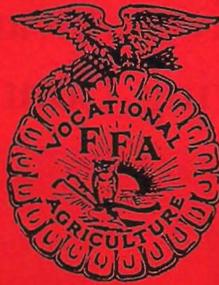


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District Winners Announced

Hazel Green Youth Receives Awards In State FFA Corn Growing Contest



CHAMPION CORN GROWER—Carroll Lasater, second from left, of Hazel Green holds the check and banner that he received for being the FFA Champion Corn Grower of Alabama. Others shown are, left to right, Kenneth A. Tew, director of the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau that awarded him the check; Carroll's father, M. Lasater; H. R. Culver, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, and R. L. Carlisle, Hazel Green vo-ag teacher who helped Carroll with his prize winning project.

Alabama's FFA Champion Corn Grower of 1959, Carroll Lasater of Hazel Green, received the state awards during a recent ceremony at Hazel Green High School. District awards have also been made to winners in each of the other four vo-ag districts.

A yield of 176 bushels per acre won first place for the 17-year-old youth in the contest sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau in cooperation with the Alabama FFA Association. He is the Northeast district winner.

The State champion was awarded a \$100 check by Kenneth A. Tew, director of the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, and an FFA banner by H. R. Culver, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, during the special ceremony.

Champions in the other four vocational agriculture districts are Hugh Looney, Tanner, Northwest district; Ted Branna, Bay Minette, Southwest; Glover Harper, Greensboro, Central, and Charles Hooks, McKenzie, Southeast. They received \$50 checks and chapter banners.

Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lasater, planted his corn on April 23 in

40-inch rows. It was left approximately 8 inches in the drill. He planted a recommended hybrid and fertilized with 1,100 pounds of mixed fertilizer and 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

The corn was grown on red bottom land which he selected with the help of his vo-ag teacher, R. L. Carlisle. Carroll, the secretary of the Hazel Green FFA chapter, says that he will add the prize money to that he has already earned from his supervised farming program and use it to help pay for his college education.

— FFA —

See Anything New?

If you have read this far and haven't noticed anything new, you had better hasten down to have your eyes checked. Spring has brought about a face-lifting on the cover of our magazine. The layout of our masthead has been changed. Compare it with a recent issue and give us the benefit of your thinking by dropping us a line. Your comments will be greatly appreciated.

THE EDITOR



ANN CHADWICK is sweetheart of the Silas chapter.

On The Cover

Agricultural Education Teacher Training Staff at Auburn University—These are the persons responsible for training teachers of vocational agriculture who are also FFA chapter advisors.

They also assist with the program of vocational agriculture and FFA throughout the state. Courses taught by this staff cut across many fields including methods of teaching, farm mechanics, audio visual education, and Future Farmers of America.

In the center is Dr. R. W. Montgomery, head professor, and standing are Mrs. Del Bagby, secretary, Prof. H. T. Pruett, adult and young farmer education; Dr. J. E. Deloney, audio visual education; Prof. D. N. Bottoms, farm mechanics, and Dr. T. W. Gandy, student teaching.

Women are like baseball umpires—they make quick decisions, never reverse them and they don't think you're safe when you're out.

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The third-grade teacher wrote this sentence on the blackboard: "I ain't never had no fun at the seashore."

She turned to her pupils, singled out one of them and asked, "How can I correct that?"

Little Tommy at once responded, "Get a boyfriend!"

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Don't cross the street until the way is clear. It is better to be a patient pedestrian than a pedestrian patient.

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A Career For You In Vocational Agriculture

By DR. R. W. MONTGOMERY

Head Professor, Agricultural Education Department, Auburn University

Have you planned your career? Probably the most important decision in any young man's life is his choice of a life's work. The choice will affect the way you live and the kind of service you give through your life. You should give much thought and study to this problem before reaching your decision.

Have you considered teaching vocational agriculture? Here are some of the factors that will help you in making your decision.

1. Teaching vocational agriculture is interesting for most boys who love rural life and agriculture.

2. There is a need for more teachers of vocational agriculture than are now being graduated from our colleges. Current publicity on science and engineering has caused a shortage of capable young men in agriculture and in teaching. You would be entering the field at a very favorable time for good employment opportunities. Agriculture is our oldest and most basic occupation. Although it is changing, it will always be here. There is no reason for anyone to hesitate to enter the occupation if he loves it. There is no occupation that offers any greater assurance for a future.

3. "I took agricultural education in college because I was shooting for a job with a shotgun rather than a rifle." This statement was made by one of Alabama's best known agriculturists. He meant that a graduate in agricultural education has a broad training that qualifies him for many jobs in the field of agriculture and in the field of teaching. Although the curriculum is designed for teachers of vocational agriculture, many of the graduates do enter careers in teaching other subjects and in most of the occupations in the broad field of agriculture and agri-business. The challenge in related fields is one reason that there is a shortage of teachers of vocational agriculture.

Dr. Wayne V. Reitz, President of the University of Florida (and a former agriculturist himself) stated recently that last year only 5.1 percent of the graduates of land grant colleges and state universities received agricultural degrees while 37 percent of all jobs available to young men and women are in the area of agriculture. He added that we are reaching a condition that the nation cannot afford.

4. The teacher of vocational agriculture works twelve months each year. Alabama, and most states, provide for some time away from the job for vacations and for working toward a higher degree — which leads to better pay.

5. The salaries of teachers of vocational agriculture are comparable to, and often better than, those in other fields with similar degrees. There have been some good advances in recent years. The nation seems to be giving more consideration to its teachers. Salaries in related jobs are also good.

6. Agriculture, like all other aspects of our way of life, is undergoing rapid changes. Farming itself is a science these days, and perhaps the most important of all true basic sciences. Agri-business is expanding in many directions. Abilities are needed in management, sales, human relations, farm mechanics, as well as in general education. Those who enter the profession through college training should have a love for learning and be good students. He will have to keep learning and growing professionally all of his life. If he does this he will have the assurance that he is in a vocation that is basic to our society. He will always have a career.

7. Those who enter teaching should like to work with people. Teachers of vocational agriculture must be real leaders in their communities. They will be advisors to local FFA Chapters. They will work with farm youth and adults in many ways. They must be capable teachers, and they must be up-to-date in the subject matter they teach. To be a successful teacher you must have a real desire to help people grow and develop and live useful lives.

8. Teaching vocational agriculture, as well as the related jobs for which the department of agricultural education prepares you, offers the best opportunities possible for a life of useful service.

If you feel that you are interested in teaching vocational agriculture, or in entering any of the related fields, the agricultural education department at Auburn University would be happy to help you in any way possible to reach your goal. Talk with your teacher of vocational agriculture about your plans and he will be glad to help you with them.

Birmingham C Of C Hosts County Presidents



MAKING final plans for the county presidents visit to Birmingham are, left to right, Byron F. Rawls, Executive Secretary, Alabama FFA; Delmar Wiggins, State FFA President; J. A. Beaty, Chairman, Agricultural Committee, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; and Pryor Murphree, State FFA Vice-President.

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce was host to approximately 85 FFA members including county presidents, state officers, and entertainment groups on February 18-19. The visit, considered one of the best ever, is part of the Chamber of Commerce's program to bring about a better relationship between Birmingham and the rest of the state.

While in Alabama's largest city, the group went on sight-seeing and educational tours, was guests at meals, and treated to a theatre party.

J. A. Beaty, agricultural manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was in charge of the two-day meeting. His enthusiasm and thoroughness in handling every detail have made the event the success that it is.

Adverse weather conditions, snow and rain followed by a freezing wind, curtailed the planned tours somewhat. Only at TCI did the future farmers leave the special buses.

Registration was in the lobby of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, where the FFA'ers were quartered, the morning February 18. A general meeting soon after lunch opened the visit. Mr. Beaty outlined the plans for the events on the program and a film about the Birmingham Food Terminal was shown. The farm youths learned that residents of Birmingham spend \$170 million annually for food and that Alabama's total agricultural income is \$500 million annually.

A bus tour of the downtown area of the city, Red Mountain and the Food Terminal and Farmers Market followed the meeting. Guides on the tour were Terry L. Jackson and R. Paul Moon, both of Alabama Power Company. Atop Red Mountain, the Future Farmers saw both Birmingham TV stations, The Club, Vulcan, and had a panoramic view of the city.

Following the tour, the State Fair Authority was host at a Smorgasboard Dinner in the Jefferson Room of the Hotel. Speakers included Delmar Wiggins, State FFA president, Edward Bornholt, Alabama Future Farmer of the Year, T. L. Faulkner, State FFA advisor. Master of Ceremonies was Bedford F. Seale, chairman of the Fair Authority.

Romaine Smith, Youngfolks Editor of the Progressive Farmer, awarded leadership certificates signed by the Governor of Alabama to the state officers and the Future Farmer of the Year.



VOCAL entertainment was provided by the Dadeville Quartet composed of, from left, Fred Clark, Larry Davis, Reggie Buckner, Thurman Noles, and Mrs. Clark, accompanist.

The state president also received an engraved loving cup.

The Chavala String Band furnished music before the meal and the Dadeville Quartet sang several numbers following the awards.

A theatre party at the Alabama Theatre as a courtesy from the manager, H. C. Glohon, concluded the day.

The second day began with a breakfast at Britlings Cafeteria sponsored by Standard Oil. A tour of the TCI Division of U. S. Steel at Fairfield was made during the morning. Clinton R. Milestead, director of public relations for the Southeast Division of U. S. Steel, was in charge of the tour. It gave the FFA'ers an opportunity to see and hear explained the manufacture of steel products from iron ore.

The final event on the program was a luncheon sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Delmar Wiggins and Edward Bornholt were speakers and entertainment was again provided by the Chavala Band and the Dadeville Quartet. C. H. Johns, Jefferson County agent and president of the club, was master of ceremonies.

Three counties were not represented this year which was probably due to the weather conditions. Teachers attending the meeting were Frank Hendrick, Chavala, B. C. Nix, Foley, and Oscar Strickland, Dadeville.

Others attending besides FFA members and not mentioned above included Byron Rawls, FFA executive secretary; H. R. Culver, district supervisor, H. N. Lewis, livestock specialist, and Burton Pearson, FFA & Vo-Ag editor.

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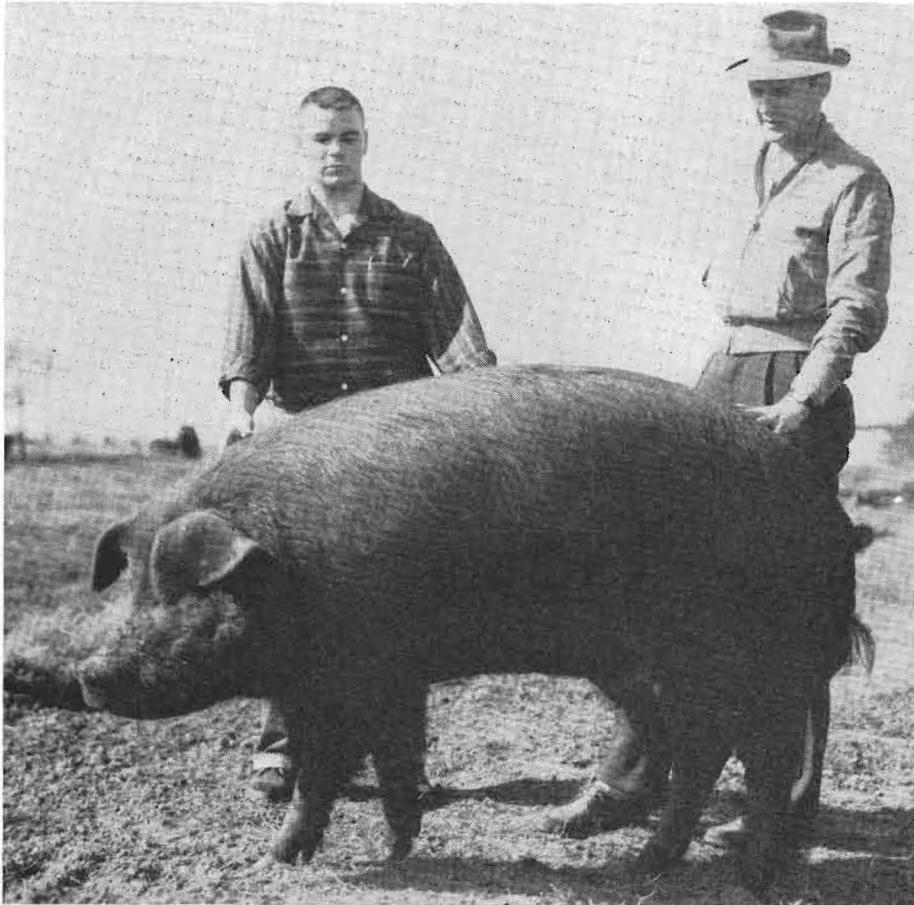
Upper Right — LEADERSHIP certificates signed by the Governor were received by the state officers and the Future Farmer of the Year. Romine Smith, left, of Progressive Farmer made the awards to the officers who are Delmar Wiggins, second from left, president; Rich Pearson, reporter; Larry Williams, treasurer; Gary Winsett, secretary; and Pryor Murphree, vice-president. Delmar also received an engraved cup.

Center — IN BIRMINGHAM for the first time, these FFA'ers seem to be enjoying themselves as Romaine Smith, (center) Youngfolks Editor of Progressive Farmer, explains an event on the program. From left they are, Charles Burkhardt, Baldwin County; Gene Carter, Pike; Alvie Smith, Madison; Mr. Smith; Johnny Jacobs, Dale; Guy Johnson, Conecuh; an Charles Kirkland, Geneva.

Lower — THE CHAVALA STRING BAND furnished music at the meeting. Band members are, from left, John David Catrett, Wayne Foote, Wendell Starke, James Courtland, and Billy Fuqua.



Hartford FFA Hog Program Advances Toward Goals Set Up At Beginning



SOON TO BE CERTIFIED MEAT-TYPE BOAR—This is the Duroc boar that the Hartford FFA Chapter hopes to get certified this Spring after some of his offspring are slaughtered and the carcasses tested. At left is Earl Crutchfield, owner of a certified litter of pigs, and at right is P. C. Dean, Hartford vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

The Hartford FFA hog program has advanced far toward goals set up when it began in 1952 with a Sears Pig Chain gilt.

These goals, according to P. C. Dean, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Hartford, were to furnish good hogs for the community, provide hogs for use as a teaching resource for boys to learn the value of top quality animals, and to give students experience and recognition in showing hogs.

A high point in the program was reached last fall when Duroc litters owned by chapter members, Earl Crutchfield and Wayne Hartzog, were among the first in the state to be certified as meat type hogs. The chapter hopes to have a boar certified this spring.

By providing hogs such as these for the community and Southeast Alabama, Mr. Dean feels that the FFA chapter is performing a valuable community service. A total of 51 gilts and 33 boars

have been placed in the community since 1957.

Vo-ag students, in addition to using the hogs to study rations, conformation, and other aspects of livestock, also use them for practice in record keeping. A careful ledger is kept in the new supervised farming record book by students who do not live on farms.

Proof that hogs being raised by the chapter have show ring ability is provided by the winnings in hog shows during the past three years. In 1957, \$513 and 21 ribbons were won by members, the total was \$791 and 40 ribbons in 1958, and in 1959 it climbed to \$920 and 88 ribbons.

Hogs are shown in the State Fair at Birmingham, at Montgomery in the South Alabama Fair and at Dothan during the Peanut Festival. Hogs from the program have been consigned to the State Duroc sale since 1958 and the chapter has had either the first or second top selling boar at each sale.

Mr. Dean says that between 1952 and 1957, the chapter ran three pig chains of different breeds but, after running into the problem of not having boars of each breed, decided to concentrate on one breed. Hence, the present breeding program began.

A corporation of boys owning Duroc sows was formed to finance purchase of a boar which was obtained from a certified litter in Illinois. A standing pig chain committee from the FFA chapter keeps records and makes the rules for operation.

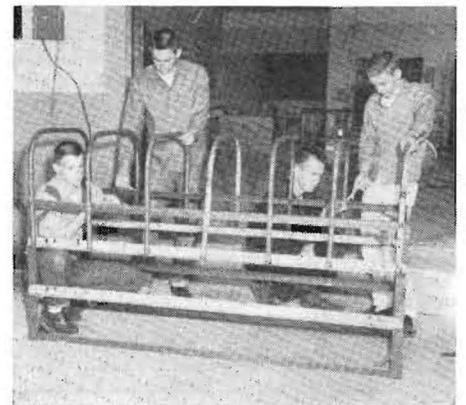
To get top quality sows for use with the boar, the committee decided to buy two bred gilts. After investigating several herds, the Oral Long Herd in Indiana was selected. The gilts were purchased in January 1958.

Bloodlines of 7 of the 16 certified Duroc sows in the county are being carried by hogs in the program. The herd is bangs and brucellosis free.

The foundation stock, consisting of four sows and two boars is kept by the chapter on land owned by the school or rented. Boys entering the chain obtain gilts from this stock and breed back to one of the boars. A pig as good as the one received is given back to the chapter. Also a boy must have at least one acre of land for pasture separate from other hogs on the farm and he must follow good management practices with his gilt as outlined by the committee.

Hogs not claimed by members, if of good quality, are sold for breeding stock to finance the program. Others are sold for slaughter.

Mr. Dean says that the break in hog prices has set the program back somewhat but he feels that there has been some benefit by causing a stricter culling program to be carried out which has helped build up a reputation for top quality stock.



DESIGNED by ag teachers in Geneva county, this farrowing crate is being built from Army surplus cots by Hartford FFA'ers, Don Smith, Junior Skinner, Jimmy Walden and Billy Ray Parish. Twenty-five have been built by Hartford students and farmers in the community.

Clanton Chapter Starts Beef Cattle Enterprise

The Clanton FFA Chapter is now in the beef cattle business, reports J. R. Thompson, local vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Four registered Hereford heifers have been purchased by the chapter as foundation stock for a livestock enterprise. The animals will be used for teaching, in judging contests, for pasture studies and as a source of income for the chapter.

Three of the heifers were purchased with chapter funds and the other with prize money from the Sears Roebuck Foundation that the chapter won in the Sears Bull Program.

A board of directors has been set up to supervise the program. This board consists of the school principal, county superintendent of education, the president of the Chilton County Cattlemen's Association, the county soil conservationist, and the vocational agriculture teacher.

The animal came from the E. N. Vandegrift Farm at Oneonta. Mr. Thompson says that the chapter plans to clear land and establish a pasture for the animals on land owned by the school adjoining the football field.

Three bulls that were acquired through the Sears Roebuck Foundation are already owned by the Clanton chapter. The heifers will be bred to one of these bulls and good heifer calves kept for enlargement of the herd until the board of directors decides the herd has reached its capacity. Bull calves will be sold as herd bulls or as feeder calves.

All animals that the chapter advisor feels are in condition for exhibiting will be shown at county and state fairs.

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Food For Thought

The Great SinFear
 The Best DayToday
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 The Greatest Stumbling Block ..Egotism
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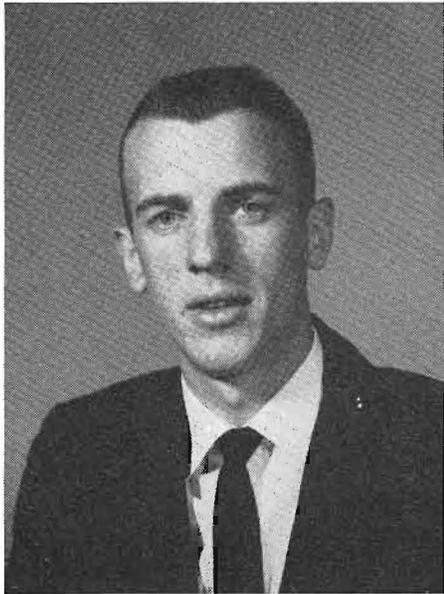


TRI-STATE FFA QUEEN—Winner in the contest sponsored by the Chattanooga Times was Judy Baker, center, who was nominated by the Buckhorn FFA chapter. At left is Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee and at right Ben Hale Golden, publisher of the sponsoring newspaper. Judy was selected from 47 FFA chapter nominees in Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia.

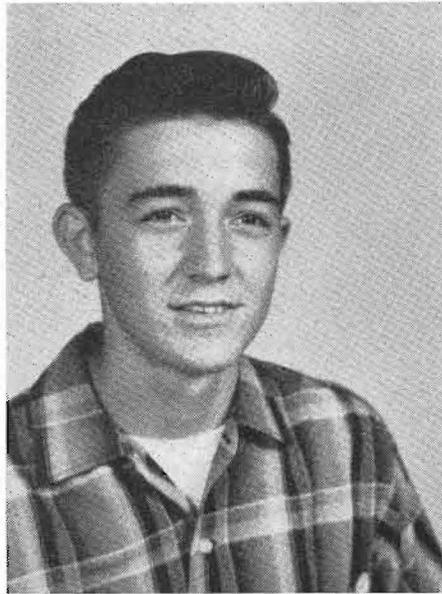


300th FFA MAILBOX POST—The Carbon Hill chapter has reached this milestone in mailbox post construction and presented the post to Prospect School. Left to right in the picture are H. B. White, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor at Carbon Hill High School; T. J. King, principal of Prospect School; Jimmy Bevis, president of the Carbon Hill FFA Chapter, and H. G. Thompson, superintendent of Carbon Hill City School.

Future Farmers Honored By REA Coops



LARRY PATE



HILBURN HILLESTAD

Six Future Farmers from South Alabama attended the National Rural Electric Association Convention in St. Louis, Mo., during the last week in February.

The trip was a reward for their winning contests sponsored by REA Cooperatives for Future Farmers in the area served by them.

Larry Pate, a member of the Lyeffion chapter, was first place winner in the Southern Pine Electric Co-op contest for chapters in Conecuh, Monroe, and Escambia counties. Other winners were Enoch Timothy, East Brewton, and Conrad Booker, Repton, both of whom attended the convention.

Hilburn Hillestad of the Baker Hill chapter in Barbour County took top honors in the Pea River Co-op's contest for chapters in Barbour, Dale and Henry counties. Attending the convention with him were Dale county winner, Bobby Joe Mathis, Midland City, and Henry county winner, James Chambers, Abbeville.

The contest is designed to encourage FFA'ers to make safe and efficient use of electricity in the home and on the farm. It also recognizes leadership accomplishments, considers supervised farming programs, and provides training in the operation of rural electric cooperatives.

—————FFA—————

A Texan died and went to his eternal home. Looking around, he commented, "I never expected Heaven to be so much like Texas."

"Buddy," the gatekeeper informed him, "this isn't Heaven!"

The FFA And What It Means To Me

By RICH PEARSON
State Reporter

The Future Farmers of America or FFA as it is more commonly called was organized in November of 1928 as the results of the desires of various agricultural clubs throughout the country to ban together in a National organization so they could carry out their work in an organized way. The foundations upon which the FFA is built includes leadership and character development, sportsmanship, cooperation, service, thrift, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenship, and patriotism.

As you can see from this list any boy who becomes a member and participates actively in his chapter can reap benefits that will be lasting throughout his life as a useful citizen in whatever city, town or community he might live.

I think that the three phrases that have meant the most to me are Leadership, Cooperation and Service.

Since the beginning of civilization many individuals with rural backgrounds have provided outstanding leadership in almost all areas of endeavor known to mankind. Many attribute this characteristic for leadership to the self-discipline acquired through growing up on a farm. A farm boy learns to use his initiative, organize his responsibilities and develop the resources God gave him. Someone has said, "One machine can do the work of 50 ordinary men

but no machine can do the work of one exceptional man." Leaders are exceptional people—FFA is an exceptional organization.

Each member has individual responsibility resting upon his shoulders but teamwork is essential to lasting accomplishment. The successful chapter is one in which its officers, committees, members, and advisors develop outstanding teamwork.

Any good statement about the FFA would be incomplete without the mention of service it provides. It provides service to your family, your home, your school and your community. In order to become a leader a boy must first serve in various ways. Such service requires giving of your time, your talents, and your abilities in order to meet the needs of your chapter and community.

These are but a few of the reasons why I believe the FFA means much to many boys and to me individually and why I can truthfully say "I believe that Rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our National life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task."

—————FFA—————

"Golf, golf, golf!" wailed the wife as her husband started for the door with his clubs. "I really believe I'd drop dead if you spent one Sunday at home."

"Now dear," he answered, "there's no use talking like that. You know you can't bribe me."



THE sweetheart of the Prattville chapter is Carole Calfee.

FFA'ers, Take Advantage Of College Scholarships

Each year many boys miss a good opportunity to go to college simply because they fail to take advantage of the scholarships offered them. In many cases these scholarships are not brought to their attention. In other instances, the boy adopts the attitude that he would be unable to qualify, so what's the use to try. As a result these scholarships gather dust on the teacher's desk and eventually end up in "file 13."

This situation is repeated year after year and scholarships remain unclaimed. In many instances the number of applicants does not equal the number of scholarships offered.

Please notice and take advantage of the following scholarships. They are made to order just for you.

The Alabama FFA Association will offer again this year five scholarships with a value of \$200 each. These scholarships will be available to graduates who intend to enroll in agricultural education at Auburn and study to become teachers of vocational agriculture. Your FFA advisor can give you additional information on securing an FFA scholarship.

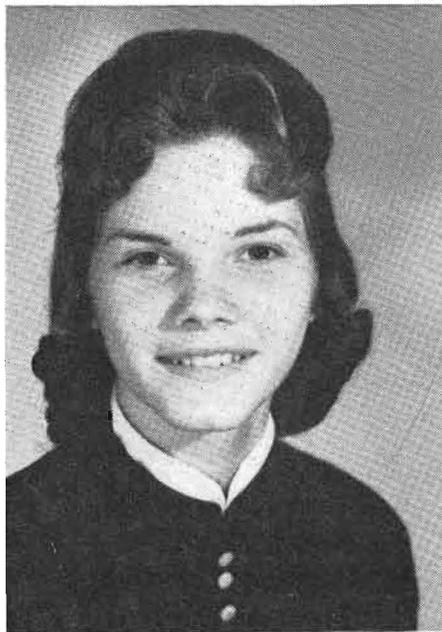
Your FFA advisor has also received information on how to apply for Sears, Roebuck and Kroger Company scholarships. These are \$250-\$300 each and are for freshmen in the field of agriculture.

The Alabama Feed Association is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduate who wants to study agriculture or agricultural education at Auburn. Those students wishing to apply for this grant should write to George R. Ingram, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Cullman, Alabama.

—FFA—

Mrs. Knight: Come up here and give me what you have in your mouth.

Carlton: I wish I could. It's the toothache.



THE Liberty chapter chose Barbara Atkins chapter sweetheart.



The American Way — Condemning a naughty movie; attending it to see if it's as shocking as advertised; kicking because the naughty parts have been cut out.

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Can anything be more annoying than being stretched out in a barber chair with your mouth full of lather watching the shineboy trying to give another customer your hat?

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The lady of the house said to her cook: "Now, Liza, I saw the milkman kiss you as he delivered the milk this morning. In the future I will take the milk in!"

"It won't do no good!" replied the cook. "Me an' him's engaged."

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"I hear you and your husband are not getting along well together."

"Of all the silly, vicious rumors! Oh, it's true we had an argument and I shot him — but that's as far as it ever went."

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Friend: "How come the new beard and mustache?"

Hubby: "Well, the wife wears overalls now. So I have to identify myself as the man of the house."

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Mother to 5-year-old son: "Daddy and I won't be home tonight, Jimmy. Do you want to sleep alone or with the nurse?"

Jimmy: (After some deliberation): "What would you do, Daddy?"

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The autoist hit a rooster while driving along a country road. Anxious to do the right thing, he located the farmer who owned it and said, "I just ran over your rooster and I'm willing to replace him."

"Fine," the farmer replied, "let's hear you crow."

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The street vendor said, "Buy some flowers for your wife, mister?"

"I'm not married," muttered the bachelor.

"Then buy a bunch to celebrate your luck."

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The young man explained, "I've got photographs of Jayne Mansfield, Kim Novak and Marilyn Monroe hung all around my bedroom."

"So," inquired the psychiatrist, "what's your problem?"

"All night long I dream about Gene Autry's horses."

NOTICE

Time is running out. The final reporting date on many contests is at hand. Don't wait any longer.

Enter Now!

School Forestry Lab Being Established By Beulah Vo-Ag Classes On 50 Acres



TAKING COMPASS READING—This is one of the skills being learned by vo-ag students at Beulah in the school forest. Charlie Anderson, center, of International Paper Company, is the instructor and R. L. Yielding, Beulah vo-ag teacher at right. Students are, from left, Macarthur Carmack, Bill Sanders, Lamar Jones, Jerry Rudd and Ernest Thomas.

Vocational agriculture students at Beulah High School are establishing a forestry lab area that will enable students to get actual practice in forest management, announces teacher R. L. Yielding.

The lab is being established on 50 acres of land owned by the school that adjoins the school grounds. Charlie Anderson of Opelika, district forester for International Paper Company is helping Mr. Yielding and the students set up the forestry program. Mr. Anderson spends a half day each week with the Ag II and Ag III classes.

All practices carried out in the forest are studied before hand in the classroom. The land will be divided into five equal plots. Classes each year will work out one of the plots and, after five years, the program will start over.

The students have completed an inventory of the timber by making a 10 per cent cruise using the live plot method. Each merchantable tree is classified as to size and quality. The next step is dividing the land into plots which will give students experience in measuring land and figuring land areas.

On the first plot, students this year will remove diseased and slow growing trees. Hardwood control will be carried out where needed and seedlings planted under the non-merchantable hardwood. Other practices to be carried out where needed are pruning pines, thinning, and removing wolf trees.

Proceeds from the timber goes to the school as provided in the agreement when the land was deeded to the school 20 years ago.

With the increased emphasis being placed on forestry management, Mr. Yielding says that the school is indeed fortunate to have such an area available for use in forestry studies. Mr. Anderson will meet with the students each week to supervise the program as the plots are worked out.

—FFA—

Bank Teller: Look here, Zeke, we've been honoring your checks signed with two "X's" for a long time. Why, now, the third "X"?

Zeke: Well, I got married to a girl with social ambition and she says I got to have a middle name.

Let's Train Ourselves Through The FFA

By GARY WINSETT
State Secretary

Since being elected Secretary of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America and through my entire life I have been concerned with agriculture and hold an inborn fondness for those associations. I have loved it from the beginning and hope that I can become a farmer myself.

But in this large occupation there are problems that confront us with hardships. We hear much about the low prices our farmers are receiving which are resulting from surplus production. Our farmers seem to be in a dilemma, unable to help themselves.

Today 25 percent of our farmers produce 75 percent of our agricultural commodities. These are the farmers that are staying in the race—the successful farmers. What about the other 75 percent, what do they lack to be successful farmers? Friends, I believe they lack the initial training a farmer must have. As a matter of fact I believe that our agricultural economy rests on the training of our youth—who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Certainly this training is the basis of a continuing agriculture.

As we approach ourselves with the question "How can we train our youth?" certainly the FFA is the most prominent organization we have today for training our rural youth. Study the product of an organization to determine its effectiveness. The FFA has provided our country with able leaders. Many have accepted creditable places of trust and responsibility while still in their youth. The FFA is developing a farm citizenry and a trained leadership. As we strive toward our membership goal, let's put our organization before more youth and make it more effective.

With this in mind I believe that we can say the FFA is a stepping stone to a more permanent agriculture.

As we look toward the decade of the Golden Sixties, I believe that agriculture can find its place in the sun as an improved American way of life.

—FFA—

Sunday School Teacher: "Can you tell me who made you, Bennie Jud?"

Bennie Jud: "God made part of me."

Sunday School Teacher: "Why, what do you mean by that?"

Bennie Jud: "He made me real little and I grew the rest myself."

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"Grandpa, why don't you get a hearing aid?"

"What for? Half of what I hear now I can't understand."

FFA ROUNDUP

CENTREVILLE

The Centreville vocational agriculture building has been completely rewired by members of the vo-ag classes with the help of Kyle Willett, rural service engineer of Alabama Power Company, announces vo-ag teachers, W. R. Martin and J. W. Meigs.

To begin the wiring job, the overloaded 60-amp switch box was replaced with a 100-amp box. A 60-amp 240 volt safety switch for the arc welder, five 30-amp safety switches, and one enclosed branch circuit cutout were installed on a panel board in the shop.

The pull-chains on the lights in the shop, classrooms, tool room and office were replaced with wall switches, and four convenience outlets added in the shop. A new meter and entrance cable were also installed.

Two of the 30-amp switches control the outlets in the shop, another is the shop lights circuit, and the band and circular saws are on the others.

On the enclosed branch circuit cutout are six circuits which are used for classroom lights, classroom heater, shop heater, convenience outlets and for additions to the system.

SUTTLE

A peach orchard is being operated jointly by vocational agriculture students at Suttle and two farmers in the community, reports E. L. Dyess Suttle vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

The vo-ag students and FFA'ers will have a third interest in the 125-tree orchard in return for pruning and looking after the trees. Another third is owned by the J. F. Suttle estate, owner of the land, and the final third is owned by Ernest White, a local farmer, who owns power spraying equipment and will spray the orchard.

Marketing expenses will be split three ways also with FFA'ers being hired to pick and sort the peaches. The FFA chapter will use their share of the profits to finance the program of work. Most of the fruit will be marketed locally.

As a result of the experience in orchard management, Mr. Dyess says that several boys have established home orchards as part of their supervised farming program.

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COLD SPRINGS

The Cold Springs FFA chapter is operating a post treating plant in cooperation with farmers in the community, announces L. D. Morgan, Cold Springs vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Thirty-five farmers put up \$10 each to build the vat and the FFA chapter bought the hoist for raising and lowering posts into the treating solution. A frame to support the hoist and a post peeler was constructed by vo-ag students in shop classes.

The peeler, operated from tractor power take offs, is taken to farms where farmers peel their posts soon after cutting. After thoroughly drying, the posts are brought to the treating plant, located behind the ag building, and the FFA boys treat them.

A charge of 2 cents per post is made for use of the peeler and the same amount is received as a handling charge for treating the posts by the chapter. Farmers pay for the treating solution which is pentachlorophenol mixed with diesel oil in a 10 to 1 ratio. The cost is usually about 21 cents a post.

Mr. Morgan says that the plant is proving to be a valuable community service and the chapter makes a little money from the operation of it which will be used to finance the year's program of work.

RANBURNE

Vocational agriculture students in the Ag IV class are studying a unit on internal combustion engines, reports A. L. Otts, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

The class first studied fundamentals of the engines in the classroom and

learned the various systems from charts.

Actual experience is obtained from an engine that the ag department borrowed from the Cleburne County School Bus Garage. The students have taken the engine nearly completely apart and put it back together correctly. Other jobs learned are setting timing, adjusting carburetor, adjusting valves, setting points and putting in and adjusting spark plugs.

Trouble shooting is also learned. Mr. Otts sometimes causes the engine to function improperly before the class begins and then lets the students locate and remedy the trouble.

Mr. Otts says that the unit is something boys are very interested in and several have already repaired vehicles on their home farms.



SWEETHEART of the Woodville chapter is Sandra Shelton.



PRESENTED MAILBOX POST TO COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE—The Greensboro chapter presented an FFA mailbox post to R. C. "Red" Bamberg, State Commissioner of Agriculture, who lives near the school. In the picture, made following the presentation, are Robert Bamberg, the commissioner's son, Mrs. Bamberg, and chapter members, Darwin Fondren, Robert Lucky, Jimmy Lavender, and Norman Gibbs. Mr. Bamberg was out of town.

GOSHEN

The Goshen FFA chapter is getting in the farming business, reports L. J. McGaughey, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Land for the project is 30 acres adjoining the present school ground that the Pike County Board of Education recently purchased as a site for a new school building. The vo-ag boys will put the area to use until the building program begins and afterwards use any not needed for the school.

Mr. McGaughey says that seven hogs owned by the chapter are already graz-

ing oats on the land. Other plans call for planting corn, cotton, and peanuts in the area if allotments can be obtained.

VINA

Vocational agriculture students at Vina are putting into practice classroom studies of landscaping by doing a complete landscape job on the vo-ag and home economics building, according to teacher J. O. Morrow.

The old shrubbery, some of which is 25 years old, is being dug up by the vo-ag students. New shrubbery, chosen from recommended lists, will be bought

by the FFA chapter with funds raised by selling candy and school supplies.

A concrete walk is needed and, after finishing the shrubbery, the vo-ag students will build the forms and pour it using ready-mix concrete.

Mr. Morrow says that in addition to planting shrubs and doing work around the ag building the students will fertilize and seed the grounds around the main school building after it is leveled by county road machinery. If money is available to buy the shrubbery, these buildings will receive a new landscaping, too.

One of the benefits of the landscaping projects, in addition to the beauty, is as a teaching resource for future classes. Mr. Morrow pointed out that students would only have to go outside the building to see an example of good landscaping and species of various plants when the job is finished.

MONTEVALLO

Building fire lanes and cruising timber are the first jobs studied and practiced by Montevallo vo-ag students in the FFA chapter's newly acquired 10-acre forestry plot.

Homer B. Starks, forester for Coosa River Newsprint Co., which presented the plot to the school, worked with the students at a field day recently. The students had an opportunity to construct fire lanes around the plot and began a cruise tabulation of the timber in the area.

The timber will be sold and the entire area reforested. One acre will be cleared and planted to loblolly pines this year and an additional acre planted each year until the entire plot is reforested. This system of management will give new students each year an opportunity to cruise timber and plant trees as part of their training under M. Thornton, Montevallo vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

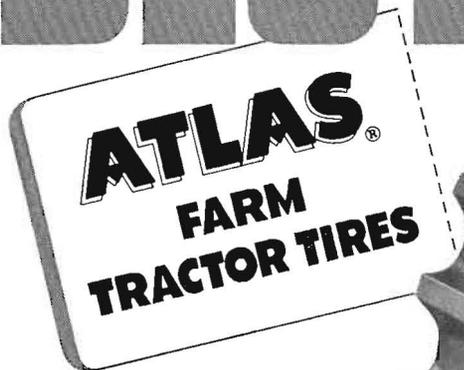
SPARKMAN

Vocational agriculture students at Sparkman High School have been busy painting farm tractors and trucks during recent weeks when cold weather curtailed outside activities, reports W. W. Dulaney, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Thirteen tractors, three pickups, and a car have been painted thus far and eight tractors are on the waiting list. Tractors are cleaned, dents repaired, and missing parts put on before painting. The paint is sprayed on using equipment owned by the department.

Mr. Dulaney says that the tractors belong to FFA members and their families as well as residents of the community. The project gives students mechani-

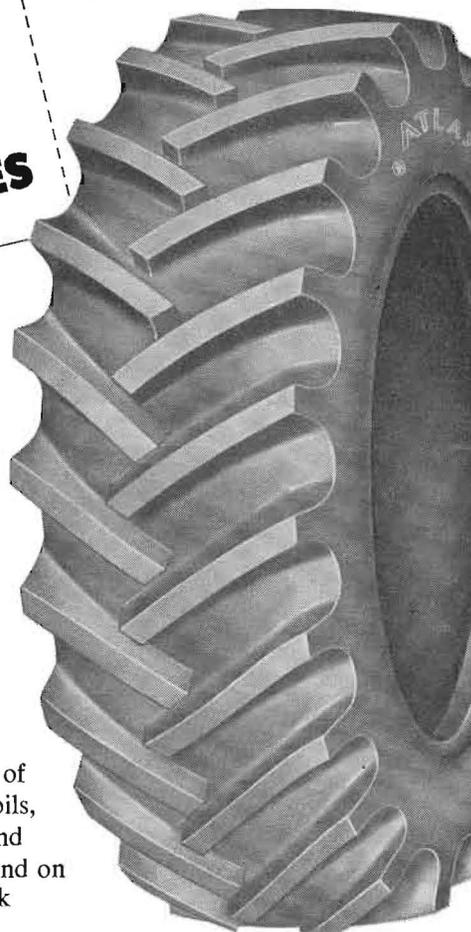
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cal experience and is a community service. Any profit goes into the FFA treasury to help finance activities of the chapter.

SPRING GARDEN

Travis Gay, a member of the Spring Garden FFA chapter, didn't take long to find a use for the training in welding that he received in vocational agriculture after accepting a part time job, reports H. E. Smith, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor at Spring Garden.

Travis was working on Saturdays helping haul manure for Fords Dairy at Hokes Bluff a few weeks ago when a metal part on the spreader broke. There was a welding machine on the farm but no one knew how to operate it and so the foreman started to go to Piedmont for a welder to repair the spreader.

The mechanical-minded youth asked permission to try his hand at repairing the machine and the foreman consented.

A few welding rods later the spreader was back in operation but Travis was no longer assigned to the detail. He had a new job, working in the farm shop. He has been busy doing repair work and building silage feed troughs by cutting oil drums open, cutting out the ends, and welding them end to end.

Travis, who is the chapter reporter and a junior, wants to go to college and major in agricultural education.

SILURIA

The Thompson High School vocational agriculture department recently held an adult class in welding and other forms of metal work. The class met in the vo-ag

shop for 14 nights and a total of 35 hours of instruction and practice.

Some 30 local farmers, mechanics, metal workers, and others interested in learning the skills involved in welding attended the class.

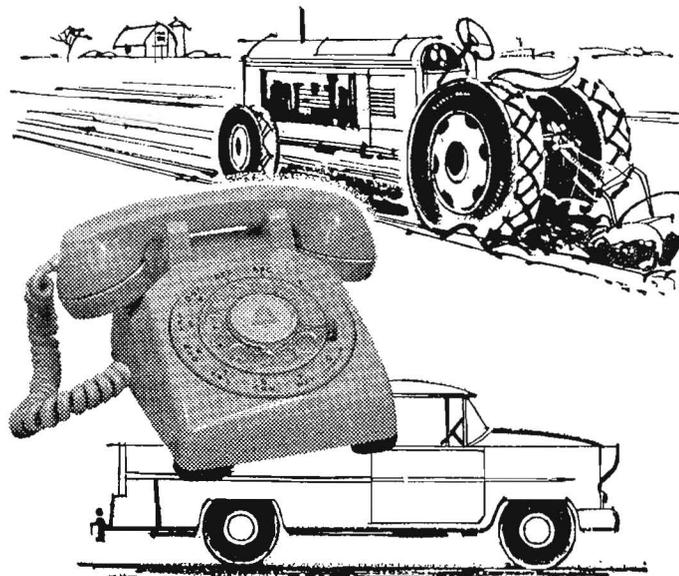
Mr. Gilbert Penne, district representative of the Forney Arc Welding Co.; Mr. W. G. Hood, a professional metal worker, and Charles Knowles, local vo-ag teacher, served as instructors in the course. Representatives of various welding supply companies also took part in the course. Several interesting demonstrations of new materials and their uses were presented.

Class members practiced the skills of

welding, and some members made repairs to equipment brought into the shop. Other individuals planned construction projects that could be constructed with welding equipment in their own shops. The value of welding in the maintenance of modern machinery was stressed.

This course, sponsored by the vocational agriculture division of the state department of education, was carried out as a part of the regular program of the Thompson High vo-ag department.

Mr. Knowles says that more courses of a similar nature in mechanical and agricultural fields are being planned.



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ASHFORD'S chapter sweetheart is Pat Henderson.



FFA

On The MARCH

BROOKWOOD—held FHA-FFA party with 112 attending; elected livestock and dairy judging teams to go to Phil Campbell; issued 8,000 pine seedlings; initiated 12 Chapter Farmers.

BUTLER—set out 13,000 pine seedlings; held 2 chapter meetings and one officer meeting; elected chapter sweetheart; set date for Green Hand initiation; making plans for the annual FFA-FHA barbecue in honor of parents of new members; preparing judging teams to enter district contests; celebrated National FFA Week.

CARROLLTON—member represented county in Birmingham; held 2 regular meetings; pruning fruit trees and shrubbery; ordered fruit trees; plan to enter district contests; won county public speaking contest; feeding show calves to be entered in county and Birmingham show.

CEDAR BLUFF—won county FFA basketball tournament; organized land judging, dairy and livestock judging teams; selected participants in tractor driving contest; planned 2 field trips; had 3 day demonstration on electricity.

CENTREVILLE "B"—quartet practicing; held 2 meetings; Mr. Delbert Binegar of Fomey Welders gave demonstration to all classes; erected FFA road signs; ordered materials for FFA Week; obtained and planted 85,000 pine seedlings; observed FFA Week; received Sears bull; built tables for Cub Scout troop; working on Farm Safety campaign; wrote 8 newspaper articles; working on FFA contests.

CITRONELLE—held regular meeting; making plans for FFA-FHA banquet; ordered sweetheart jacket; purchased 11 new filmstrips for ag department; received and distributed 40,000 pine seedlings; elected FFA sweetheart and presented her with a jacket; ordered and distributed posters, window stickers, pamphlets and other FFA Week materials; held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet with State FFA Reporter attending; increased membership; completing forestry plots; preparing for tractor driving contest; ordered

portable electric drill, sander, and grinder for shop.

CLEMENTS—participated in county public speaking and quartet contests; planning FFA-FHA banquet; began shopwork with all 3 classes of vo-ag; soil judging team practicing.

CLIO—chapter received charter 20 years ago; planning special section in Clayton record reviewing events connected with the 20-year club history; sponsored welding courses with 34 students and adults taking part; finished pouring a concrete floor in new section of ag building.

DATES FOR FFA CONVENTION

The dates for the FFA Convention have been set for June 8, 9, and 10. As usual, registration will be on the morning of the first day which is the 8th. Now is a good time to make plans for having a delegation attend the convention.

COLLINSVILLE—held annual FFA-FHA basket supper; built 2 wall cabinets and tool rack for blacksmith shop; entered Tri-State queen contest; bought portable paint sprayer.

COLUMBIANA—sold popcorn at basketball games; started shop projects; sold some pigs; held 3 regular meetings.

CULLMAN—dairy, poultry, livestock judging teams are practicing; have held 3 county meetings; had tractor parade, civic program and radio program during FFA Week.

CURRY—member represented Walker county at Birmingham; presented chapel program observing FFA Week; reworked school forestry plot; will participate in district contests; ordered two FFA jackets.

EAST LIMESTONE—testing soil; held tractor clinic; started Landrace pig chain; planning farming programs for the year; raised Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; organized judging teams.

ENTERPRISE—held 2 regular meetings; appointed banquet committees; elected 3 Honorary Farmers; went to one county meeting.

EUFAULA—held chapter meeting; received a Sears bull; celebrated FFA Week; operated concession stand in cooperation with DO; received 20,000 pine seedlings; ordered 4 FFA jackets.

FALKVILLE—participating in land judging, tractor driving and livestock judging contests; have 5 applicants for State Farmer and one applicant for American Farmer.

FLORALA—held 2 chapter meetings; sponsored a semi-formal ball with FHA; had "Hobo Days" during National FFA Week and made \$135 to finance parent-son banquet.

GENEVA—published yearly FFA section of Geneva County Reaper, members sold ads, wrote the articles, and folded the papers by hand; did repair work on ag building; tractor demonstration put on by R. E. Cantrell, representative of Standard Oil Company; members installed convenience outlets in FFA and FHA departments; presented 2 radio programs; planned TV program; prepared bulletin board in high school; held 2 regular meetings.

GROVE HILL—held 2 officers training periods and 2 chapter meetings; made plans for Father-Son banquet; put out 8 national FFA posters; put on radio program during National FFA Week.

GURLEY—held Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; participated in county public speaking and quartet contests; elected 4 honorary chapter farmers and FFA queen; put up venetian blinds in vo-ag building; held 2 FFA meetings.

HARTFORD—voted to contribute \$5 to Agricultural Hall of Fame; participated in State Duroc sale; meat certified third litter of pigs; held chapter tractor driving contest; training livestock, poultry, and land judging teams.

HATTON—elected chapter FFA sweetheart; landscaped 3 homes and one church; participated in county driving contest; organized and elected officers for Ag 1 FFA; advanced Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; planning barbecue supper for all Chapter Farmers; held 2 regular chapter meetings; raised Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; presented assembly program on National FFA Week, entered county land judging contest; making preparations for district contests.

IDER—elected FFA sweetheart; painted FFA tractor; purebred sows farrowed; testing soil.

ISABELLA—installed new gas heater in classroom; put up basketball goals for school; completed public speaking contest; sold drinks at basketball games; put new symbols at officer stations; held regular meeting; put on chapel program during FFA Week.

JACKSON—planted 11,000 pine seedlings; held joint meeting with FHA; presented special FFA chapel program; had State reporter as guest.

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KINSTON—received 8,000 pine seedlings and set them out; held tractor clinic; won county speaking contest; held county FFA meeting.

LaFAYETTE—held area public speaking and quartet contests; gave radio program for FFA Week; set out 20,000 pine trees and 400 fruit trees; observed National FFA Week.

LEROY—president represented county at Birmingham; ordered fruit trees; held district speaking and quartet contests; sent 3 news articles to local papers; cleared over \$200 cutting logs and pulpwood; had regular FFA meeting and one executive meeting.

LINEVILLE—bought carbon arc torch for welder; built new doors in rear of shop; held joint social with FHA; every member having soil tested; built book case and notebook rack for classroom.

McKENZIE—had posters on 3 bulletin boards during FFA Week; had joint party with FHA; planning for livestock and land judging contests.

MELLOW VALLEY—exchanged classes with FHA; made 28 mailbox posts; had joint FFA-FHA meeting; ordered FFA jackets; had county meeting; made trailer and other shop jobs; studied orchards and pruned trees.

MILLRY—held county FFA-FHA Fun Night; planning county FFA field day; held county meeting and elected officers; entering 3 students for State Farmer Degree; planted pine seedlings; placed one gilt in pig chain; held regular and officer meetings.

MONTEVALLO—landscaped one home; visited ornamental iron plant to observe welding; planning for 2 judging teams; Ag I boys planned trip to farmers market in Birmingham; 15 members meet with adult group; cruising timber stand on forestry area; planted 25,000 pine seedlings; held 2 special meetings; made \$100 on calendar project; planning annual chicken fry; applying for 2 State Farmer Degrees; officers to be elected; plans made to attend State Convention; 2 Honorary members elected this year.

MOORE ACADEMY—set out 22,000 pine seedlings, built a speaker's platform; Ag II class tore down a tractor motor to learn parts; built a concrete area and electrical area; made plans to have Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; Ag I has planted hotbed in school lab; Ag III boys took several soil samples for adults in area; plan to enter livestock, soil judging, and tractor driving contests; FFA-FHA had a dance recently.

MOULTON—placed 2 gilts in pig chain; held one meeting; pruned several orchards; ordered fruit trees for members; Ag II boys making funnels in shop.

NEW SITE—received some very valuable plumbing experience by installing a lavatory and drinking fountain in each of the elementary rooms; several boys are entering state sponsored contests.

ODENVILLE—presented assembly program and a radio program during FFA Week; planning parents night; land judging team practicing; chapter officers and officers from Southside enjoyed a week of fun and frolic at cabin.

PELL CITY—first and second year boys busy in shop building mailbox posts, calf and hog feeders, painting tractor, and repairing door knobs; ordered T-shirts; participating in soil testing contest.

PLANTERSVILLE—held regular meeting; committees set up for field day, annual FFA-FHA banquet, and May Day festival; sold fruit trees as a money raising activity; set out 6,000 pine seedlings; purchased hand tools and new table sander for shop; built lumber rack in woodworking shop; each class in vo-ag preparing for judging contests.

REELTOWN—elected valentine sweetheart and dreamboy; held valentine banquet; pruned shrubs; set out shrubs around football field; held PTA program and chapel program in observance of National FFA Week; put up displays; began study on board measuring in shop.

ROANOKE—initiated 23 Green Hands; held regular meetings; participated in public speaking contest.

ROCKFORD—held banquet and county FFA talent show; planning for annual fishing trip; quartet won county contest.

SILAS—all ag boys taking soil samples along with adult farmers; pruning shrubbery on campus; building shelves in library and cabinets in Home Economics Building; Ag III boys are welding; Ag II boys studying judging and working in shop.

STEVENSON—held regular chapter meeting; started mailbox program; placed 2 bulls with farmers; won area public speaking contest; added new brood sow to chapter chain; entered Tri-State FFA Queen contest; cleaned and painted 2 tractors in farm shop; painted classroom tables and chairs.

SULLIGENT—held county officer banquet for FFA-FHA-DO with 80 present; 25 members raised to Chapter Farmer Degree and presented buttons; received and set 41,000 pine seedlings; ordered bulletins and placed 10 new books in library; completed sale of fruit trees and shrubs in community; observed FFA Week; held 3 chapter meetings; published 14 news articles, 2 pictures and 2 cartoons in local paper; ordered and received one new official jacket, 24 T-shirts and other supplies.

SYLVANIA—held 2 regular meetings; held officer training school; awarded pins to Green Hand and Chapter Farmers; initiated 33 Green Hands; subscribed to county newspapers; raised \$100 from calendar program; elected FFA queen; 8 jackets ordered; placed FFA mailbox in front of school; operating coke and cookie machines to help finance chapter.

THOMASTON—held regular meeting; special program during FFA Week; chapter president attended Birmingham meeting; initiated one Green Hand.

THOMASVILLE—gave chapel program on FFA; constructed new cutting beds; landscaped 3 homes; held farm equipment clinic at the Ford Tractor Company.

TUSKEGEE—held one regular and one officer meeting; presented radio program, dressed up a window down town and prepared public bulletin board during National FFA Week; organizing and practicing for district team contests; constructed 10 concrete mailbox posts.

VERBENA—held regular meeting; decided to sell chapter hog and put money in treasury for purpose of buying shop equipment; voted to

change pig chain from Landrace to Duroc Jersey hogs.

VERNON—weekly news article in local paper; presented program for high school during FFA Week; ordered fruit trees and shrubs for members and adult farmers; pruned shrubs for class demonstration; bought 2 new power tools for shop.

WALNUT GROVE—first place in area quartet contest; making plans for sweetheart banquet; held regular meetings.

WINTERBORO—put on assembly program; held annual parents night; purchased page in school annual for chapter pictures.

WOODVILLE—held regular FFA meetings; had short course in soil judging; held tractor driving eliminations; selling chances on cedar chests for ag department; plan to purchase acetylene welding machine; built dibble for ag department.

YORK—participated in public speaking contest; participated in FFA Week by placing window stickers in local stores; secretary and advisor met with Lions Club; gave assembly program to teachers and students; pruned 2 peach orchards; landscaped one home.



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When they don't care about us."
"But oh, they make a lot of difference,
They raise the food for all of us."*

*Every time you sit to eat,
Whether its soup, or salad, or biscuits warm,
Whether its meat, potatoes, eggs or milk,
Remember! It came from off the farm.*

*Let us not look askance upon the farmer.
The farmer, his tractor, and his plot.
He's not ignorant, dumb, and dirty.
He's the "Cream of the Crop", "The top of the pot."*

*"But what about the Future Farmers?
Who are they and what do they do?"
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We look to you, we trust in you,
Yes indeed, the F.F.A.!*

— Ralph E. Beasley