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Two Staff Changes Made January 1

H. W. Green, district supervisor of the Southwest district for the past 12 years, became Subject Matter Specialist filling a vacancy.

J. A. White succeeds him as district supervisor. Mr. White taught at Beauregard High in Lee County for 9½ years.

As subject matter specialist, Green will prepare teaching materials from latest agricultural research to help teachers keep their instruction program up to date. He taught at Auburn, Millport, and Reeltown High Schools before becoming district supervisor.

White's main function will be to work with teachers in improving instruction in all day, young farmer, and adult classes in the Southwest district. He taught at Brookwood High before moving to Beauregard.

Columbiana School Farm Gives Learning Chance

An opportunity for vocational agriculture students at Columbiana to use classroom learning about livestock, feeding, grazing, and timber is available within sight of the Shelby County School.

The Columbiana school farm, consisting of seven acres located at the end of the football field, furnishes a resource for teaching as well as earning profits for the FFA Chapter. Four acres are planted in a coastal Bermuda-Crimson Clover combination and the remainder in pines.

There are 4 head of beef cattle and 24 hogs on the area at the present time including the chapter's Sears bull which soon will be placed in service in the community.

A FUND RAISING PROJECT used by FFA chapters throughout the state is collecting pine cones for paper companies. Receiving a check from International Paper Company for cones is Harry Sawyer, (right foreground) president of the Excel chapter. Johnny Crocker, unit forester, is presenting the check. Members of the chapter who collected cones and James Tucker (right), Excel vo-ag teacher, are shown also.

The other cattle were obtained under a unique agreement with a former FFA member, Skippy Turner. The chapter is raising calves for him on halves with the chapter half going to pay for brood cows. After a few years the organization will own some cattle without buying them outright.

"We are well pleased with the arrangement," Teacher B. C. Hughes said, "and I believe both parties will profit from it."

The hogs provide foundation stock for boys and others in the community who want top quality hogs. Mr. Hughes estimates that nearly 50 head, both gilts and boars, have been placed in the school area since the project has been in operation. In addition, a large number have been topped out or sold as feeder pigs.

Nearly all the feed for the cattle is furnished by the four acres of grazing and $190 worth of coastal Bermuda stolons were sold last spring. Only one cutting of hay was made this year due to unfavorable weather but 186 bales of hay from it are stored away for winter feeding.

LIVESTOCK Within Sight of School—The Columbiana vocational agriculture department is carrying on a livestock program on land owned by the school at the end of the football field. Looking over the cattle and Coastal Bermuda are Joe Robinson, at left, a member of the Ag. II class, and R. C. Hughes, Columbiana vocational agriculture teacher and FFA chapter advisor.

Feed for the hogs is furnished by 20 acres of corn that the FFA'ers grow on rented land. The corn is mixed with a protein supplement to form a balanced ration. The tractor and equipment used in the operation is furnished by Brack-Mooney Tractor Company in Wilsonville.

The pines provide a shelter area for the livestock. Now 15-years-old, they will soon be large enough for thinning.
The Purpose of National FFA Week

Again we come to that time of the year when Future Farmers of America members throughout the nation are scheduling special activities to celebrate and focus public attention to the work of their organization. The time of which I speak is National FFA Week, February 20-27.

During this particular week you will see and hear many things which seek to accurately tell the story of the Future Farmers of America. Some chapters will observe this week by using window displays to tell their story. Others will use such methods as radio programs, TV programs, parent-son banquets, and various other activities. These are activities which not only are designed to publicize FFA work, but serve as a device to teach many things which a person should learn in life. Then, an FFA member will automatically become more enthusiastic about his organization if he attempts to tell its story to others. With this enthusiasm will come a much better organization. So, you see, the FFA and its members will reap rich benefits from having a well planned and executed week of activities.

But, before we start to tell this story, let's refresh our memories and make sure we know all of the important facts about this organization to which you belong. Of course, you already know that membership in the FFA is made up of farm boys who are students in Vocational Agriculture. You know that FFA activities are designed primarily to help develop rural leadership and good citizenship, and to stimulate you to better achievement in study and work. You know that February 20-27 is National FFA Week and that this is the week of George Washington's birthday. But, did you know that the week of George Washington's birthday was chosen for a purpose? Well, it was.

This particular week was chosen because, in the eyes of Future Farmers, George Washington was the first scientific farmer in America. He was also a great citizen, concerned with the affairs of his nation. He exerted all of his efforts toward making the world a better place in which to live. To the members of the Future Farmers of America, George Washington was an ideal farmer and citizen. Therefore, it is both fitting and proper that we Future Farmers set aside the week of George Washington's birthday to celebrate the achievements of an organization of which he would have been so proud.

Today, we in America are still following the pattern set by this great citizen. In fact, his methods were so new and uncommon that it was more than a century after his death before general use was made of them. Common recommendations from agricultural leaders today are that crops be planted on the contour, rotated, fertilized heavily and that the soil be conserved. These were the methods practiced by George Washington.

And so Future Farmers, as you tell your story, let the public know that you are still, as was George Washington, concerned about agriculture and its development. Let the public know that you know and are concerned about the situation in the world today.

Tell them this: The population of America and the world is undergoing tremendous growth. Despite the great abundance of agricultural products today, it is vital to our future happiness and security that we maintain a good supply of skilled farmers and agricultural workers. Future Farmers of America are training for this important work.

As America's Future Farmers, you young men hold in your minds and hands the progress that this nation may make in the years ahead. We know that a prosperous and productive agriculture is the very foundation of our American standard of living. We will need good farmers in the future. — Byron F. Rawls

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Baldwin Youth Selected For Turner E. Smith Award

Alabama’s Future Farmer of the Year for 1960 is Edward Bornholt of Foley.

A farming program that turned a low producing Baldwin County farm into a profitable enterprise, a record of winning FFA contests all the way to national levels, and leadership of the Foley chapter to first place in the State Chapter Contest have earned for the 19-year-old youth the honor of being called the “best” of Alabama’s nearly 15,000 FFA’ers.

Edward will receive a $300 award from the Turner E. Smith Company and a loving cup from Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, co-sponsors of the contest in cooperation with the Alabama FFA Association. The awards will be made at the State FFA Convention at Auburn in June.

Diversified is perhaps the word that best describes the farming program that has enabled Edward to compile such a large number of FFA honors. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bornholt of Elberta, Rt. 1.

His farming operation earned him the title of “State Star Farmer” last year which carried the award of a new Ford tractor with it. His electrical work brought him first place in the National FFA Farm Electrification contest in 1958. Remodeling his family’s farm home won him first place in the Alabama FFA Home Improvement contest in 1959 and his work in farm mechanics earned a second place finish for him in that contest the same year.

As president of the Foley chapter during last school year, he led the largest chapter in Alabama (156 members) to first place in the State Chapter contest and as a result Foley was one of four chapters from Alabama honored nationally. His interest in FFA has not faded since he finished high school. This year he is a member of the chapter executive committee and the Foley Young Farmer Club. Edward decided soon after enrolling in vocational agriculture at Foley in 1956 under teachers, B. C. Nix and C. P. Baggett (now at Fairhope), that he wanted to be a farmer. Today he has reached that goal.

His farming program during his first year of enrollment consisted of 23 market hogs that resulted from a pig chain gilt and 5 acres each of corn, soybeans...
EDWARD won the national FFA Farm Electrification contest in 1958.

and wheat which his father let him have for projects in return for his work on the remainder of the 160 acre farm.

With his hog program, the profits from his first years of farming, and a willingness to work, Edward started up the ladder to success in farming. He saw an opportunity also to use his mechanical skills in improving farm living and efficiency and to win FFA contests.

The Bornholt's farming program now includes 65 acres of soybeans, 30 acres of oats, 120 market hogs, 20 acres of corn, 40 head of beef cattle, and 5 acres of wheat.

Edward purchased an additional 40 acres of land during 1959, part of which is now in winter crops. The remainder is being cleared and drained with the use of a power chain saw that he bought a few weeks ago.

Other improvements in the program last year, in addition to the tractor Edward won, included erection of four metal grain storage bins, one of which has a dryer. Last year's soybean crop was stored at harvest to take advantage of a rise in price.

In winning the national farm electrification contest, Edward did everything expected of an expert electrician. His family home was completely rewired using 240-volt service from a centrally located meter pole. A 100-amp switch box containing 16 circuits was installed. Construction of an air compressor and an egg candler from salvaged parts was among his accomplishments.

To win the home improvement contest, he put a new roof on the house, put on new siding, built a bathroom and installed plumbing in it, constructed new steps, and did much painting and minor repairs.

Most of the machinery maintenance and repair work on the farm is done by Edward. He has established and equipped a farm shop with power and hand tools for mechanical and wood work. His work in this area won him second place in the FFA Farm Mechanics contest last year.

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Chapters receiving the bulls which will be used to upgrade beef cattle in the school community are Inverness, Goshen, Troy, Munford and Dozier. Feed for the animals will be purchased with $200 furnished by the Sears Roe buck Foundation through the Alabama FFA Association.

After being grown out for a year, the animals will be shown next fall in the Sears FFA Bull Show which is held during the South Alabama Fair at Montgomery. They will then be placed in service in the communities where they must remain for at least three years.

The program at Briarhill preceding selection of the bulls was attended by a number of state, agricultural, and education officials along with teachers and FFA members from chapters receiving bulls.

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Jimmy: "Won't you give me your telephone number?"

Mable: "It's in the book."

Jimmy: "Good—What's your name?"

Mable: "That's in the book too."

-----FFA-----

"My father always proposed a toast before disciplining me."

"That's funny. What was it?"

"Bottoms up."

-----FFA-----

"The face that over cocktails seems so sweet; may be less alluring over shredded wheat."

CAMDEN'S EXHIBIT showing advances made in Forestry in recent years was the winning FFA exhibit at the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery.

THE BORNHOLT home after being remodeled.

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FFA Mailbox Posts Attract Attention
To Thriving New Site Community

TWO OF THE 186 MAILBOX POSTS that the New Site vocational department have built are being examined by Teacher W. D. Key and part of the Ag. I class which will build two posts each in March. Members of the class are Larry Jones, Willard Moncnef, Charles Newman, Lowell Brown, and Allen Smith.

“Oh yes, that’s the community where I see so many FFA mailbox posts along the highways.”

This is the identification an Atlanta traveling salesman used in referring to the New Site community in Tallapoosa County. A ride through the neat, thriving community furnishes proof of the accuracy of the statement.

During the last three years, the vocational agriculture department, under the guidance of Teacher W. D. Key, has constructed and placed 186 of the portable concrete stands within a 12-mile radius of the school. Although no contest among chapters has been declared Mr. Key believes that this number, for the size of the chapter, is among the largest in the state.

A unique system is used for placing the stands in the community. Each year the members of the Ag. I class build two posts each, one is sold to pay for the other which the boy keeps. Already on hand are requests for 17 of the 20 that will be for sale when posts are constructed in March.

Mr. Key credits the success of the mailbox program to the fact that the posts met a need of the community. Before he started building posts, many mailboxes were proped up with limbs and rural mail carriers were complaining about mailboxes being of the wrong height and often lying on the ground.

Construction of the posts gives vo-ag students experience in concrete work, painting and carpentry. In addition to work experience and meeting the needs of the community they are valuable as a medium of public relations for the Future Farmers of America.

15,000 IN FFA IN '60

GROVE HILL chose Margaret Duke Chapter Sweetheart.

Want To Go To College?

Advisers to high school seniors may encourage capable, needy students to go to college by applying for a federal loan through the college of their choice.

Students in good academic standing may borrow up to $1,000 a year over a five-year period.

Repayment begins one year after the student completes his full-time college study; it continues over a 10-year period at an interest rate of three percent.

Students who become full-time teachers in public schools are “forgiven” 10 percent of the loan for each academic year of service, up to 50 percent of the loan. Thus a student who borrows the maximum of $5,000 and teaches for five years needs to repay only $2,500.

Students interested may write to Mr. P. M. Norton, Samford Hall, Auburn, Alabama.

A man is just as big as the thing that makes him angry.

Kenneth: Why are the blinds down, doctor?

Doctor: Well, there's a fire across the street and I didn't want you to come out of the anesthetic and think the operation was a failure.

NOTICE TO CLOCK WATCHERS
IN CLASS: Time will pass. Will you?
FFA Membership Short Of Goal By 449
(Figure in parenthesis number vo-ag students—last figure is FFA membership)

Abbeville (49) 39
Addison (18) 16
Ala. Inst. D&B (8) 4
Alexandria (59) 50
Alexandria City (20) 19
Alex Midway (52) 50
Aline (49) 44
Aline (43) 42
Arlington (32) 37
Arlet (76) 74
Ashford (127) 116
Ashland (38) 35
Asbury (49) 41
Athens (167) 159
Athens County (23) 23
Atoka (38) 36
Austin (17) 15
Batesville (22) 21
Bay Minette (114) 101
Beaver Creek (48) 44
Belgium (3) 2
Belzoni (28) 28
Billingsley (41) 39
Blinn (27) 26
Blountsville (70) 69
Blue Springs (17) 16
Boaz (48) 47
Brent (60) 72
Bridgeport (49) 49
Brickyard (108) 104
Buckhorn (60) 59
Butler (74) 74
Calera (43) 43
Camp Hill (26) 25
Cantonment (71) 70
Carrollton (22) 21
Carrollton (28) 28
Castlerock (59) 59
Centreville A (53) 53
Centreville B (53) 53
Cedar Bluff (32) 30
Central (37) 37
Centre (66) 65
Chattanooga (62) 62
Chavola (43) 43
Clanton (102) 102
Citronelle (85) 83
Clifford (94) 92
Clayton (29) 29
Clements (40) 40
Clifford (86) 84
Clio (26) 26
Clover Springs (60) 60
Coffeeville (34) 34
Cohutta (44) 44
Collinsville (49) 47
Cullman (64) 64
Columbia (62) 62
Corner (48) 48
Coro (46) 46
Crawford (96) 94
Crossville (17) 17
Cullom (58) 57
Cutler (54) 54
Dadeville (62) 62
Daisy (88) 88
Daphne (56) 56
Daphne (91) 91
Dayton (37) 36
Deerwood (106) 106
Dexter (62) 62
Dothan (46) 46
Elsberry (42) 42
Elkton (65) 63
Enterprise (47) 47
Eufaula (46) 46
Fultondale (34) 34
Foley (46) 46
Ft. Payne (63) 63
Ft. Payne (96) 96
Ft. Payne (32) 32
Frisco City (51) 50
Fryette (152) 152
Gaffney (39) 39
Gadsden (60) 60
Genoa (86) 84
Glena (67) 65
Glencoe (31) 30
Guntersville (33) 33
Gordo (54) 53
Graham (43) 43
Grand Bay (44) 44
Groves (43) 43

Scottsboro (74) 74
Selma (59) 59
Semmes (48) 48
Sidney Lanier (67) 67
Siloam (91) 92
Slocomb (48) 48
Smith's Station (65) 65
Southside (24) 24
Springfield (5) 5
Spartanburg (63) 62
Speake (58) 58
Spring Grove (42) 42
Stevenson (59) 59
Stroud (5) 5
Stroudsburg (5) 5
Sugar (30) 30
Sutherland (28) 28
Swiftwater (30) 30
Symmes (56) 56
Tanner (38) 38
Theodore (118) 118
Tomah (56) 56
Thomasville (50) 50
Thompson (62) 64
Town Creek (77) 76

Total Vo-Ag Students ___________________________ 13,702
Total Membership ______________________________ 14,551

FFA

Needed: Ag Leadership
By DELMAR WIGGINS
State President

Fellow Future Farmers since I was elected your president, I have begun to realize the actual importance of the FFA. I am realizing the need for agricultural leadership. In this article, I would like to impress this fact upon you.

In America today, her position of leadership is being challenged. Each day we read in the papers of some statement from scientists that Russia is leading us in this or that. Our scientists are emphasizing leadership in the scientific field and at the same time, we should stress leadership among farmers, the backbone of America.

If America is going to remain in her position of a world power, the farmers must master the art of leadership.

What is leadership?
To me, leadership is that combination of qualities in an individual which inspires confidence, draws others toward him, and arouses them to cooperatively follow his suggestions. Someone has said that "leaders are those who can accomplish that which others have not the heart to attempt."

Farm leadership develops most effectively from the ranks of the farmers themselves. Their roots are deep within the soil upon which their rewards depend.

We have a positive program of leadership in the FFA. It prepares us to take such a position in our community. If we will follow the suggestions of our motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve, we will reflect this program upon our community.

Here is a poem by Edgar A. Guest which should be a challenge to all of us to accept the role of farm leadership in our community:

Whether you'll lead or linger behind
Whether you'll try for a goal that is far
Or be contented to stay where you are
Take it or leave it
Here's something to do
Just think it over
It's up to you.

MARGIE STEARNS is the Eclectic Chapter's Sweetheart.

Coming Events Planned By Executive Committee During Auburn Meeting

The Executive Committee of the State FFA Association met at Auburn in late January for the second meeting of the school year.

Topics discussed during the three day meeting were the county presidents visit to Birmingham, observance of National FFA Week in Alabama, and the district eliminations that will be held in the spring.

Meeting with the group for one day was the FFA Advisory Council composed of teachers, H. A. Taylor, Camden; C. S. Bazemore, Wetumpa; W. S. White, Marion; N. G. Spillers, Central High of Lauderdale County and J. D. Harden ne, Cullman.

The executive committee is made up of the state officers, the state advisor and the executive secretary.

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No powder was ever invented that could make as loud an explosion as that found on a man's coat lapel.

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Odenville Builds Cabin
For Recreation Facility

A valuable recreational facility will soon be available for use by the Odenville FFA Chapter and other organizations as construction of the chapter’s lakeside cabin nears completion.

The cabin, located beside the Springville Sportsman Club Lake on a site provided by the Club, is being constructed by the FFA’ers with lumber from an abandoned school building that county board of education gave the chapter.

“We have already used the cabin some,” said D. J. Bartlett, Odenville Vo-Ag teacher and FFA advisor. “When it is finished we will make it available to all school and scouting organizations for fish frys, swimming parties, camping trips, etc.”

Funds for buying nails, roofing, siding and other supplies are being raised by the chapter from the sale of drinks and school supplies. A rock chimney at one end of the cabin was built with money from the sale of tin on the school building. Much of the equipment in the cabin including stoves, cots, and heaters came from army surplus.

A well was already on the site, located three miles North of Odenville, that was selected for the cabin. Mrs. B. Hulsey has contributed a deep well pump to provide running water.

After the boys finish the carpentry work, the Odenville FHA girls, under the leadership of Mrs. John Yarbrough, chapter advisor, will do the interior decorating and help plan the layout of the kitchen.

Plans are to finish the cabin with pine-paneled walls, celotex overhead, and hardwood floors. Eight inch weather boarding will be used outside.

“Lots of hard work has gone into the cabin,” Mr. Bartlett said, “and there is still more to do but when it is finished the chapter will have something to be proud of that will last for many years.”

FAA

Having fun is like having insurance - the older you get, the more it costs you.

Texan: Oklahoma is an outlying province of Texas.

Oklahoman: That isn’t so. No state can outlie Texas.

Mrs.: “Boo-hoo, the dog ate up all the nice cookies I baked for you.”

Mr.: “Don’t cry, honey, we’ll get another dog.”
Farm Mechanics Winner Uses Contest To Improve Efficiency, Develop Skill

A farm mechanics program that has made a more efficient farm and developed his mechanical skills won first place for Billy Thompson, a member of the Ider FFA Chapter, in the 1959 Alabama FFA Farm Mechanics Contest.

Winning the contest seems to run in the mechanical minded family, the 1957 winner was Jimmy, Billy's older brother. Billy took third place in 1958. Completely mechanized farm and so with the help of Mr. Harrison and with the permission from his father, H. W. Thompson, Billy used his Vo-Ag training to overhaul a tractor engine completely putting in new rings, sleeves, pistons, valves, inserts, and gaskets. A drag type disk harrow was adapted to use with a tractor power lift and a cultivator frame rebuilt.

With Mr. Harrison's help in designing, Billy used salvaged metal and parts to construct several pieces of useful farm equipment.

A post hole digger that operates from the power take-off of a tractor was constructed from scrap metal and the back end of an old car. The brakes that were on the car act as a clutch between the tractor and drill when the brakes are engaged the drill turns, and they also serve as a safety factor. The rig can be transferred with the power lift.

Billy is especially proud of a corn elevator built from scrap sheet metal and new pulleys, chains, and bearings. It also works from the tractor power take-off by using an extension. Adapted for use with the elevator is a dump trailer which is pulled behind a corn picker until filled. The bed is balanced on a pivot and, after releasing the latch, one man can easily unload a load of corn. Billy has played a major role in construction of a cotton and a boat trailer. He is working on a "low-boy" trailer for hauling tractors.

Billy and Jimmy are getting into the farming business on their own in addition to helping their father on a partnership basis. They have purchased 50 acres of land, 15 of which are sowed in winter crops. The remainder will be planted in cotton and corn. The boys own five hogs and three cows in addition to being partners with their father in the 50-head beef cattle herd.
Elects Officers, Prepares For 1959-60 School Year

The Wilcox County FFA Association elected Don Twilly of Pine Hill president during the organizational meeting of the association at the Camden vocational agriculture building.

Other officers for 1959-60 school year are Greg Oakley, Pine Apple, vice-president; L. C. Murphy, Camden, secretary; Sam Woodson, Pine Apple, treasurer; Bob Vick, Camden, reporter, and Frazier Parker, Pine Hill, sentinel.

L. T. Rolison, Pine Apple vocational agriculture teacher, will be the advisor.

The county association is organized to develop understanding between the chapters in the county, to plan contests for FFA’ers, and to provide a means for youths to participate in county-wide meetings.

Four meetings will be held during the year rotating between the three chapters which are Camden, Pine Hill, and Moore Academy at Pine Apple. The teacher at Camden is H. A. Taylor and at Moore Academy is J. C. Horton.

The hillbilly spotted a motorcycle, the first he had ever seen, coming up the mountain road. He raised his rifle and fired at it.

"Did you get the varmint," his wife inquired.

"Hit didn’t kill it," he replied. "I can still hear it growlin’ — but I shore made it turn that pore man loose!"

There’s no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn’t care who gets the credit.

For 1959-60 School Year

THIS EXHIBIT by the Clements Chapter that depicts space age farming was judged the winner in FFA exhibit competition at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham.
CROSSVILLE

Jerry Davis, a member of the Crossville FFA chapter, believes that pimento pepper can be a profitable cash crop on many Alabama farms if grown under certain conditions.

Backing up Jerry's belief is his success last year with six acres of the pepper that he grew as one of his major projects in vocational agriculture. His total yield was over 15 tons which he sold under contract to the Pomona Products Company of Griffin, Ga., for $90 a ton.

The young farmer followed the latest scientific practices all the way through his project according to J. E. Thorpe, Crossville vocational agriculture teacher. A ton of lime an acre was applied to the land last February. Before setting the plants on May 1, each acre received 600 pounds of 4-12-12 fertilizer and was side-dressed with 100 pounds of nitrogen in July. Cultivation of the crop is similar to other row crops.

Jerry, 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Davis. He is an outstanding member of the FFA chapter in addition to his farming program and is manager of both the baseball and football teams. He is looking forward to another pimento pepper crop next year.

SUTTLE

A welding course for adults in the Suttle community of Perry County has been completed by 11 farmers, E. L. Dyess, Suttle vocational agriculture teacher, announced.

A chicken supper marked the completion of the course which was taught by Mr. Dyess in the vocational agriculture shop in cooperation with the Marquette Welding Company, furnisher of an additional welder, and the Leets Auto Parts Company. K. M. Chance assisted in the course.

The purpose of the eight-week course was to teach the farmers welding so that they will be able to do their own machinery repair work. During the course, the group made flat, horizontal and vertical welds. Types of rods and their use on the various kinds of metal was also included.

OHATCHEE

Construction of a clubhouse on the bank of the Coosa River is the main goal of the Ohatchee FFA chapter for this school year, H. B. McClendon, Ohatchee vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, announced.

Land for the building which will serve as a recreational outlet for the chapter and other organizations in the community is being donated by R. E. Nance, a school trustee and farmer.

The FFAs are off to a good start raising money for the project. One of the most profitable fund raising activities is gathering pine cones to be sold to the Coosa River Newsprint Company. Thus far, $206.50 have been realized from this source.

A purebred Hampshire gilt was donated to the chapter by Buck Haynes to be used for fund raising. Several citizens of Ohatchee have promised to donate trees and other material for the clubhouse. Work on the building will be done by FFAs which will give them a chance to use their vocational agriculture farm mechanics training and while at the same time doing something that will benefit future Ohatchee FFA members.

PINE APPLE

A Young Farmer Association has been organized here for young men interested in agriculture, J. C. Horton, Pine Apple vocational agriculture teacher, said.

During the organizational meeting, in the Pine Apple vocational building, Mr. Horton explained the purposes of the organization which are to bridge the gap between membership in FFA and adult farmers and to encourage young men to enter the field of agriculture.

Officers were elected and a number of activities were planned by the group.

The president will be Sam Woodson, Greg Oakley was elected secretary, and David Fuller, reporter.

One of the projects the group decided to undertake was improvement of game and wildlife feed in the Pine Apple vicinity through the planting of bi-color lespedeza. Other activities planned are a trip to the Horse Show in Montgomery, a visit to Bates Poultry Farm at Ft. Deposit and a tour of agricultural experiment station at Camden.

Mr. Horton states that this is the first organization of its kind in Wilcox County.

CLANTON

Finding the name and control for that "little black bug" is an easy matter for the students in the Clanton Vocational Agriculture department.

A "bug board" made of plywood with about 100 three-eighths inch wooden blocks pasted on it hangs in the classroom. Each block has a hole in it containing a mounted insect sealed in clear plastic. A label on the block gives the name of it and the most common host. In the center of the board is a list of insects and recommended controls.

To use the board, a student brings in an insect or either remembers the characteristics of one he saw and compares it to those in the blocks until he finds one of the same species. It is then a simple matter to get the name of it from the label and look on the list of controls to see what insecticide is recommended.

Clanton vo-ag teacher J. R. Thompson said that the board is an outgrowth of his courses in entomology at AU where students collect and mount insects.

He pointed out that boys spend lots of time studying the bugs and he believes that the board is doing much to train the vo-ag students to readily identify common insects.

Two members of his class, Kenneth Easterling and Richard Headley, collected insects and constructed a similar board last year for exhibit in a science fair.

WINNER OF THE FAYETTE DAIRY SHOW—This cow, exhibited by Bobby Hollis (above), a Winfield FFA'er, took first place honors in the Fayette Dairy Show.
BRANTLEY

The crops are all in at the Brantley vocational agriculture demonstration farm, according to Teacher M. L. Carroll.

This was the “worst year” the student-farmers have had with corn. The average yield this year was 65 bushels an acre which reduced the average for the six years of operating the farm to 71 bushels an acre. Mr. Carroll attributes the low yield to late planting caused by having to plant a second time and adverse weather conditions.

Cotton was a different story. This was the best year of cotton production with a yield of 705 pounds of lint cotton on the 1.9 acre plot. A strict poisoning schedule during the fruiting stage of the cotton kept boll weevil damage to a minimum.

The vo-ag students are already making plans to operate the farm next year. A new Ford diesel tractor has been delivered to the department by the Luverne Implement Company. It will be used for teaching purposes and in the farming program next spring.

Profits from the farming operation will be used to buy equipment and supplies for the vo-ag department and to finance the FFA chapter’s program of work. Students have an opportunity to use their classwork learning by working on the farm and at the same time helping to earn money for the program.

ALICEVILLE

The Aliceville’s FFA Chapter’s pickup truck now has a shiny, new coat of paint. Each member of the chapter had a hand in the painting operation by helping to sand off rust spots and old army signs.

Paint for the project was furnished by City Auto Parts Company of Aliceville, and Douglas Latham, an FFA’er in the third year vo-ag class, did the spraying of the paint. To identify the truck, an FFA emblem and scroll and “Aliceville” were installed on both doors of the vehicle.

Aliceville’s pickup, like those owned by many other chapters in the state, is used to haul lumber for vo-ag shop projects, to carry completed shop jobs to boys’ homes, to transfer students on trips, and in various other ways.

FLOMATON

A magazine rack that provides space for 18 magazines has been constructed at a cost of $1.25 by the Flomaton vocational agriculture department, said MacArthur Hines, Flomaton vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

The rack is built of army surplus photographic printing trays fastened together with screws and held in place by wooden ends attached to the wall. The trays are tilted 20 degrees which keeps the magazines in place. Three trays are used on each shelf making the rack about seven and a half feet long.

Mr. Hines says that the rack, in addition to the low price, saves much floor space in the classroom since it is attached to the wall above a table.

CAMP HILL

The Camp Hill vocational agriculture department has worked out an agreement with a local scrap metal dealer which will be beneficial to both parties, T. M. Pruitt, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor, announced.

Members of the fourth year vo-ag class, as a welding project, constructed a cart for transporting the gas bottles used with the department’s oxyacetylene welder about the shop. After seeing the cart, E. E. Huey, the scrap metal dealer, wanted one like it.

One for him has been built and in exchange, he agreed to let the vo-ag classes have scrap metal for shop work free of charge including that used in the carts.

The agreement has resulted in the vocational agriculture students being able to convert an old hand operated post drill into an electrical powered one. The drill was fastened to the wall of the shop and an electric motor mounted above it. A fly wheel from the scrap metal yard was attached to the shaft in place of the hand crank and connected to the motor with a V-belt. The fly wheel reduces the speed of the drill enabling the bits to operate cooler.

Mr. Pruitt says that the rig which will drill metal up to three inches thick will be very useful in shop work.

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ALEXANDRIA--Advisor and president of chapter; gave talks at Turner Chapel and the Christian Center, Mill of Anniston as guests of the Chamber of Commerce. Participated with the Home Economics students in a girls' shop; shop arranged in sections for woodworking, wiring, concrete work and canvasing. Arranged for motor work and painting; planning a rat control program.

ABER--initiated 33 Green Hands; held joint social with FHA; several boys got pigs for county fair; held annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet.

ASHVILLE--planted 20,000 pine seedlings; held 2 regular meetings; made plans for Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet; sponsoring soil sampling program with 21 members taking samples from plots where they plan their supervised farming programs next year; elected chapter Sweetheart; FHA string band practicing.

ATLANTA--eliminated meetings; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; made $38 for chapter treasury; held chapter public speaking contest; made electrical demonstration board for classroom; entered county public speaking and quartet contest.

AUBURN--held 4 meetings; elected officers; initiated 23 Green Hands; distributed 11,000 pine seedlings; 44 members entered public speaking contest; organized string band; drew up a program of work; planning FFA Sweetheart ball.

BETT--held monthly meeting; elected FFA Sweetheart; made plans to initiate Green Hands; discussed plans for a party; decided on annual program of work; added 14 books to library; presented Sweetheart with white jacket.

BOAZ--made plans for wiener roast; put up flood light for school; put water proof canvas over football scoreboard; held chapter public speaking contest; making plans to participate in FFA Week.

BRANTLEY--put on program at Rotary Club; held annual FHA-FFA barbecue for members and parents; installed outside drinking fountains on campus; ordered 13,000 pine seedlings; cleared $300 from crops on demonstration farm; presented chapter champion corn grower with $15 check.

CHAMBER--bought 3 show calves and tattooed all others to be shown; purchased purebred heifers; had 2 chapter meetings and 2 Executive Committee meetings; sold magazines to raise money for shop equipment; purchased magazines for returning FHA girls; shop arranged for vo-ag students.

BUTLER--held 2 regular meetings; sold magazines, received $27 for chapter treasury; organizing basketball team; ordered chapter room officer station markers and 3 FFA jackets; operating ice cream, drinks and cookie stand at school to finance chapter activities; preparing new members for Green Hand initiation.

CENTREVILLE--host to Tallapoosa county public speaking, quartet and Sweetheart contests; received and distributing 600 FHA calendars; mailed 3 new articles to REA for special February issue; local PTA donated $125 for shop equipment; this sum matched by FFA and new equipment for shop was purchased; FHA girls made shop-work aprons for all vo-ag students.

CARROLLTON--planted 10,000 pine seedlings; held 3 regular meetings; pruned shrubbery on school grounds; selling candy to make money for the chapter.

CENTREVILLE "B"--held 2 meetings; initiated 12 Green Hands; wrote 4 articles on farm safety and two on woodland improvement in local paper; organized quartet; secured 16 dibles for chapter; received 31,000 pine seedlings; purchased safety charts to be used in shop; working on farm safety campaign; making plans for contests.

CLARION--held regular meeting; presented program before Kiwanis Club during Farm-City Week; keeping scrap book of chapter activities; working on public speaking contest; organized quartet; ordered 32,000 pine seedlings; operating coke, oil and milk machines for finances.

CLAYTON--gave parents a chicken barbecue; secured 32 Green Hands; welded 2 hench from Cherry Hill Farm; sold calendar ads; studying Farm Management; worked on community problems.

CLAYTON--held FFA-FHA banquet; presented television program over WBRB-TV; held 2 meetings; several FHA-FFA members present for finances.

CLEMENT--elected chapter Sweetheart; started quiz team for FFA officers; worked on radio program for soil testing; helping farmers test their soil; preparing for contests; presented microscope for finances.

CLOSS--held joint meeting with FHA; awarded jackets to FHA members; held chapter public speaking contest; visited Gaunt, Ala. to study the huge power plant that serves Southeast Alabama; awarded jacket to champion corn grower.

COFFEEVILLE--held one meeting and one officer's meeting; elected chapter Sweetheart; 6 members plan to enter public speaking contest; plans made for Tractor Driving contest.

COLUMBIA--initiated 12 Green Hands; raised 25 members to Chapter Farmer Degree; held joint social with FHA; completed 3 pickup truck beds in farm shop; building mailbox posts; ordered 10,000 pine seedlings and one FFA jacket; held chapter public speaking contest; planning FFA Sweetheart ball; soil judging team county champion.

DADEVILLE--purchased new table saw for shop, built soil conservation booth for Columbus Fair; placed 3 gilts in pig chain; 5 members feeding out beef calves for fat stock show; remodeling shop facilities.

DOUGLAS--held regular meeting and presented Green Hand certificates, Chapter Farmer certificates, and membership cards; put on rat control program; started shop work; closing out project records; planning to enter contests; ordered FFA T-shirts; working on FFA contests; had FFA party; ordered FFA material.

EAST BREWTOWN--put on radio program; presented FFA Sweetheart with jacket; appointed committee to rework FFA road sign; sold refreshments at ball games to raise chapter funds; selected chapter "Outstanding Future Farmer"; elected 2 honorary chapter farmers; executive committee met and made special plans for National FFA Week; voted to purchase electric sander for shop.

ECLECTIC--placed 2 pigs in pig chain; held parents night with FHA; elected FFA Sweetheart; completed pupil survey for school; selected judging teams; sewing and painting desks for typing room.

ELKMONT--held monthly meeting; discussed plans for entering contests; obtained new tools for shop.

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**FORT DEPOSIT**—held one meeting; worked on speaking contest; refinshed 14 desks and built 4 benches for shop; purchased concrete to build wall; added bleachers to shop; held 2 regular meetings; planned shop fund raising project.

**GAYLESVILLE**—elected FFA Sweetheart; ordered a jacket for chapter Sweetheart and our Adviser; sold 2 hogs in Greater Gulf State Fair; held ag initiation; worked on Farm Safety program; purchased new tools and equipment for shop; continued operation of concession stands; sold 5 FFA manuals and 12 jackets; held 2 call meetings; organized and adapted new program of work; held chapter public speaking elimination; elected chapter Sweetheart; ordered official FFA supplies; re-built culti-packer for Fairhope farmers club; purchased slide film projector.

**GENEVA**—10 members awarded Chapter Farmer Degrees; two new members; 6 boys received FFA jackets; FFA-FHA entertained with a taky party; bought an opague projector and stand to be used in class room study; published 3 news articles with 2 pictures; received new project record books and began work in them; assisted 8 members and 2 adult farmers in taking soil samples; 8 members training 15 calves for the spring shows; planning TV show.

**GERALDINE**—24 pig sales; sold 3 hogs to FFA week; sold 2 more hogs to FFA week; sold one hog; elected FFA Sweetheart; Ag II class continued operation of concession stands; bought 5 new coat racks for high school; 28 boys entering woodworking job in shop; held regular meetings; built tool cabinets in workshop; met with ag teachers to plan new projects; worked on WTVY-TV in Dothan; purchased truck for ag department; purchased 2 new welding machines; made plans for new welding shop.

**HATTON**—held regular meetings; obtained 3 additional members; purchased new Skill saw for shop; advisor and several boys appeared on “Four Star Farmers of 1959” program to Agricultural Hall of Fame; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings; bought new hand tools for shop; attended county FFA meeting; planned FFA-FHA fun night.

**HEADLAND**—held monthly meeting; donated $1,000 to ag week; to FFA week; to county FFA meeting; worked with forester on a field day at 10-acre forest plot; had chili supper and basketball tournament with 60 members enjoying the occasion.

**HERMANN**—ordered new FFA-FHA party; initiated 16 Green Hands; appointed 3 committee members for county FFA week; initiated new coat racks for high school; 28 boys entering woodworking job in shop; held regular meetings; built tool cabinets in workshop; met with ag teachers to plan new projects; worked on WTVY-TV in Dothan; purchased truck for ag department; purchased 2 new welding machines; made plans for new welding shop.

**JACKSON**—planted 13,000 pine seedlings; county sheriff spoke to chapter; studied electricity with Alabama Power Company representative; made plans for new vocational building in Jackson.

**KERREY**—had annual FFA-FHA banquet; cutting up telephone poles and logs for FFA country project; held tractor clinic and study of petroleum safety; sent in 3 articles to local papers; held regular meetings; held program on auto safety; ordered 20,000 pine seedlings; a member of the Opp Peanut Company; bought new hand tools for shop; advisor and several boys appeared on WTVY-TV in Dothan.

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**LINDEN**—purchased a new 6" jointer and stand for shop; purchased concrete slab and added a new feeding shed for pigs; purchased new Skill saw for shop; held several FFA contests; purchased 2 new welding machines; purchased 2 Forney welders; planned FFA-FHA fun night.

**LOCUST FORK**—poured concrete walk in front of high school; put up fence on football field; made new cost racks for high school; 28 boys entering woodworking job in shop; held regular meetings; held regular meetings; built tool cabinets in workshop; met with ag teachers to plan new projects; worked on WTVY-TV in Dothan; purchased truck for ag department; purchased 2 new welding machines; made plans for new welding shop.

**LÜVERNE**—bought new 6" jointer and stand for shop; purchased 24 FFA T-shirts and 4 FFA jackets; poured concrete slab and added a new feeding shed for pigs; purchased new Skill saw for shop; held several FFA contests; purchased 2 new welding machines; purchased 2 Forney welders; planned FFA-FHA fun night.

**MONROEVILLE**—sold magazine subscriptions; held 4 chapter meetings; helped with Goodfellow packages; delivered packages to 51 families; delivered packages to 51 families; held 2 regular meetings; planned FFA-FHA fun night.

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NEW BROCKTON—ordered 10,000 pine seedlings; 2 members of chapter are county officers; organized chapter building fund raising campaign. 

NOTASULGA—initiated 14 Green Hands; ordered 12 T-shirts; planted 10,000 pine seedlings; repaired motors in wood shop; passed 21 regular meeting; held officers meeting for club room; ordered new building. 

OAKMAN—held regular meeting; tattooed 4 calves; took trip to banquet; initiated Future Farmer of the Year; ordered 50,000 pine seedlings; sold magazine subscriptions; repaired gym floor; other repairs; held county contest eliminations; utilized hens for farmer; held regular meeting. 

ONEonta—held annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter barbecue; ordered new building; put in Chicago which he won for his work in farming; held regular meeting. 

PELL CITY—32 members bought jackets; gathered pine cones; purchased camera and large amount of film. 

PigMA—held regular meeting; elected chapter president; elected chapter treasurer; set out 5,500 pine seedlings; nominated candidates for chapter offices. 

REELTOWN—two first place in county public speaking contest; finished walks in front and back of school building; began study of lumber and nail sizes; in shop. 

ROGERSVILLE—held 2 chapter meetings; found sponsor for FFA calendar; took 75 soil samples; made $110 selling drinks at football games; initiated 23 Green Hands. 

SAND ROCK—presented chapter Sweetheart a jacket, bracelet, compact, and necklace; basketball team won first game; bought radio battery for isolated family. 

SELMA—initiated 35 Green Hands; held 2 chapter meetings; elected FFA Sweetheart; organized quartet; sold ads for calendar; studied unit on parliamentary procedure; held FFA social; set up 5,000 pine seedlings; entered public speaking and quartet contest; participating in the Vo-Ag Hall of Fame fund raising campaign. 

SHEPPARD—sold 8 hogs and bought 5 more for county fair; worked on public speaking, livestock judging and tractor driving contest; finished walks in front and back of school; set out 5,500 pine seedlings; nominated candidates for chapter offices; set up 5,000 pine seedlings; held two regular meetings; planted 10,000 pine seedlings; held two regular meetings; planted pine seedlings and pruned home orchards; planned joint meeting with FHA and special program for National FFA Week. 

WEITMPAA—elected student Farmer; purchased hand-saw for shop; purchased adding machine; selected top corn producer; feeding 16 calves for fat calf show; made plans for Parent-Son banquet; sold $250 worth of fruit trees. 

WHITE PLAINS—moved into new vo-ag building; purchased pictures and clock for classroom; plans being made for National FFA Week; Ag 1 class working on farm mechanics program; held one regular meeting. 

WICKSBURG—studying rats and the damage they do; held regular monthly meetings. 

WINTERBROOK—distributed toys to needy children; planted crepe myrtle along edge of campus; set up 5,000 pine seedlings; nominated candidates for Christmas in school annual. 

WOODYVILLE—held regular meeting; built trailer for tractor driving contest and made other preparations; selling chances on cedar chest; held electrical demonstration by J. R. Carroll of TVA.
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