson, Jacksonville; Robert Griffin, Pell City.

Tuskegee, Robert Ward, Eufaula; Wayne Trawick, Ashford.

LaFayette, Ben Preston, Eufaula.

Auburn, Lee Gober, Nauvoo; Burton Pearson, Carrollton.

Winterboro, Jesse George, Jasper.

Donald Sibley, Mt. Hope.

Northport, Ed Holcombe, Waterloo. Corner, Maurice Sanford, Fayette.

James Pearson, Ft. Valley, Georgia.

Waterloo, Harold Edgeworth, Detroit; Bennett Spratlin, Hackleburg.

Guntersville, Waylon Evans, Gadsden; Clyde Mitchell, Collinsville.

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THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT WILL SEND THE OPP QUARTET to compete in the state finals which will be held on June 5. The quartet is composed of, left to right, Harold Carnley, Paul Avant, Ronnie Lunsford, Jerry Andrews, pianist Glenda Bucklew and Advisor J. D. Granger.

MILLPORT WILL REPRESENT THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT in the Quartet finals during the State convention. Members are, left to right, Charles Bryant, Donald McAdams, J. C. Champion, Avon Rushing and pianist Doris Ussery.

THE SOUTHWEST WILL SEND THE ATMORE QUARTET to the finals. Members are Lou Vickery, Terry Scruggs, Jerry Madison, Jack Beck and pianist Albert Kennington.

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New Type Hog Feeder Constructed By Students At Cedar Bluff High

An all-metal hog feeder has been completed by the vocational agriculture class at Cedar Bluff High School.

Wanting a feeder that with normal care could withstand all kinds of weather and the wear and tear of a sow and her pigs, the boys and their teacher decided to build one.

The angle iron was purchased from Gadsden Iron and Steel Co. The bolts and screws they bought from a local hardware dealer and the sheet metal came from Camp Sibert.

In their well-equipped shop is the outcome of their work and three more are under construction. A. C. Teague, teacher, said, "It wasn't any trouble to design the feeder as we designed it on the pattern of the wooden feeders we've been building for a number of years. Where the wooden feeders could be overturned by rooting of the sow or pigs, these feeders cannot, nor can they be rooted apart. Two boys can build one in two weeks' class time."

These feeders will hold approximately 15 bushels of meal or 800 to 1,000 pounds of bought or home-made hog feed. For best care the feeders should be put on concrete blocks, as they will rust on the ground. Keeping the feeders painted means longer service.

Teague says they can make the metal feeder for less than half of what the same capacity feeder would cost at market price. The feeders will cost the vo-ag boys approximately $25 to build. And one feeder should take care of a litter of pigs from birth to market weight. Each feeder weighs approximately 300 pounds.

Teague added, "I believe one of these feeders will take care of a small farmer's needs as I feel it will take care of 12 pigs from birth to topping."

At the present time there are 35 boys enrolled in the vocational agriculture department of Cedar Bluff High School. The vo-ag shop is one of the best equipped in Cherokee County with a large variety of hand and power tools.

Vocational Agriculture training has paid big dividends for Bill and L. O. Roberson, former FFA members at Mount Hope High School. An interest in farming created by studying vocational agriculture under instructor J. R. Hawkins has lead to a three-way dairy business partnership among Bill, L. O., Jr., and their father, L. O. Roberson, Sr.

The Robersons are milking 80 dairy cows at the present time, most of which are Holsteins. In the near future they plan to change to all Holsteins. A much larger barn and pipeline milkers are also included in future plans.

Their farm consists of 587 acres with 350 acres in cultivation. An additional 120 acres of crop land is being leased this year. Corn, hay and other feed crops are grown on the farm. The cattle graze on pastures of Dallis grass, white Dutch clover, Bahai, and fescue. The boys are considering planting several acres of alfalfa for hay.

By buying more cattle and using 50 replacement heifers that they now have, they will increase the capacity of the farm when the new barn is completed and pipeline milkers are installed.

Bill and L. O., Jr., were very active in their FFA chapter at Mount Hope. Bill finished high school in 1949 and L. O., Jr., in 1952. During high school, Bill served as President and Treasurer; L. O. was vice president. In 1949 Bill was the Northwest Alabama District Star Farmer. "I took part in all FFA activities except Public Speaking," Bill said, "I wish now that I had competed in the Public Speaking contest."
SANDRA HICKMAN was elected “Sweetheart” of the Auburn High chapter at the annual Sweetheart Ball.

AUBURN COLLEGIATE

Shelton Hawsey of Lyefflon is serving as president of the Collegiate chapter during the Spring quarter. Shelton is a senior in agricultural education.

Other officers include Reese Kilgore, Red Level, vice president; Banks Perkins, Vernon, treasurer; Charles McCay, Locust Fork, secretary, and Jerry Mitchell, Vernon, reporter.

BAY MINETTE

The Bay Minette FFA chapter of the Baldwin County High School has a broad forestry program under the direction of B. H. Nall, FFA Advisor and Vo-Ag teacher.

Over one-half million pine seedlings have been planted on more than 600 acres during the past five years by the FFA members in an effort to conserve the timber resources of the county.

The Bay Minette chapter walked off with top honors in the FFA Forestry Program at the State FFA Convention a few years ago. Last year the chapter came back to win third place honors at the State Convention.

The chapter has set out 61 acres of pine seedlings in North Baldwin County this year.

At the present time the FFA’ers are working to eliminate waste of valuable forest resources in this area and have just completed a planting reforestation campaign.

The main objectives of the tree planting program are to promote such sound forestry practices as fire protection, selective cutting, pruning, and care of young timber and reforestation on the part of landowners. The FFA boys believe that good forestry practices afford good citizenship and is good business.

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JUNE-JULY, 1959
The Stevenson FFA chapter is operating a livestock farm for class demonstration work and as a source of income for the chapter. The project is under the supervision of C. D. Richardson, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Farming operations began in 1951 with the leasing of a 20 acre plot adjoining the high school campus from the Tennessee Valley Authority. For the first few years the chapter rented the land to row-crop farmers on shares. Later the FFA'ers built fences around the plot and established improved pasture. They also built a barn on the high school campus near the rented land.

The chapter's first livestock was a registered bull contributed in 1951 by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Since that time several other Sears bulls have been received, three of which were shown at Alabama State Fairs. Two of the bulls were Grand Champion. Stevenson also won the state FFA breeding program two years. Points considered in the program are: number of cows bred, number of farms served, educational activities, and pasture improvements carried out by the chapters. First place winner in this contest receives $300.00 cash.

From the money received by winning the State Breeding program contest and having the Grand Champion at the State Fair the chapter started a small herd of livestock.

At the present time the herd includes 10 commercial beef cattle, 18 market hogs, four purebred beef calves, two purebred beef heifers, and three registered Hereford bulls. Also there are 42 gilts in the chapter's pig chain which are on various boys' farms. The gilts are Hampshires, Durocs, and crossbreeds. Any boy can receive a cross-bred gilt from the chapter and pay for it by returning two gilts from the first litter. To receive one of the gilts a boy agrees to give her special attention and exhibit the animal in hog shows.

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When Eddie, the slow moving and inefficient clerk in a small store, was not in evidence one morning, a customer asked, "Where is Eddie? He ain't sick, is he?"

"Nope, he ain't," replied the proprietor. "He just ain't working here no more."

"That so?" responded the villager. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?"

"Nope, Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

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An accident is something that, five minutes after it happens, anyone can see how it could have been prevented!

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That tractor ride that gives kids thrills may end up in a crash that kills.

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THERE IS GOOD FOOD AHEAD for these Future Farmers attending the Chilton County FFA Field Day. Present were 250 boys from the five chapters in the county. The event was held on J. Reed Thompson's farm near Clanton. Mr. Thompson is the advisor of the Clanton FFA chapter.
ROGERSVILLE

The Rogersville FFA chapter is placing emphasis on livestock production as a primary source of cash income according to C. J. Pennington, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

The members of the Rogersville FFA chapter have 38 sows and gilts which will farrow pigs this year. Eleven of these are the popular Landrace which is a meat-type hog.

Last spring the Rogersville chapter purchased a Landrace boar from Auburn to improve the breeding of their hogs.

Four members raised show calves which were shown at Birmingham.

Mr. Pennington believes that this great emphasis on livestock is necessary since Alabama agriculture is gradually changing from row-cropping to livestock farming.

GROVE HILL

The year's activities and accomplishments of members of the chapter were recapitulated at the Grove Hill Father-Son night. Nearly 100 persons were present.

Grove Hill members have been active in nearly all FFA events. Four from the chapter have earned State Farmer Degrees, the chapter's Duroc Boar won the Grand Champion at the Gulf State Fair, Grove Hill's judging teams compiled commendable records and the FFA'ers also found time to plant 64,000 pine seedlings.

The county corn growing champion was a member of the Grove Hill chapter and, to use the corn, the chapter's pig chain has reached 149 animals.

J. R. Lindsey, FFA advisor and vo-ag teacher, was the guiding hand in the chapter's activities.

SOUTHSIDE

The vo-ag department of the Southside High School is operating a chapter hog project. According to H. H. Martin, vo-ag teacher, the hogs are used for class demonstration and as a source of income for the chapter.

The hogs are kept on the school campus and are cared for by Mr. Martin and members of the FFA chapter. During school the boys are in charge but on week-ends, holidays, and during the summer Mr. Martin feeds and cares for them.

The project was started with a Duroc gilt donated by Sears-Roebuck and Company nine years ago. At the present they have four sows, two gilts, and a boar. They couldn't expand any more because of the limited space. The chapter usually sells their pigs at weaning age. They keep and feed out about eight market hogs a year.

The buildings they have include a feed storage house and two farrowing houses. Both farrowing houses are equipped with heat lamps.

When the project was first started the chapter would buy and feed out market hogs. Later they grew more pigs than they could fatten out.

GROVE HILL has elected Catherine Ware FFA Sweetheart.

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ASHFORD

Approximately 550 persons attended Ashford FFA and FHA banquet.

Entertainment for the Mother-Daughter, Father-Son affair was furnished in the form of a talent show featuring songs by the FFA quartet, solos, and instrumental numbers. A barbecue supper was served following the musical program.

The guests were welcomed by Joel Whiddon, FFA president and Geratha Crowley, FHA president, both of whom also served as emcees. The response was given by Mrs. C. B. Crowley, “Father of the Year” and Mr. Freddie Whiddon, “FFA Father of the Year.”

THOMASTON

Herbert Buck has been elected president of the Thomaston FFA chapter for the coming school year.

Other officers chosen include Buddy Vick, vice president; Tommy Mc Knight, secretary; Larry Holt, treasurer; Jimmy Rex Crocker, reporter; Larry Schroeder, sentinel, and Lex Parker, parliamentarian. Clyde Boozer will serve as student advisor.

The chapter is looking forward to a successful year under the leadership of these officers and the guidance of J. L. Pritchett, FFA advisor and vo-ag teacher at Thomaston.

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CLANTON CHAPTER won first place in the Judging Contest at the Montgomery Fat Calf Show. Members of the team are Jerry Murr, Donald Bulger, and Billy Estes who is displaying the plaque received by the team.
OAKMAN—bought hog holder for chapter use; selected land judging team; plan to rewind electric motors; finishing 12 calves for Fat Calf Show; held 2 meetings; began electric motor clinic with aid of Alabama Power Company; placed 3 more gilts in pig chain; ordered 26 FFA "T" shirts and 3 jackets; selling products to raise chapter treasury; purchased new saw and some hand tools for shop.

REFORM—held fund raising drive; celebrated FFA; sold fruit trees in community; elected chapter Sweetheart; held two monthly meetings; initiated 9 Green Hands; put out 21,000 pine seedlings; ordered 11 shop coats and 3 FFA jackets; held FFA social; regular newspaper article published; planning FFA barbecue; re-writing vo-ag department.

SULLIGENT—$1,000 pine seedlings and 1,300 fruit tree sets in community; 10 members planted broccoli border; held 5 meetings; put on annual Father-Son banquet; planned supervised farming program for year; exchanged classes with FHA; put on safety program for Lions Club; constructing mailbox stands in shop; published 16 articles and 4 pictures in Weekly Round-Up Column.

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