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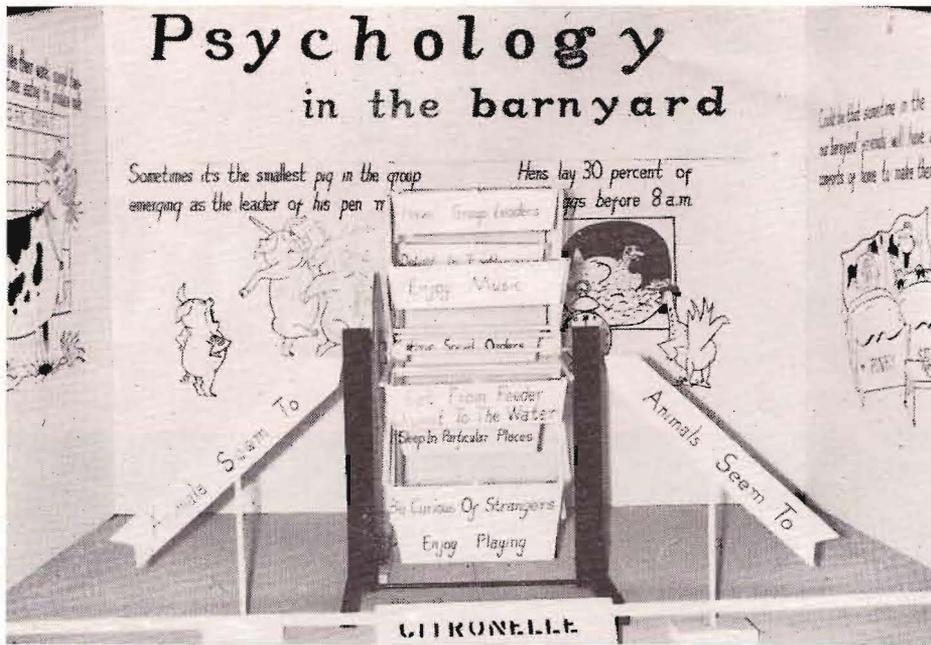


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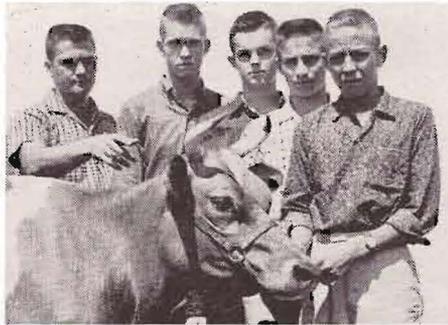
THE NUMBER ONE FFA exhibit at the Greater Gulf State Fair at Mobile was entered by Citronelle.

## New National FFA Advisor

Dr. A. Webster Tenney has been appointed Director of the Agricultural Education Branch, in the Division of Vocational Education, U.S. Office of Education, succeeding Dr. W. T. Spanton who retired on November 1, 1961. In this position, Dr. Tenney automatically becomes National Advisor of the Future Farmers of America, Chairman of the National FFA Board of Directors, and President of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Tenney was born at Ten Mile, West Virginia. He attended public schools in West Virginia, received a B.S.A.E. degree from the University of Florida, an M.A. degree from Ohio State University, studied at Cornell University, and received the D. Ed. degree from New York University. Prior to his coming to Washington in 1943, he taught vocational agriculture in Florida at Plant City and Deland; served as critic teacher in vocational agriculture and as Professor of Agricultural Education at the University of Florida. He served for one year as assistant supervisor of the Food Production and War Training program in Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Tenney make their home in the suburban Washington area, near Falls Church, Virginia. They have one son and one daughter, Lt. A. Webster Tenney, Jr., stationed at Aberdeen, Maryland, and Mrs. Carolyn Hines, whose husband is a flier in the Air Force stationed at Dover, Delaware.



THE BEAUREGARD FFA dairy judging team won the judging contest at the district show in Dadeville. Mr. Jesse George, FFA advisor, and his team examine a cow at the show. The team members are Jesse Brown, Harry Smith, Charles Whatley and Wayne Parker.



FFA CHAPTERS throughout Alabama were well represented in the Fairs during the fall. Mrs. Mizell, secretary, and L. L. Sellers, district supervisor, southeast Alabama, prepare checks for mailing to the winners in the various livestock shows.



THE TOP PRIZE in the FFA exhibit competition at the State Fair in Birmingham went to the Jasper FFA for this fine exhibit on Forestry.

## On The Cover

Jimmy Green, Tuskegee FFA, and Mr. H. N. Reynolds, FFA advisor at Tuskegee admire the quality of the latest batch of chicks started in Jimmy's broiler house. Jimmy is the 1961 Champion Broiler Grower for Alabama.

He is the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Green and is a junior in high school. His broiler operation includes a 10,000 capacity house complete with automatic waterers and feeder.

The profits from Jimmy's operation will be used to pay for his college education.

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# How Good Is Your Banquet?

FFA BANQUET time is again just around the corner. Such a banquet should be designed so as to provide leadership training, promote public relations, and to give recognition for student and chapter achievements. To do this, adequate planning must be done. Perhaps the following suggestions will be of help in planning and conducting the banquet.

**Program Committee:**

- Decide the type of program—student talent or guest speaker.
- Prepare the banquet program.
- Publicize the banquet.
- Serve as welcoming committee.
- Suggested program (Not over 1½ hours in length).
  - Invocation
  - Eat (Music during this time adds much to the program)
  - Opening Ceremony
  - Welcome
  - Response
  - Introduction of guests
  - Presentation of awards, honorary degrees, etc.
  - Talks by FFA members or address by guest speaker
  - Closing ceremony

**Food Committee:**

- Decide on the menu and arrange for it.
- Coordinate the preparation and serving of food.

**Decoration and Seating Committee:**

- Decorate the banquet room.
- Arrange for tables and chairs.
- Set up the public address system, if used.
- Make place cards.
- Arrange other needed equipment such as officer stations, projectors, etc.

**Clean-up Committee:**

- Remove decorations, get tables, chairs returned to proper place, and get the room back in proper order.

**Follow-up Activities for the day after the banquet:**

- “Thank you” notes should be written by the Invitation Committee to all concerned.
- Make sure that proper and complete publicity has been given to the banquet.
- Write recommendations for improving future banquets.

**Things to Avoid:**

- Starting late.
- “Dragging out” the program.
- Letting a few boys do all the work.

Don't fail to publicize your FFA Banquet through newspapers, radio, and television.

# AMERICAN FARMERS FOR 1961

Alabama can well be proud of the 14 young farmers who received the American Farmer Degree from this state in 1961. These are the FFA members who, through hard work and self-application, have proven themselves outstanding in FFA work and agriculture.

This degree can be awarded to only one boy in a thousand so you can see why these members might be termed "best" among FFA members in Alabama.

These American Farmers are the members who decided early to do an outstanding job in their supervised farming programs and to apply themselves through FFA.

The records of these young farmers show that the road chosen by each, no matter how rough in spots, in the end led to success.

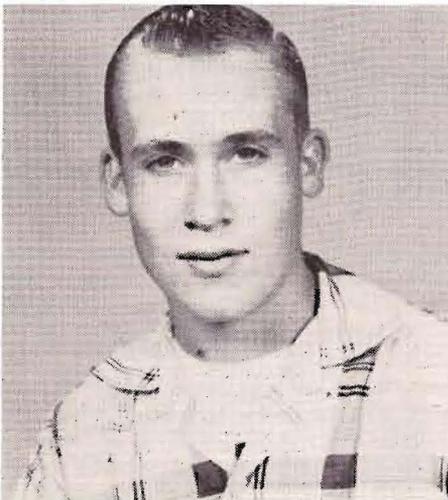
To these young farmers, the entire membership extends its wholehearted congratulations and wishes for many more successes in the field of agriculture.

## Charles Whitaker

Ider

Charles Whitaker of the Ider community, has developed into a very successful farmer and business man. He is the owner and operator of a livestock slaughter and processing plant and grows corn, potatoes, and market hogs on the 40 acre farm where he and his wife, Wilba, live. In the fall and late summer, he also assists his father in the operation of a potato grader, and does custom work with a corn picker. With the corn which he raises and the return from his corn picker, he tops out market hogs for sale locally.

The farming program which he now has, had its beginning when Charles began his supervised farming program in



CHARLES WHITAKER

the 9th grade. That year, he had 5 acres of corn and a purebred gilt. With steady improvement this program grew to 64 acres of corn, 416 market hogs, 12 acres of cotton, and 5 acres of potatoes in its 5th year.

Charles also grew in his FFA and school activities. He participated in live-

stock shows, served on judging teams, sang in the quartet and won the state Home Improvement contest. He attended the State FFA convention four times and the National convention once. He was president of the Beta Club, editor of the school paper and editor of the school annual. He served his FFA chapter as secretary and president.

The highest honor of all came when he recently received the American Farmer degree.

—FFA—

## Howard Fuller

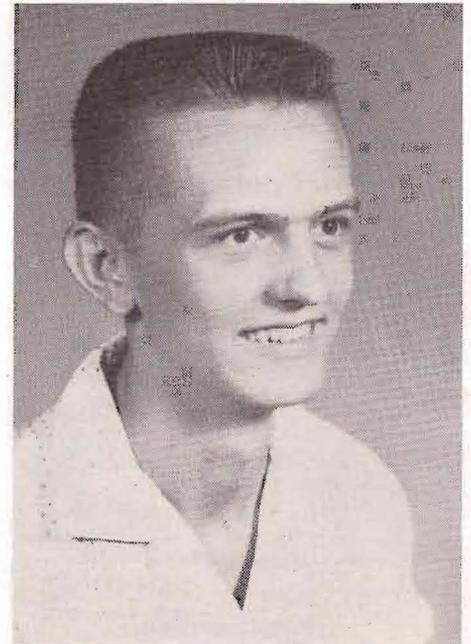
Livingston

Howard Fuller enrolled in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1958. His productive projects consisted of beef cattle, hay, and sweet potatoes. Since that time, he has continued to expand his beef cattle program until at the present time he owns 20 head of brood cows and one purebred bull. This farming program began with his first year projects of 13 brood cows, 10 acres of hay and 1 acre of sweet potatoes. The second year program consisted of 15 brood cows, 30 acres of hay and 5 acres of corn. This program continued to expand until it reached its present proportions and resulted in Howard's receiving the American Farmer Degree this year.

Howard has been very active in FFA and school activities. He has served as secretary of the chapter and served as chairman of the supervised farming and leadership committees. He also served as chapter delegate to the State FFA Convention. He was a member of the Beta Club in high school.

Howard is active in community and church activities and has served as president of his Sunday School class and as vice-president of the MYF organization.

At the present time, Howard is enrolled as a sophomore at Livingston State College and is farming in partner-



HOWARD FULLER

ship with his brother on 320 acres of land. He lives at home, in the Emelle community, with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Fuller.

—FFA—

## Phillip Holman

Fairhope

Phillip enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in September 1957. He had just moved, with his family, from the Black Belt to the Fairhope community and had realized that there was quite a difference in the type farming in the two places. Phillip's family became engaged in Dairy Farming and they found that most all of the pasture and feed crops were different. Phillip enrolled in vocational agriculture with this background and with a determination to learn the approved farming practices for this area. Therefore Phillip had more interest in



PHILLIP HOLMAN

vocational agriculture than most boys do.

In Phillip's first year of vocational agriculture he decided to go into the hog business in conjunction with his Dad's dairy farming. He started out with six brood sows. At the end of the first year his supervised farming program consisted of 60 feeder pigs, 1 purebred Duroc gilt, 18 acres of corn, and 5 dairy heifers. These heifers were given to Phillip by his dad for working in the dairy. They were the beginning of Phillip's venture into the dairy business. When Phillip closed out his records at the end of his first year in vocational agriculture, his income for the year and his net worth came to a total of \$1,923.25.

The second year of vo-ag found Phillip more interested than the year before in his farming program. He continued to increase his farming program until at the end of that year he had 7 brood sows, 15 dairy heifers, 72 market hogs, 5 Duroc gilts, 10 acres of corn, and 1 beef heifer, for a total net worth and income of \$2,537.69.

Most boys would have been content with just the supervised farming that Phillip had, but he wasn't. He was very active in the FFA. He was a member of the Fairhope dairy judging team that won first place in the district that year. He was also chairman of the Budget Committee, and chairman of the Auditing Committee. He also kept the FFA pig chain boar. He was a candidate for State Officer in the State FFA that year and was selected to receive the State Farmer degree. Phillip still found time to be in the High School Band.

Phillip's third year in vocational agriculture and Senior year in high school, he was elected President of the FFA

Chapter. During this period of time Phillip was trying to increase his average milk production in the dairy herd. He had no records to go on so he decided to weigh the milk from each cow weekly. He found the average to be only 4500 pounds per cow. By keeping records and culling the herd Phillip has managed to raise this average to 7000 pounds per cow. Phillip's interest in dairying continued to sparkle as was indicated when the Fairhope FFA Dairy Judging team won the State contest that year and Phillip was a member. He also won a Bronze medal at Waterloo, Iowa, in the National Dairy Judging contest.

When Phillip graduated from High School in May of 1960 he was undecided as to what to do. His parents wanted him to continue his education at Auburn, but about this time his dad's health began to fail so Phillip decided to stay at home and help in the dairy. He continued his supervised farming and his membership in the FFA. During Phillip's first year out of high school he had an opportunity to buy his dad's dairy herd consisting of 60 mature cows and 6 heifers. After much thought and with aid of good credit, Phillip decided to buy his dad's herd. In order to raise enough money for the down payment on the cows, Phillip had to sell his dairy heifers and hogs. The herd was valued at \$16,000.00. Phillip paid \$3,000 down and financed the rest. This left him with some rather large payments which he is making without any difficulty. However, he decided he needed some extra income and began to look around for a source. He had chicken houses available that had one time been used for producing layers. He began growing broilers on contract basis and is now feeding out 5000 every 10 weeks.

Phillip is well on the way to becoming a very good dairy farmer. When asked what he thought was necessary for a boy to get established in farming today, he replied "first a desire to learn and to use the improved farming practices, second hard work, and available credit."

Phillip has proven by his record that he believes these statements to be true.

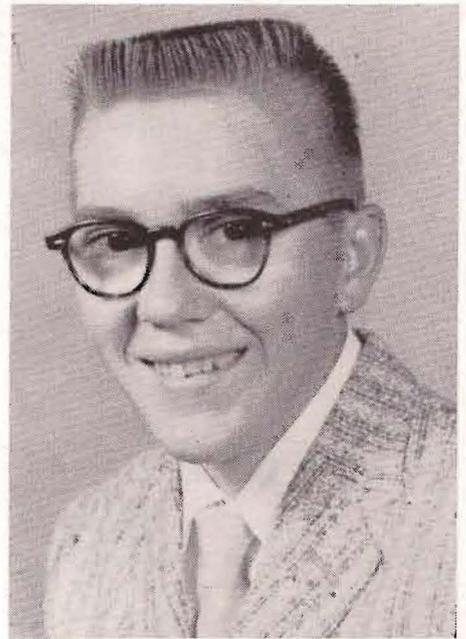
— FFA —

## Donald Hodge

Buckhorn

Donald Hodge, who put his interest to work while still in high school, has compiled an enviable record, which resulted in his receiving the American Farmer Degree. He had a keen interest in farming and since his enrollment in vocational agriculture he has made steady improvement in his farming program.

Donald started his farming program in 1955 with 1 acre of corn, 2 acres of



DONALD HODGE

cotton, and 2 market hogs. The next year this program expanded to 2 acres of corn, 4 acres of cotton, 2 market hogs and 5 acres of wheat. His third year program showed another increase and continued expansion brought about the present program which he has on halves with his father.

He and his dad now have a farming program of 40 acres of corn, 60 acres of cotton, 60 acres of wheat, 5 acres of pasture and 25 acres of soybeans. His father attends to the program while Donald attends Auburn University.

In school, Donald also took advantage of the FFA training in leadership. He served his chapter as reporter in 1957-58. In 1958-59 he served as vice-president. He also received valuable training while serving on the dairy judging team. Through his corn program he entered the corn growing contest.

This leadership training paid off while he was a member of the Beta Club and in his church while he was serving as teacher of the Junior class.

— FFA —

## Jimmy Finley

Grove Hill

Jimmy Finley has been an outstanding member of the Grove Hill FFA chapter. He has served as vice-president, was always ready to head a committee and lead them successfully. The members of the chapter respected him as an officer and as a Future Farmer. He has a pleasant personality and is agreeable and cooperative in group work.

He served two years on the land judging team and worked hard for three years on his forestry project that placed



**JIMMY FINLEY**

him first in the State FFA Forestry Contest. As a result of winning this, he attended the National Convention and went on an extended tour speaking before civic groups, on the radio and before television audiences. He was highly commended for his performance on this trip. He served as a delegate to the State FFA Convention, attended the State Forestry Camp, and also attended Boys State.

Jimmy began his first year of vocational agriculture with a supervised farming program consisting of livestock that was bought and grazed on native pasture. The second year he doubled his program by keeping the beef cow and her calf and buying some steers to feed out and graze on oats that he sowed. By his third year he had 2 beef brood cows and bought 5 head to feed out. He now has 4 beef brood cows. During this time he had been working on his 130 acre forestry project and was given a tractor to use in his program. During the last year he grew 23 acres of corn and 4 beef brood cows and 1 purebred bull.

Jimmy has spent much time on improvement projects of grounds, home, home garden, pasture, fencing, and forestry.

Forestry was his largest improvement project consisting of 130 acres on which he used modern forestry practices of hardwood control, fire prevention, insect control, thinning, planting and selective cutting.

In controlling hardwoods, he hacked and poisoned. This activity took the most of his afternoons, Saturdays, and summer. He bought his own chain saw, sawed logs and paperwood which he pulled through with his tractor to points of loading. Jimmy has full responsibility for this program.

## Kermit Wilks

Arab

Kermit entered vocational agriculture during August 1956 and in November of that same year was initiated as a Green Hand. During his first year he had 4 acres of cotton, 10 acres of corn, and a brood sow for his farming program. In addition he completed 4 improvement projects and 4 supplementary practices.

For his second year of vocational agriculture, Kermit had 4 acres of cotton, 9 acres of corn, 1 brood sow and two market calves. He showed hogs in the Market Hog Show and was treasurer of the Sr. II class. He entered the Public Speaking contest, served on the committee for Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet.

During his third year he had 7 acres of cotton, 6 acres of corn and 2 market calves. Again he entered the speaking



**KERMIT WILKS**

contest, served on the banquet committee, radio program, finance, social and soil conservation committees. He was also a member of the dairy judging team and attended the State FFA Convention where he was awarded the State Farmers Degree. He was selected as the Chapter Star Farmer.

For his first year out of school he had 8 acres of cotton, 3 market cows, and was 50 per cent owner in 25 acres of corn, 100 market hogs, 8 brood sows and 68,000 broilers.

His second year included 8 acres of cotton, 3 market cows, 3 market calves and a 50 per cent interest in 35 acres of corn, 75 market hogs, 8 brood sows and 51,000 broilers.

This year's program includes 11 acres of cotton, 7 acres of corn, 33,000 broil-

ers, 3 market cows, 3 market heifers, and 4 brood sows. He owns 100 per cent of this year's program.

Kermit is 50 per cent owner of a Ford tractor and equipment, a John Deere and heavy equipment, a corn picker and a cotton picker. His brother is the owner of the other 50 per cent.

Since Kermit's father is deceased he is the man around the farm. He lives on Arab, Route 2, with his mother, Mrs. Connie Wilks, a sixteen year old sister and a ten year old brother.

—FFA—

## Luther Clemons

Gurley

Luther Clemons was born 20 years ago on a rather large, undeveloped farm in the fertile Tennessee Valley. This farm was his father's only means of support for the family. At a young age, he remembers his father coming to the house after a hard day, tired because of the many hours he had spent in the field, and then at harvest time the crops were very slim. Luther believed there must be easier ways to produce more, and his ambition then, as today, was to find those better means.

While a freshman in high school, he was so impressed by the work of the vocational agriculture department that he joined and became a part of this program designed to help farm boys. Luther realized after only a few class meetings that there were so many new ideas which could help their farm. The next step was to sell his father on these new techniques in farming. Mr. Clements became interested in Luther's work so together they started the difficult task of improvement. This new improvement consisted of setting some 23,000 pine seedlings, building much needed fence, girdling trees of no value, and most of all getting the Clear Creek Drainage Project completed. These are just a few



**LUTHER CLEMONS**

things that were done to develop a supervised farming program. With the never ending help of his vocational agriculture teacher and the service of the Soil Conservation Department, Luther and his father had the farm operating on a much improved scale. An example of what this improvement has done is shown in a 30 acre corn field. In the past, the yield of this field was around 40 bushels per acre but this past year, following winter legumes, the field produced above 75 bushels per acre. Luther's greatest reward, beside the increased yields, was the first place award given by the State FFA, in 1959, for having the best Soil and Water Management Program in the state.

After having four successful years in high school, Luther decided to continue in agriculture. At the present he is enrolled at Auburn University as a sophomore in agricultural engineering. After graduation, he plans to return to the farm and start a mechanized farming program.

————— FFA —————

## Tommy Roberts Curry

Tommy Roberts, son of Mrs. Verda B. Roberts, of Route 4, Jasper, Alabama, started his farming program in vocational agriculture in 1956 with 13 acres of corn, one sow, 2 market hogs and 2 dairy cows. From this small beginning, he now has 30 acres of corn, 10 market hogs, one gilt, 6 acres of wheat, 6 acres of hay, 2 acres of truck crops and 2 acres of watermelons. From his supervised farming program he has a grand total of, in and out of school value, amounting to \$2,547.77, with his total assets valued at \$9,607.21.



TOMMY ROBERTS

Since beginning in vocational agriculture, Tommy has had the responsibility of operating the home farm. Tommy's father passed away in 1950. His older brother, Bruce, has been away from home since 1957 and Mrs. Roberts is a teacher at Curry High School.

During his high school years, Tommy has served as president and reporter of the Curry FFA chapter. He was also active at the same time in public speaking, dairy judging, tractor driving, corn growing and a member of other chapter activities.

Tommy's other high school activities included the following: secretary of Jr. III class, recreational leader of Sr. I class, member of the Science Club, Junior Red Cross, and school bus driver for two years.

Tommy is a member of the Blooming Grove Church and has served on various community activities such as mailbox improvement, rat control, pine seedling program, wildlife conservation, pig chains, a member of the Alabama Farm Bureau and a member of the Adult class in vocational agriculture.

Tommy received his State Farmer Degree in June 1959. At the present time he is operating the family farm. Mr. M. E. Ekstrom is his vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

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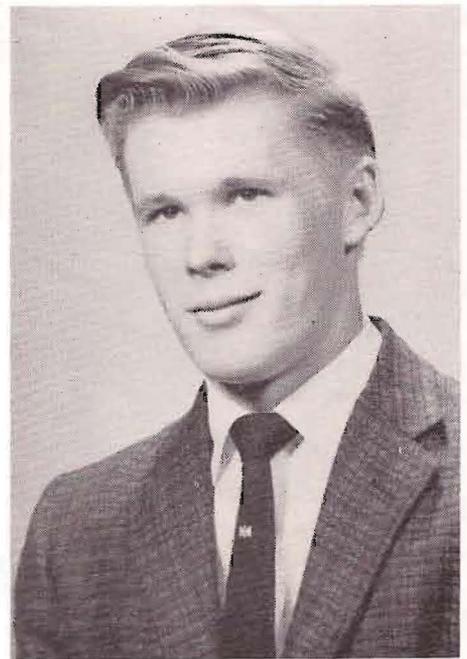
## James Higgins Maplesville

James Higgins enrolled in vo-ag in 1956. Since that time he has worked very hard and increased his supervised farming program. This work led to establishment in farming and qualifying for the American Farmer Degree. Also he has participated in FFA, school, and community activities which were very valuable to him as a citizen.

James is 19 years of age, married, has his own home, and is now living in Isabella Community in Chilton County, Alabama. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Higgins, Sr. of Isabella.

James began his supervised farming program in 1956-57. That year he had a well balanced supervised farming program including 2 acres of cotton, 1 acre of corn, 1 market hog, and 1 acre of watermelons. His largest income that year was from cotton and watermelons.

In Ag II James increased his cotton acreage to 4 acres. This was his biggest cash crop the second year of vo-ag. Along with cotton he had 1 acre of corn, and 1 beef calf for market. In his third year of vo-ag James increased his farming program with 3 acres of corn, 4 acres of cotton, and 1 sow. His farming program the fourth year included 4.1 acres of cotton, 3 acres of corn, 12 market hogs, and 1 sow.



JAMES HIGGINS

After graduation James was able to increase his farming program. His first year out of school his farming program included 4.4 acres of cotton, 10 acres of corn, 12 market hogs, 1 sow, 1 gilt, 1 beef bull for breeding, 2 beef heifers, and 10 acres of pasture.

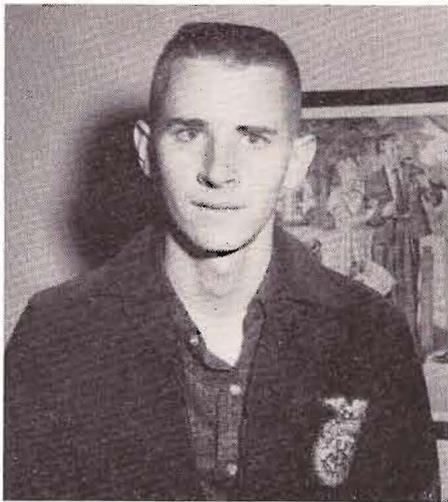
Along with his fine farming program James has been active in his local FFA chapter, school, and community activities. Some of his FFA activities are local chapter officer, public speaking, livestock, tractor driving, and dairy judging contest. The community activities include active member and worker in local Baptist Church where he was Training Union Director and Sunday School Class President. His school activities included sports editor for school paper, Beta Club for 3 years, and member of soft ball team.

————— FFA —————

## Rob Martin Wetumpka

Rob Martin, Wetumpka began a program his first year in vocational agriculture that resulted in his receiving the American Farmer Degree in 1961. He is the son of Mr. E. R. Martin and at present is enrolled at Auburn University while attending to his forestry program on week-ends.

Rob's first year program, in the ninth grade, consisted of 2 acres of cotton, 5 acres of corn, 1½ acres of truck crops, 10 acres of pine seedlings and two beef brood cows with calves. His second year program expanded into 5 acres of cotton, 5 acres of corn, 1½ acres of truck crops, 60 acres of pine seedlings and 4 brood cows. With continued expansion, his present program consists of 40 acres of



**ROB MARTIN**

Rob owns 8 beef brood cows, 18 acres of cotton, 10 acres of corn, and 1½ acres of truck crops. Most of this is attended by his father while he is in college.

Rob was an outstanding FFA member and made many contributions to the organization. Through these contributions he gained experiences which helped him to become a good leader and citizen in his community.

He served his chapter as reporter and vice-president: He was a member of the livestock and land judging teams. In his junior year, he received his State Farmer Degree and was selected as district Star Farmer. That year he was also second in the state in the Forestry Contest.

During his senior year he was selected by the FFA to represent the organization on the President's White House Committee on Children and Youth. He attended the conference in Washington upon the invitation of President Eisenhower.

Rob also served his school well. He was reporter, vice-president, and president of the Wetumpka High School Student Council, was president of the junior class, and was a member of the Beta Club, Key Club and "W" Club.

In his church, he was vice-president and later president of the Youth Council of the Baptist Church. He also holds offices in the Training Union.

As a freshman at Auburn, he was elected president of the freshman agriculture class.

—FFA—

## **Albert Billings**

**Northport**

Albert Billings, Jr., is the 20 year old son of Mrs. Albert Billings, Sr. of Northport, Alabama.

Albert entered vocational agriculture at Tuscaloosa County High in 1956 as

a tenth grade student. He had been very active in 4-H club work and became just as active in vo-ag and FFA.

As a first year student Albert was elected chapter secretary to fill out the term of a member who moved away. He also served on the membership and banquet committees. For his supervised farming program Albert had 1 market hog and 10 acres of corn. From these he had a labor income of \$486.90.

As a chapter farmer Albert served as vice president, program committee, banquet committee and as announcer on the radio program. From his supervised farming program of 6 acres of corn and 500 laying hens he had a labor income of \$1,297.23. During the year he constructed his first laying house.

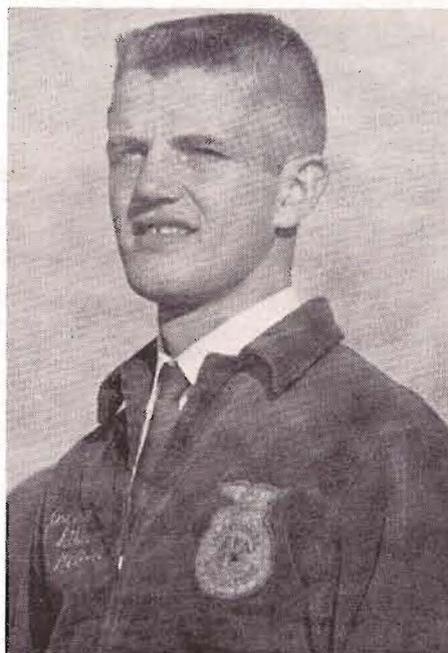
During his second year Albert was very active in school and community activities. He was president of the junior class, president of the Tuscaloosa County Junior Cattleman's Association, and a member of the choral club.

During the school year of 1958-59 he served the chapter as president. He was county winner in the public speaking contest and appeared on the radio during National FFA Week. That year Albert had a labor income of \$917.76. His program consisted of 10 acres of corn, 14 market hogs, and 500 laying hens. He also started in the beef cattle business by securing 2 beef calves.

In the meantime Albert and his brother constructed a 1,000 capacity laying house on the farm.

In June, 1959 Albert was awarded the Alabama State Farmer Degree at the State Convention in Auburn.

After graduation from high school he has continued his farming activities. He



**ALBERT BILLINGS**

has earned about \$3,000 from his beef cattle, corn and chickens.

In March, 1961 Albert's father passed away. Since that time he, his mother and younger brother have been operating the farm. Albert has most of the managerial responsibilities.

In addition to farming Albert is attending the University of Alabama where he is a music major. He drives a county school bus and is serving as music director of the Unity Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa.

—FFA—

## **Douglas Wilcox**

**Liberty**

Farming has been Douglas's past, it is his present and it is to be his career. Like most boys reared on the farm, he started out doing his share of the chores and field work at an early age. The first projects he could call his own was a dairy calf that he exhibited while still in elementary school.

He doesn't know when he decided to look to farming as his adult livelihood. It may have been when he cashed his first check for a winning dairy calf exhibit. He does know that for a greater portion of his 20 years he has wanted to live off the soil as has his father.

Today, by some standards, Douglas might already be counted a success but realizes that his farming career is still in its infancy. Taking into consideration property given to him by his father when he decided to become a full-time farmer, and property he has acquired since expanding his farming program as a vo-ag student, he estimates the investment at \$50,883.89. This includes a third share of the farm property. An older brother holds a third interest and Mr. Wilcox the other third.

Douglas has been responsible for the management of the dairy operation since his older brother left to study ag science at Auburn University. Mr. Wilcox has turned the operation of the farm over to Douglas and sits in as an experienced advisor only. He says when the older brother returns from Auburn he will bow out completely and let them run the farm.

Douglas started to improve the dairy herd while a first year vo-ag student at Liberty High School. He culled heifers and started artificial breeding to get an improved herd and has seen the quality and production of the cows improve considerably. Because first-year calves are culled a herd bull is used on heifers.

In order to be sure of the herd's improvement, Douglas has been careful to keep detailed and up-to-date records. Individual cow production is checked by weighing the milk at regular intervals.



**DOUGLAS WILCOX**

The 45-head herd shows a butterfat of 4.5 per cent.

His father has urged Douglas to keep abreast with the scientific advancements in farming and dairying. With the help of Mr. Q. R. Dollar, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor, he always tries to stay up-to-date in his program. Douglas was one of the first to plant orchard grass in that section of the state.

Last year he tried a new system of planting millet and oats for temporary grazing. He planted the oats in the middle of the millet rows. The millet was grazed until frost. By this time the oats were large enough to provide ample grazing without a lapse. It was an original idea and it worked very satisfactorily. He plans to use it this year and in the future.

Pastures are of prime importance to the Wilcox farm, therefore, they try to maintain them in top condition with the proper use of fertilizer, mowing and planting programs. However, last year a severe lack of rainfall cut back the growth considerably.

Milk production was maintained by increasing dry feeding. Douglas cut 12 acres of coastal bermuda for hay, getting as much as 100 bales per acre on three cuttings. In addition millet is used for silage. Corn yield on 32 acres is normally 50-60 bushels per acre. By using the hay and grain, he never has to buy feed for the herd.

Douglas drew plans for and built a metal corn crib for the corn crop. Several other improvements are planned for the farm. He wants to concrete the trench silo used for silage and plans to concrete the lot behind the milking parlor and barn. Other improvement plans are to add an additional 40 feet to the barn, using lumber cut from forest on

the farm. Most of his buildings have been constructed by cutting and milling lumber from the farm's forests, thereby saving in expense and getting better grade timber at a lower cost.

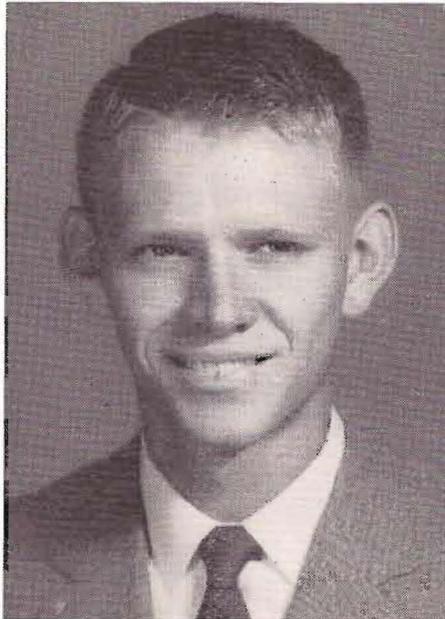
The farm requires full attention, seven days a week. Through vocational agriculture Douglas learned the benefit of applied scientific principles in farming and realizes the need for continuing his education. He may not attend college but he does want to take several courses in dairying in order to better equip himself to succeed in the field he has selected — farming.

— FFA —

## **John Dean**

**Enterprise**

John Dean started FFA work when he was in the tenth grade in high school.



**JOHN DEAN**

That year he started receiving a share of the farm income and taking some responsibility in managing the farm. At the present time he is doing full-time farming. His father owns the land and buildings and along with the land he furnishes one-half of the fertilizer, feed, and seed. John furnishes the labor and about half the machinery, feed, seed, and fertilizer and they split the profit on crops and livestock on a 50 percent basis. John's father works away from home as manager of the A.S.C.S.

John's farming program is where his most outstanding feature comes. The first year in agriculture he had four acres of corn and three acres of cotton. The second year he had forty acres of corn and 2.8 acres of cotton. In the third year of agriculture John expanded his program and had 20 acres of corn, 23 acres of peanuts, and 9 market hogs.

After John completed high school, he became a full-time farmer and continued to enlarge his farming program. In 1959 he had 23 acres of peanuts, 70 acres of corn, 89 market hogs and 10 breeding hogs. In 1960 he had 10.5 acres of cotton, 25 acres of peanuts, 55 acres of corn, 107 market hogs, 15 breeding hogs, and 6 feeder steers.

This year John has 16 acres of cotton, 30 acres of peanuts, 60 acres of corn, 175 market hogs, 15 sows and 2 boars.

In addition to the productive projects John completed several improvement practices and a number of supplementary practices each year.

John Dean was active in FFA work while he was in high school. He served on a number of committees, including program of work, conduct of meetings, and on several committees for planning the banquet for the parents. He was in the tractor driving contest for three years. He served as vice-president of the Enterprise chapter. In 1958 he attended the State FFA Convention to receive his State Farmer degree.

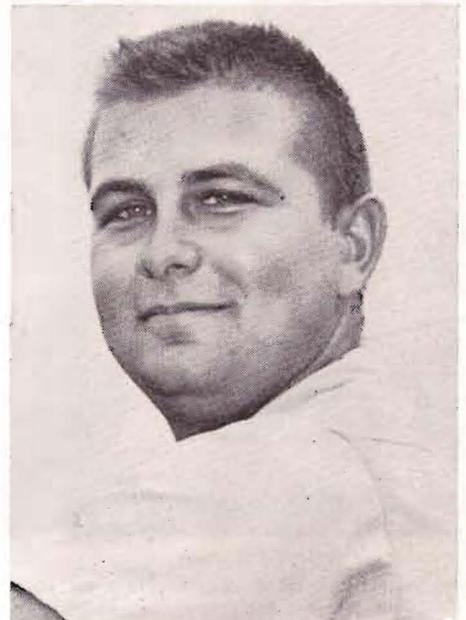
In addition to the farming program and FFA activities John has been active in his church. His church activities include the following: president of Young Peoples' Training Union, taught Junior Boys Sunday School class, was assistant Training Union Director, secretary of young peoples' Sunday School department, and was secretary of the Boys Class.

— FFA —

## **Darrell Driskell**

**Grand Bay**

When Darrell Driskell snapped on his American Farmer pin this fall it marked the sixth time a member of the Grand



**DARRELL DRISKELL**

Bay FFA chapter had won the high honor. The 1961 American Farmer was selected for the highest degree awarded by the FFA on the basis of his partnership in an outstanding farming program that successfully mixes dairying, general and custom farming.

Darrell, a 1960 graduate, and an older brother, Dillard are continuing the large farming operation built by their father, who died in 1959. Reaching back for training received in three years of vocational agriculture, Darrell shoulders responsibility of a full partner in the operation. A younger brother helps with the work load and may come in as a partner after graduation from high school.

The Future Farmer owns 100 acres of land, 55 of which are in pasture and the remaining 45 are in timber. The total farming operation embraces 200 acres of land owned by the family with an additional 500 acres being rented.

Main money producing crops on the farm are soybeans and watermelons, with the beans being the larger of the two. Darrell had to cancel a trip to the National FFA Convention because of the demands of the soybean harvest. The brothers had 450 acres of soybeans this year and averaged 32 bushels per acre, four to five bushels higher than their previous average.

Emphasis on mechanical help cuts the labor costs and requirements of the farm.

Two large combines, adaptable for beans or corn, slash harvesting time on the farm and allows the brothers to engage in custom picking as another source of income.

In his inventory of machinery, Darrell listed five tractors, one a giant of a machine that pulls six bottom plows.

Emphasis on mechanical help allows the brothers to handle most of the work themselves. "We hire hands every once in a while but we do most of the work ourselves," Darrell said. A fulltime employee for the dairying operation is the one exception and it frees the brothers for other management duties.

Darrell, married to a high school sweetheart, sits in on all planning for the farm and the plans now call for expansion. "We want to expand if we can get enough land to rent," he said. The brothers, next year, want to put in 600 acres of soybeans after the success of this year's crop.

Darrell, who alternates on week-ends as overseer of the dairy, pointed out that the herd improvement program is underway. "We sold our culls and bought some new heifers as an early step," he said.

From his start the heifers will be culled and the best ones saved with the idea of building up the milking herd to 100 head. Base for the dairy is ample to cover the expansion, Darrell said.

Just as in the field farming, mechanical help is employed in the dairy. A pipeline milking system and 600 gallon bulk tank being the main of the mechanical help. About the bulk tank, Darrell has a goal, "I wish we could fill it up every other day," he said. "Maybe in a couple more years we can do it," he added.

Farming fits this young farmer. He's been in it since he was 11 years old and with the training in vo-ag he was ready to shoulder responsibility after graduation.

Only 19 years old, Darrell is still active in the Grand Bay FFA chapter and has plans for entering the Future Farmer of the Year contest.

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COOPERATE! Remember the banana — every time it leaves the bunch it gets skinned.

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Conscience — the inner voice which warns us that someone may be looking.

Only at the trees which bear fruit do men throw stones.

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It's not the hours you put in — It's what you put into the hours.

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Forethought is better than repentance.

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What is called liberality is often merely the vanity of giving.



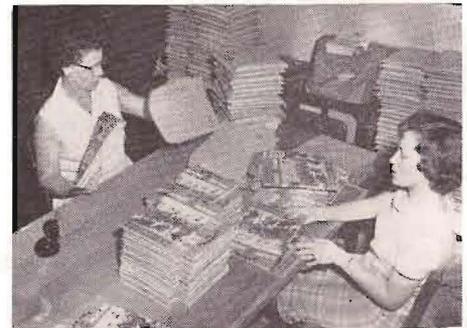
THE FFA AND FHA were well represented recently when Miriam Wills, Collinsville, state FHA president, and Jimmy Barnes, Sulligent, state FFA president, appeared before the Alabama Farm Bureau during their annual convention in Biloxi, Mississippi.



WANDA WEBSTER  
Hubbertville Sweetheart



THE MASSING of the state flags is a very impressive occasion at the National FFA Convention. Jim Anderson, Buckhorn FFA, served as Alabama's flag bearer at the convention.



ALABAMA Future Farmer magazines are counted and packaged for mailing to each individual chapter. Mrs. Mizell, left, and Mrs. Warren, right, secretaries, are attending to this chore.

# FFA ROUNDUP

## SULLIGENT

At the annual FFA-FHA melon cutting at Sulligent High School, State FFA president, Jimmy Barnes, spoke briefly to his home chapter. Among his interesting remarks he urged members, "to get into something the FFA has to offer and do it." "The public speaking contest," he said, "rates high in my thinking and believe it or not FFA offers FUN OUT OF WORK."

## SWEET WATER

The vocational agriculture program of the Sweet Water High School is well underway in the new school year. There are 35 boys enrolled, the largest number in several years.

The first year students are learning the many opportunities that are available to them in the broad field of vocational agriculture.

The second year students are being taught the different forage crops that can be used in a winter grazing and field program for beef cattle and the third year group is determining the possibilities for an improved pasture and livestock program on their home farm.

The boys are looking forward to a very successful year in vo-ag work.

## GEORGIANA

Ignoring the death rate, the progeny from one pair of rats could exceed 350,000,000 in three years, is a fact that astonished vocational agriculture students in their study of rodents as menaces to safety. In addition to being safety hazards, rats damage or destroy some 200 million bushels of grain annually. They also are carriers of bubonic plague, typhus, and other deadly diseases.

In their study, Georgiana vo-ag'ers pinpointed several important "do's" and "don'ts." Included were:

1. Don't shelter rats.
2. Don't feed rats.
3. Do kill rats regularly. There are three main methods of killing: poisoning, fumigating, and trapping.
4. Do organize community rat-control projects.
5. Do allow a year-round program.

Rats never take a vacation. They may raise 6 or more litters per year with from 6 to 22 in a litter. Community action is the only effective way to fight rats. Controlling rats on only one farm in a com-

munity is somewhat like trying to sweep back the ocean with a broom.

With such things in mind, Georgiana vo-ag students resolved to do all they possibly could toward rodent elimination.

## HOLTVILLE

Under the direction of Mr. W. D. Robinson, Jr., five boys have purchased beef calves to exhibit in the Elmore County Beef Cattle Show, which will be held next spring. The boys are Gene Rhodes, Ranier Cox, Bill Gibbons, Gregory Gibbons, and Clayton Allen.

The FFA chapter also plans to have a school farm. On this farm there will be a pasture for grazing the calves which are projects of FFA members. Another project on this farm will be a "pig parlor." The pigs will be fed scraps from the lunchroom.

## CLANTON

The Chilton County high school has one of the finest football fields anywhere in Central Alabama. However, few people know just how the renovation project was started.

It all began back in 1957, when Dr. Sturkie of Auburn University gave the Clanton chapter of the FFA two square



feet sod of Tifton 57 Bermuda grass. This grass was broken up and a 12' x 16' plot was sprigged. Two years later the plot was a solid sod.

With the help of county and city equipment, the field was sub-soiled. The Athletic Club donated three hundred yards of gravel and topsoil for the field. The field was then packed and grade-stakes were put up by the VO-AG classes of Chilton County high school, under the direction of Mr. Thompson. After the finishing touches of elevation were completed, the field was disced and fertilized. The job of sprigging the field was done by VO-AG and Physical Ed. classes of Chilton County high school.

An irrigation system was worked out by the VO-AG department. Water was piped from the creek behind the school by a pump purchased from the Army surplus supplies. Pipe and sprinklers were also purchased from the Army sur-

plus. Mr. Spicer, the transportation officer, made sure that the field was watered during the summer months.

## EUFAULA

A most popular subject of conversation today is that of material read by our children. These conversations usually end by condemning all literature that can be bought on the public news stands. Most of the time one may be justified in any statement made about these materials.

It is a natural act of humanity for a person, young or old, to want to read, either for educational purposes or simply for entertainment. Young people are going to read those books and magazines that are most easily attained.

Members of the Eufaula vocational agriculture classes and FFA chapter are making an effort to improve the quality of reading material for their members as well as the other students at EHS.

The FFA chapter has 12 Purposes around which their programs and objectives are built. Two of these objectives are: To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism, and, to encourage improvement in scholarship.

No better way could be found to carry out these objectives than to keep an abundant supply of wholesome reading material before the students at all times. The FFA chapter library, which is located in the vocational agriculture building, has more than 20 subscriptions to magazines that are published weekly or monthly. These magazines give the students an excellent selection of reading material. This material covers subjects on Agriculture, World Affairs, Local and State news, and good wholesome entertainment.

## ATTALLA

Thomas Harris of the Attalla FFA chapter has been selected as the chapter's most outstanding farmer for this year.

Thomas is in his third year of vocational agriculture at Etowah County high school. He is a member of the Junior class. During his three year study of vocational agriculture, Thomas has carried out many improved farming practices and has maintained a well balanced supervised farming program. His supervised farming program for the past year consisted of seven acres of cotton, 4 acres of corn, 3 beef animals and many improvement and supplementary farm practices.

Young Harris has participated in many FFA activities. He is presently serving as chapter vice-president, is a member of the executive committee, a member of the program committee, a delegate to the state FFA convention last June, and is

planning to run for a chapter office this year.

### TOWN CREEK

The Town Creek FFA chapter held its regular monthly meeting on November 14 in the vocational building. FFA president, Billy Slayton, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the official opening ceremony.

The meeting was devoted to the conservation of wildlife and safety in hunting. A film was shown by Mr. John Yates, FFA advisor to the group, on Conservation of Wildlife.

Officers for the Town Creek FFA this year are Billy Slayton, president; Danny Austin, vice-president; Ervin Norwood, secretary; Charles Nichols, treasurer; Jerry Saint, reporter; Daulton Berryman, sentinel, and John Yates, advisor.

### CENTREVILLE

The Ag I vocational agriculture class at Bibb County high school has "learned by doing" by carrying out various woodland improvement practices on the school FFA Forestry Demonstration Plot at Lawley. Woodland improvement was studied in the classroom and followed up

with a field trip. The class was divided into four groups, with each group carrying out four improvement practices—small hardwood control, large hardwood control, thinning and pruning, and cleaning off the fire lane.

Each group worked on one practice for one hour and at the end of this period changed practices. This procedure continued until each group had carried out each one of the four improvements.

In addition to getting this practical experience, the boys will be able to apply what they have learned in their forestry projects at home. Some boys have had some good forestry projects in the past.

### CARROLLTON

A three and one-half hour clinic on the maintenance and servicing of farm tractors was held this week at Carrollton vocational agriculture department. Conducting the clinic was Winston O. Bice, farm representative for Standard Oil Company.

The agriculture classes I, II, III and IV took part in the clinic and performed actual servicing of a demonstration tractor. In addition to the practical work, the clinic had instructional films on farm safety and tractor maintenance. Mr. Bice also led a discussion on the proper choice and use of lubricants, and the importance of performing daily and periodic maintenance services. These are most important to long life and economic operation of the farm tractor.

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# FFA

## On The MARCH

**AKRON**—held regular meeting with new officers presiding; discussed activity program; planned Father-Son banquet; 20 members feeding out calves for market; planned Green Hand initiation; set up committees; built three feed troughs for beef calf projects; plan to enter four state contests.

**ASHLAND**—held two meetings; committees appointed; FFA-FHA had a joint social; report on forestry was given at last meeting; built surface water drainage system and sidewalk for elementary school; operated concession stand; completed radio-active fallout shelter.

**ATTALLA**—held officer training school; collected membership dues; ordered notebooks; adopted program of work; made \$60 for chapter; plan initiation; held six committee meetings.

**AUBURN**—sent delegate to forestry camp; held regular meetings; elected officers.

**BLOUNTSVILLE**—every all-day student a member of FFA; planned program of work; held wiener-roast with FHA; purchased welding supplies; operated concession stand at home football games; National Future Farmer sent to home of every member.

**BOAZ**—held regular monthly meeting; discussed and appointed committees; initiated 26 Green Hands.

**BRANTLEY**—all vo-ag students are FFA members and all subscribed to the National Future Farmer magazine; produced 1,173 pounds of lint cotton; averaged 98.2 bushels of corn per acre on 5.3 acres.

**BROOKWOOD**—sold concessions at ball games; assigned all members to a committee; ordered official jackets, officer pins, official manual for every class; purchased more books for library.

**BUCKHORN**—held two chapter meetings; initiated 25 Green Hands; held executive council meeting; plan to organize a quartet and string band; our chapter works the year around on SAFETY.

**CARROLLTON**—9 new members initiated; sold FFA calendar to raise funds; held 2 regular meetings; adopted activity program; ordered 2 jackets and 4 T-shirts.

**CEDAR BLUFF**—held first meeting; appointed committees; selling car wax; brought files up to date; ordered magazines for department; completed activity program.

**CLANTON**—exhibited Sears bull at county and South Alabama Fair; castrated 15 bulls for adult farmers; operated concession stand at home football games; repaired bull trailer; purchased 10 feeder steers; elected officers; bushoged FFA pasture; built gates for pasture; ordered FFA supplies.

**COFFEEVILLE**—held regular meetings; made \$78 on football concession stand; completed program of work; appointed all committees; initiated Green Hands; ordered manuals for all Green Hands; elected FFA Sweetheart; three members entering public speaking contest.

**COLLINSVILLE**—held one summer meeting; made tour in Florida; elected new officers; made \$102 operating concession stand; held square dance with FHA.

**CULLMAN**—planned joint party with FHA; distributed 9 purebred Durocs to members; held officer training school; went on fishing tour to Wheeler Park.

**CURRY**—elected officers; placed 2 gilts in pig chain; ordered 18 Green Hand buttons, 16 Chapter Farmer buttons, official secretary and treasurer books; planning social with FHA; placed 3 FFA feeder calves; ordered 3 jackets; completed program of work; held Green Hand initiation; placed 2 mailbox posts in community.

**DOUGLAS**—elected officers for 1961-62; held training meetings for new officers; planned initiation; sold car wax; ordered FFA materials.

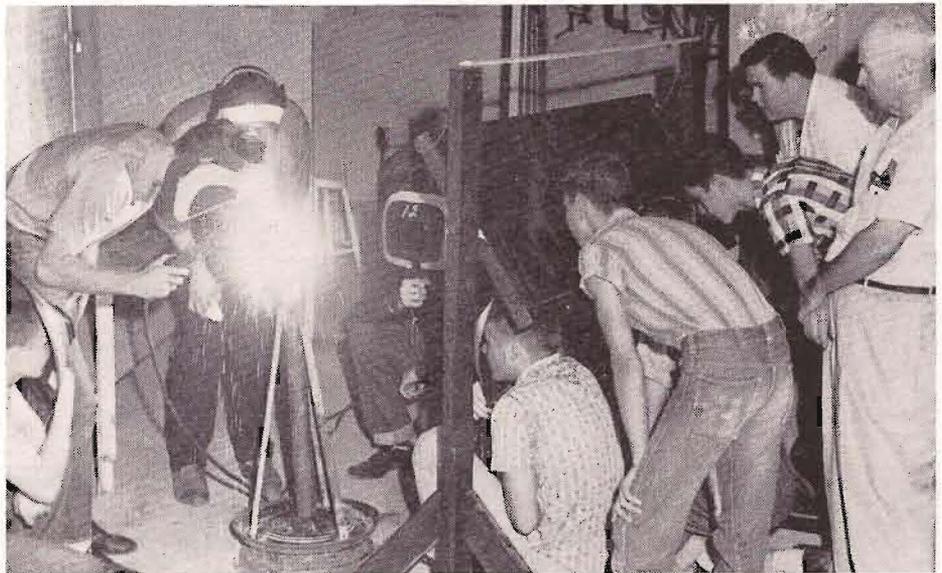
**EAST BREWTON**—nominated candidates for Sweetheart; planned chapter activities for year; purchased 10 copies of the official FFA manual; plan to initiate 40 Green Hands; purchased Green Hand pins; received official jacket order; selected champion corn grower; president made talk in school assembly.

**ELKMONT**—elected officers; planned program of work; collecting dues; held regular meetings.

**ENTERPRISE**—officers meet each Monday; built new peanut parcher; selling peanuts at football games; working on program of work; initiated 40 Green Hands; ordered official jackets.

**FLORALA**—held officer training school; purchased Weboor Stereophonic Tape Recorder; set up committees for year; plan to buy a Lincoln Arc Welder this year; held two regular chapter meetings; initiated 19 Green Hands; elected Junior officers.

**FORT DEPOSIT**—held officer training program; selling peanuts at football games; added new reference books to library; completing program of work for year; appointed committees with chairman for each.



**WELDING ALWAYS CREATES** much interest among vo-ag students. This class from Pell City, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Locke, is getting a welding demonstration from one of the class members.

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GENEVA—held two chapter meetings; four members attending Auburn University; 16 new members; began checking corn yields; chapter year book being prepared.

GEORGIANA—obtained new welding equipment; elected officers; making SAFETY theme for year; revitalizing pig chain; members developing plans for project programs; using official secretary and treasurer books; ordered two jackets; wrote 16 news articles; initiated 22 Green Hands; added three new filmstrips to film library; held three chapter meetings; appointed committees to carry out chapter activities; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins; selected chapter corn growing champion.

GERALDINE—elected officers; painted entire shop; ordered three official jackets; held officers training school; sold pop-corn at football games; ordered new drill press for shop; appointed committees; held monthly meetings.

GOSHEN—held officers training school this summer, poured concrete floor for pig parlor; held two regular meetings; sold official calendars; ordered 20 manuals and other supplies.

GORDO—planned social with FHA; purchased 10 pigs; organized FFA quartet; elected chapter

Sweetheart; completed chapter program of work; ordered 11 official jackets and 16 T-shirts.

GREENVILLE—held regular meeting; planned meetings for coming year; appointed member to be in charge of each meeting; operated cold drink stand, plan to purchase tractor with profit; initiation planned.

GROVE HILL—held two officer training periods and two chapter meetings; all members subscribing to the National Future Farmer; submitted Program of Work; elected Sweetheart; feeding out eight market hogs to huy shop equipment; Ag II beginning shop period.

HACKNEYVILLE—repaired equipment; rented a 10 acre farm and planted wheat and oats; wrote three news articles; new officers elected; Father-Son banquet discussed.

HATTON—held meeting for newly elected officers with new president presiding; committees appointed; plan initiation for Green Hands; worked out activity program for year.

HEFLIN—held two officer meetings; prepared chapter calendar; sold subscriptions to magazines; appointed committees; made preparation for Green Hand initiation and chicken supper.

HOLLY POND—painted shop; landscaped one home; held joint social with FHA; raising funds

for more shop equipment; planning supper with FFA; bought FFA manuals.

JACKSON—elected new president; held officer training school; worked on activity program; studied Parliamentary Procedure; planning fund raising for FFA; elected chapter Sweetheart; planned meetings for year.

KATE DUNCAN SMITH—voted to start pig chain; selling car wax; elected officers.

KINSTON—ordered 10 shop aprons; bought five hogs to feed out on lunchroom scraps; made a co-operative fruit tree order; five calves bought to feed out; held Green Hand initiation for 43 members.

LaFAYETTE—held monthly meeting; elected chapter Sweetheart; presented Honorary Chapter Degree; livestock judging team entered Chatahoochee Fair.

LEROY—held regular meeting and officer's meeting; completed program of work; appointed committees; selling candy to raise funds for FFA-FHA parent banquet; all members subscribed to National Future Farmer.

LINDEN—operated concession stand at home football games; officers elected; attended State Fair; worked in shop for two weeks.

LOUISVILLE—held regular meeting; elected officers; built a feed house with materials from an old house which was torn down.

LUVERNE—elected new officers; selected chapter Sweetheart; held officers training school.

MAPLESVILLE—elected officers; purchased 12 feeder calves; made \$76 advertising at ball games; working in shop; going on field trips and studying introduction to agriculture.

MILLERVILLE—held regular meetings; elected officers; selected chapter Sweetheart.

MILLTOWN—elected officers; initiated six Green Hands; held tractor clinic; sponsored party.

MONROEVILLE—held regular meetings; elected officers; organized quartet; sold subscriptions to Farm Journal; held officer training school; member elected to student council.

MONTEVALLO—held regular open house for shop jobs; selling county newspaper subscriptions; painted ag department; sold two calendar orders; enrolled 42 Green Hands; studying welding.

MOULTON—held officers meeting and one regular meeting; moved into new vocational building; made two welding tables; planned initiation; sold concessions at football games; placed four pigs in pig chain.

NEW BROCKTON—held regular meetings; collecting dues; elected officers; plan to select chapter Sweetheart.

NEW HOPE—erected mailbox posts on highway; placed four pigs with members; had two week welding course; elected Sweetheart.

NEW SITE—initiated 13 Green Hands; elected officers; setting up goals for year.

OAKMAN—held four meetings; placed one gilt in pig chain; made air compressor for shop; pruned trees on campus; ordered jackets and jewelry; sold magazines; determined corn growing champ for chapter; castrated several pigs and wormed calves.

OHATCHEE—treated one member's peach orchard; trimmed trees on campus; purchased new \$150 rotary tractor; selling magazines.

PELL CITY—holding group meetings; received 15 new manuals; built an electric peanut parcher; initiated Green Hands and raised Chapter Farmers; added fourth welder to shop; secured new Stanley film strip projector; reworked files in office; stressing farm SAFETY.

PLANTERSVILLE—held organizational meeting; elected officers; three members participated in a calf scramble; selling calendar ads for money raising project; constructed 16 mailbox posts.

PLEASANT HOME—collected dues; completed program of work; held FFA-FHA party; Hobo day planned; sold calendar ads; pine cone harvest yielded \$273.70; planning Green Hand initiation; held two regular meetings; chapter corn growing champ to be named.

PISGAH—held meeting; elected officers; 100% membership dues paid; made group pictures; bought new welder for shop; placed five gilts in pig chain; increased membership.

RANBURNE—elected officers; held two regular and two officer meetings; castrated small pigs; added about 2,000 bulletins; making plans for activities; had exhibit in county fair.

RED BAY—ordered secretary and treasurer book; initiated 15 Green Hands; awarded Green Hand pins; sold rat poison to raise chapter funds; repainted shop; prepared program of work; measuring corn yields; presented chapel program on SAFETY.

REELTOWN—built new bleachers on football field; entered county dairy judging contest; Sr. III class built truck bodies; have membership of 50 this year.

REHOBETH—moved into new vocational building; set up all electrical equipment in shop; built new screens for lunchroom; purchased four calves for Tri-State Fat Stock Show.

ROGERS—ordered four jackets; planning a unit on electric welding; working on program for year; added 25 books to library; selected land judging team; 53 members in the chapter.

ROGERSVILLE—started Christmas card sales; had float in homecoming parade; studying soil judging; selling FFA calendars; held regular meetings; planning annual Green Hand initiation.

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**SAND ROCK**—held officer training for one week; selected social and budget committees; completed program of work; bought new manuals, secretary's book; hold recreation every Saturday night.

**SMITH'S STATION**—elected officers; 41 Green Hands initiated; livestock judging team practicing; held regular meetings.

**SOUTHSIDE**—sold cow and calf for \$256.15; bought 2 beef steers for Fat Stock Show; attended feeder pig sale; ordered 15 manuals; held one meeting; elected reporter and secretary; wormed pigs and beef calves; bought set of mechanic tools for shop.

**SPARKMAN**—new officers held training camp for two days; initiated 28 Green Hands; held two officer meetings; made 16 mailbox posts; installed fence around football field.

**SULLIGENT**—plans made to enter reporter contest; selected feeder calves for Fat Stock Show; elected officers; held annual melon cutting; working on forestry contest; held officer training program; all members subscribed to National Future Farmer; 3 members preparing contest speeches; continued Weekly Round-Up Column in Lamar Democrat; added 52 books to library; member purchased registered Angus bull, cow and heifer; checked corn yields and selected chapter champion.

**STRAUGHN**—entered FFA bull in South Alabama Fair; held annual fun night; members completed pulling chapter corn—made over 300 bushels; held party for Green Hands; plan to build a farrowing pen for department; FFA Sweetheart elected.

**SUTTLE**—held officer training school and planned program of work; purchased nine feeder hogs to be fed at school; purchased 3/4 inch drill for shop; preparing for annual field day.

**SYLVANIA**—conducted officer training school; published two articles in local newspaper; carried two gilts to hog show.

**THOMASTON**—held regular meeting; initiated Green Hands; planned activity program; raised Green Hands to Chapter Farmers; selected chapter champion corn grower.

**THOMASVILLE**—repaired football bleachers; made 35 book stands for typing room; completed program of work; assisted with Halloween carnival.

**TOWN CREEK**—constructed exhibit for local fair; placed 4 gilts in pig chain; taught course in welding; elected Sweetheart; initiated 32 Green Hands; planned programs for year; bought carbon arc torch for ag shop.

**TUSKEGEE**—entered local corn growing contest; initiated 16 Green Hands; had State poultry production winner; assigned committees for year; made plans for joint party with FHA; selected chapter Sweetheart.

**VALLEY HEAD**—dairy judging team won Bronze Plaque at Waterloo, Iowa; organizing to sell tractor cushions; initiated 24 Green Hands.

**VERBENA**—14 Green Hands initiated; selected Sweetheart; enjoyed trip to South Alabama Fair.

**VINA**—35 attended Alabama State Fair; bought four new welding helmets; studying electrical welding; selected program committee.

**WEOGUFKA**—made four project tours; painted office in ag department; repaired school tractor; elected officers; held one regular meeting.

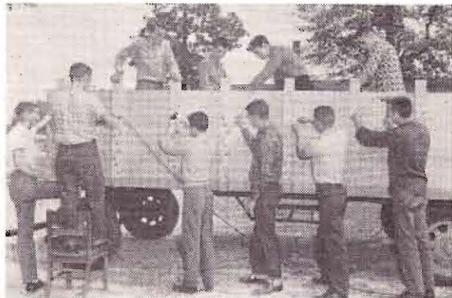
**WETUMPKA**—sold drinks and peanuts at ball games; judged and showed animals at State Fair; ordered materials for chapter use; selling magazines; have 12 beef calves on feed; initiated 26 Green Hands.

**WHITE PLAINS**—program of work made and committees appointed; elected officers; had exhibit at county fair.

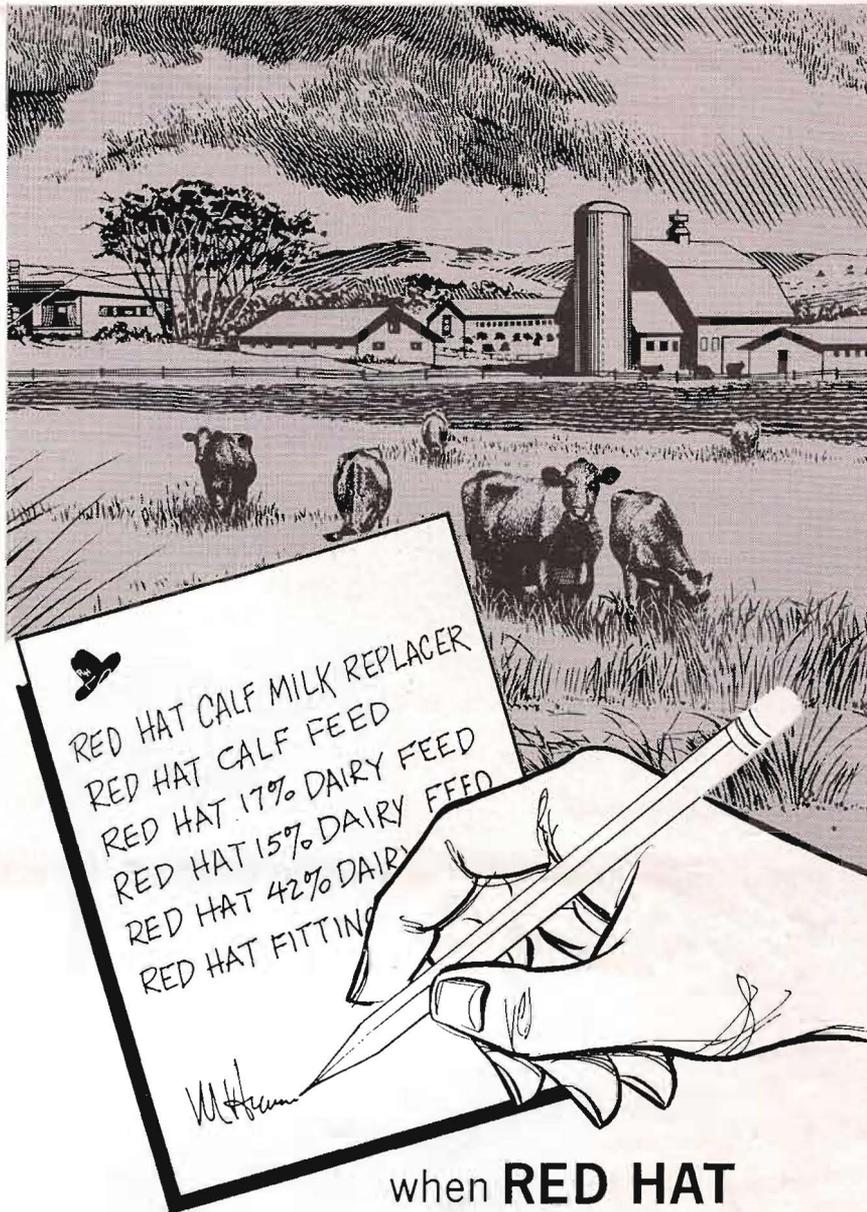
**WICKSBURG**—Ag 3 class made field trip to Sunnyland Packing Company; elected officers; held regular meetings.

**WINTERBORO**—held officer training school; appointed committee for planning program of work; collected dues; making plans to paint vo-ag classroom.

**WOODVILLE**—31 new members; held regular meetings; elected new officers; participated in annual PTA barbeque; made group picture for FFA calendar; appointed committees; installed speakers in classroom and shop.



**COOPERATIVE** shop projects provide experience for many boys. These FFA members from Autaugaville are building wagon bodies for a local farmer to make money for their chapter activities.



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