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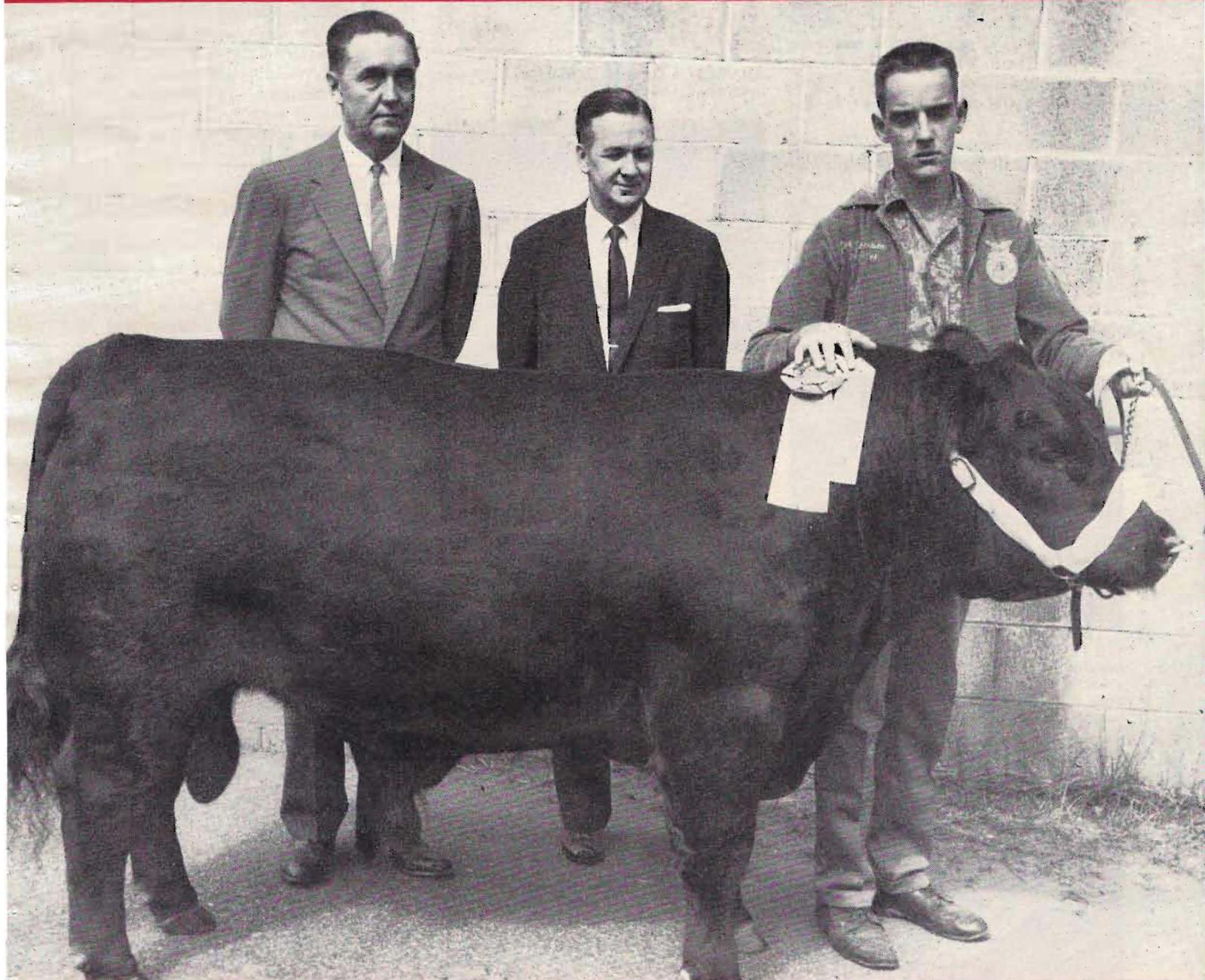
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Forestry Camp Means Fun And Work

The 1960 forestry camp provided for FFA members by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and Coosa River Newsprint in cooperation with the State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry, was a very enjoyable and beneficial experience for all that attended. Everyone was busy with regularly scheduled activities from check-in time on Sunday afternoon until Saturday morning's check-out.

The time at camp was taken up with instruction, planned recreational activities, study, and capped off at night with good entertainment. The outdoor environment, plenty of good food, clean fresh air, coupled with a hard day of activities made one and all enjoy good sleep which ended all too soon at 6 o'clock in the mornings.

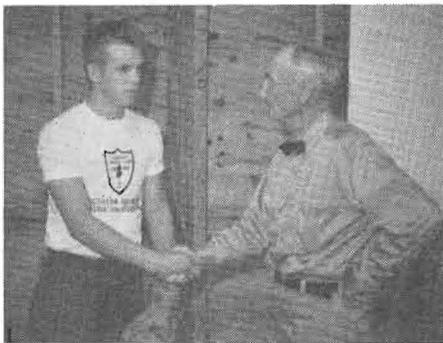
This year's camp was attended by 109 boys, principally FFA members from all over the state. Fifteen teachers of vocational agriculture served as cabin councilors and group leaders. Foresters and professional staff members from the paper companies and the State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry, served as instructors and other camp staff personnel. John McCullough, Chief of Forest Management, State Depart-



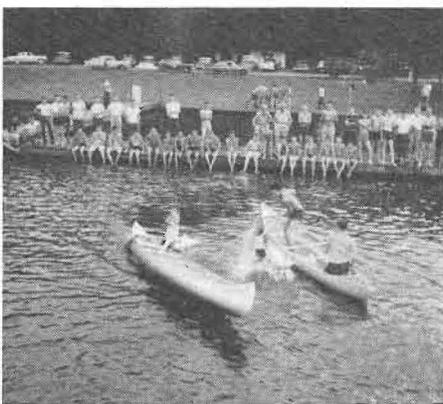
ARNOLD LEAK, a state district forester, instructs a class on First Aid.



FOOD IS A big factor at the Forestry Camp. Burton Pearson, FFA and vo-ag editor, can ably testify as to the quality and quantity. It seems he is well pleased with both.



WILLIE FRANK FRITH, selected chief forester for the 1960 Forestry Camp and a Suttle FFA member, receives congratulations from Mr. Grady Cleveland, retired assistant state forester.



RECREATION plays a big part in the Forestry Camp and everyone seems to be enjoying the waterfront activities.

ment of Conservation, Division of Forestry, served as Camp Director.

Members of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association who sponsored the camp are International Paper Company, Gulf States Paper Corporation, Southern Division of Scott Paper Company and Marathon Southern Corporation.

—FFA—

"Accidents Are Caused"

"Accidents are caused." That's a phrase you've probably heard and read hundreds of times — maybe you're just plain fed up with hearing it over and over again. But have you ever given it any thought and considered all its implications?

Accidents are caused by human faults. Consider that. Accidents are caused by lack of knowledge or training, fatigue, recklessness, stubbornness, haste, laziness, failure to provide adequate safeguards.

Such human faults can be corrected and accidents can be prevented — by you.

On The Cover

The bull owned by the Goshen FFA Chapter won first place in the Sears Bull Show during the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery. T. L. Faulkner, State FFA advisor, and Earl D. Kitchens, manager of the Montgomery Sears store, look on as Harold Wilkins, Goshen FFA member, displays the bull with the ribbons he won.

This bull is one of five bulls received by FFA chapters from Briar Hill Farm, Union Springs. Other chapters exhibiting bulls in the Sears show were Inverness, Stevenson, Dozier, Troy, Clanton, Centreville, Wicksburg, Buckhorn, Eufula, Munford, and Priceville.

Many of these bulls also entered and won awards in the open show.

Form Advisory Councils

Advisory Councils for vocational agriculture have been formed at six schools in Alabama.

The councils are at Suttle, Jemison, Winterboro, Vincent, Tuskegee, and Albert G. Parrish High of Selma.

Made up of from 5 to 12 members, the purpose of the council is to work with the vo-ag teacher and principal in planning and carrying out a good program of agricultural education in the community.

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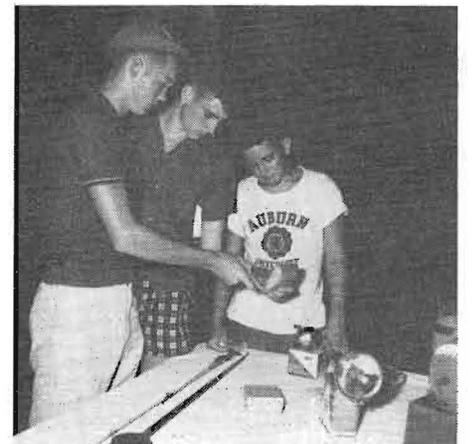
Plenty of people have a good aim in life, but a lot of them don't know when to pull the trigger.

—FFA—

Stranger to school Student: What is the name of this school?

Student: I don't know sir, I just came to play football.

—FFA—



PRIZES AND awards are given for outstanding achievement at the Forestry Camp. They are displayed throughout the week for inspection by the boys in attendance.

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Appreciation For FFA

Following is, in part, an editorial that appeared in the Birmingham News immediately following our FFA convention. We appreciate this very much and feel that you will too.

Farm Youth Show Other Folks 'How'

The farmers may have more than their share of problems, of one category or another, but their youngsters are not among them.

We were particularly impressed with what our farm youth are doing these days by reports in our paper Thursday. In Alabama, the big farm news of the day was the state convention of Future Farmers of America at Auburn University.

At Auburn, two pigs, a garden plow and an acre of land assumed special significance. For that was what young James Taylor of Suttle, Perry County, started with, as a result of his father's interest, in his first step into the farming business. Today, with land leased from relatives, young Taylor cultivates 100 acres of corn, 37.5 acres of cotton, an acre of sweet potatoes, and expects to market 100 hogs from his seven sows.

Jim Taylor's achievements are not unique; they are typical of what our farm youth is doing today in every part of Alabama. Jim is Alabama's Star Farmer this year and will represent the state in the national contest at the FFA convention.

Recognition of the alert, interested and knowledgeable young agriculturalists being produced on our farms today is a valuable phase of the FFA program.

When you get worried about the nation's tomorrows, give a thought to what was going on Thursday at Auburn University. The horizon looks bright, indeed!

(For story about James Taylor — see page 10)

What Every Future Farmer Should Believe

The FFA boy is more important than the FFA project.

The FFA is not trying to replace the home, the church, and the school — but supplement them.

To "learn by doing" is fundamental in any sound educational program and characteristic of the FFA program.

Learning how to do projects is more important than the project itself.

Many things are caught rather than taught.

Competition in FFA work should be recognized as a natural human trait but should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals in FFA.

A blue-ribbon FFA boy with a red-ribbon pig is more desirable than a red-ribbon boy with a blue-ribbon pig.

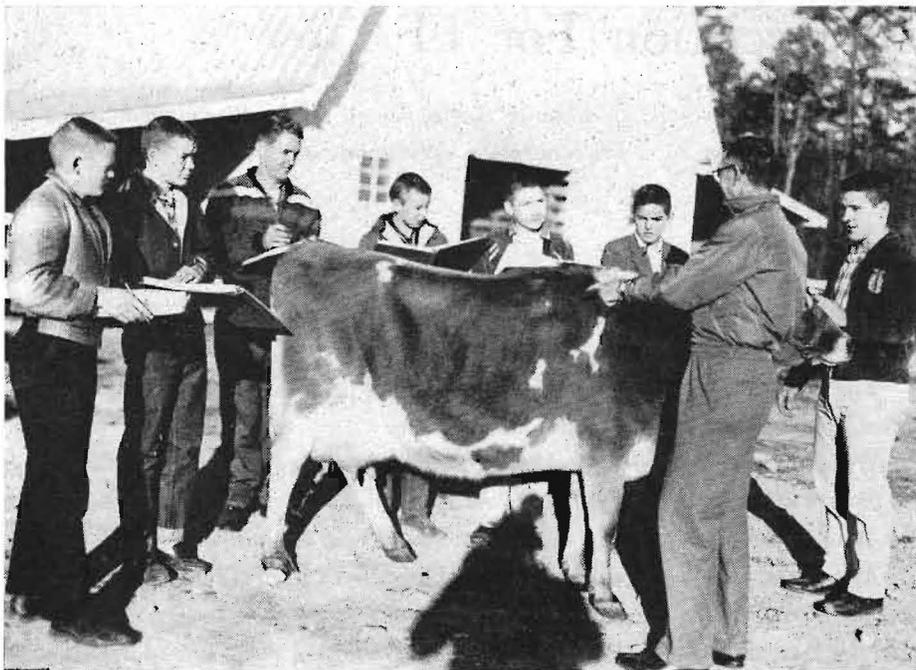
No FFA award is worth sacrificing the reputation of an FFA member or advisor.

A Future Farmer should be his own best exhibit.

There is generally more than one good way of doing most things.

Every FFA member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win, and to be praised.

FFA members must be taught HOW to think; not WHAT to think.



THE DAR SCHOOL farm provides a teaching lab for vo-ag students. P. M. Wilder, vo-ag teacher, is instructing a class in the dairy cow conformation.

Under Ag-Teacher's Supervision

Grade A Dairy Operation Is Among Distinctions At Grant DAR School

The DAR High School at Grant, which is owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution and contracted to the Marshall County Board of Education to operate, holds many distinctions among high schools in Alabama and in the county.

Far from the least of these is the Grade A Dairy owned by the school and operated under the supervision of vocational agriculture teacher, P. M. Wilder.

The dairy is used as a teaching resource to help train vo-ag students, not only in dairying but also in farm machinery operation and maintenance, production of pasture and hay crops, making hay and silage, practice in judging dairy cows, and in computing rations.

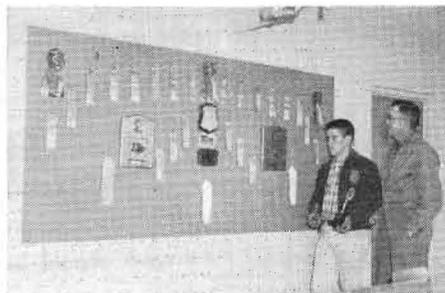
Profit from the 28-cow operation is turned back to the farm or used to buy supplies and equipment for the vo-ag department. The farm is operated by Mr. Jack Ellis with vo-ag students being hired for extra help during busy seasons.

An enviable record has been made by the dairy herd since converting to Grade A production in 1951. A DHIA record is kept on each animal which showed the herd average that year to be 6,242 pounds of milk per cow. It passed 8,000 pounds in 1955, and reached 9,142 pounds of milk and 457 pounds of butterfat in 1959 for the all-Jersey herd. The present goal is 10,000 pounds and when it is reached, another will be set.

Like most dairymen, Mr. Wilder and Mr. Ellis are particularly proud of a certain cow in the herd.

The top cow, Sue, was also the best Jersey in Alabama in 1958 and 1959 and

received certificates from the Jersey Cattle Club. Her production was 13,210 pounds of milk and 630 pounds of butterfat in 1958. In 1959 the figures were 13,730 and 639 according to DHIA rec-



AWARDS WON by the DAR School Dairy are on display in the classroom. Admiring them are Charles Ellis, a student who won many of the awards showing the cattle, and Mr. Wilder, vo-ag teacher.

ords. The American Jersey Cow classification for the entire herd is 86.12. The cows have also made an outstanding record in dairy shows.

Maximum use of land is necessitated by the school's owning only 70 acres for

the dairy. A year-round land-usage program enables all the roughage and much of the concentrates for the herd to be grown on the farm. Summer crops include Coastal Bermuda, star millet, alfalfa, and corn. During the winter oats, wheat, crimson clover and rye are grown.

All surplus grazing is harvested with a forage harvester for silage and enough hay is put up for winter feeding.

Feed that is purchased is obtained in the bulk which Mr. Wilder estimates saves \$45-\$50 a month on feed costs. The vo-ag students built a five-ton capacity feed bin last year from surplus army metal. The feed is unloaded from a truck with an auger into the top of the tank and a cart is used to transfer it to the milk room. The bin has been copied by a Gadsden company which plans to manufacture them commercially.

In addition to the DHIA records, a blackboard is kept in the milking room which shows for each cow the amount of feed she should receive based on her milk production and body weight, when she should be dried off, and when she will freshen.

Mr. Wilder says that the next improvement will be a pipe line milking system with a bulk tank. For maximum efficiency, he wants to expand the herd some if enough hay and silage can be produced.

—FFA—

Lady Customer: "Of course, you understand I want my shoes comfortable, but at the same time good looking and stylish."

Clerk: "Yes, Ma'am. I think I understand perfectly. You want them large inside and small outside."

—FFA—



GLINDA SUE COGGINS, Sweetheart of the Clanton chapter.

Eutaw Vo-Ag Students Build Wagons From Scrap Metal Found On Farms



EUTAW VO-AG teacher J. M. Jackson points out the next step in construction of one of the wagons to Student Billy Owens.

An outstanding example of what can be done with scrap metal on many farms with the use of a welder and ingenuity is shown by wagons that Eutaw vocational agriculture students are building.

Teacher J. M. Jackson says that the four-wheel tractor wagons cost approximately \$40 compared to a commercial cost of \$200 or more. Nine have been built for students and school patrons thus far.

To test the alignment and balance of the wagons, they are pulled behind a car at 60 miles per hour.

The wagons are 7 feet wide and 14 feet long and can haul 80 to 100 bales of hay. By putting sides on the flat bed, loose feed and silage can be hauled. A 2 x 4 bolted to the edges of the bed tilts the bales of hay toward the center and eliminates the need for tying down the hay.

All materials used except the oak lumber in the bed came from scrap. The axles and wheel drums are from the front end of 1947 Ford automobiles which used straight axles. Mercury rims are used because they carry 15 inch tires which enable tire replacements to be obtained easily.

The coupling pole is a two and one half inch steel pipe. It extends from the back to enable more than one wagon to be pulled by the same tractor. To provide stability and allow easy turning, the old fashioned fifth wheel is used on the front end. The framing between the axles and bed is made from three-inch channel iron.

An "A"-frame with a two and a half inch pipe through the center of it makes

up the tongue or pulling mechanism. Added flexibility which is important in crossing terraces and ditches results from cutting the frame and hinging the two ends.

Mr. Jackson emphasizes that the training and experience received by vo-ag students in building the wagons will enable them to save much money by being able to use scrap metal and parts on their own farms to construct useful and valuable equipment.

Among the advantages of the wagons as a shop project that Mr. Jackson points out are the variety of skills used to build one and the fact that a large number of boys can work on it at the same time. Skills used include welding and cutting metal, carpentry, drilling wood and metal, and aligning the wheels which is done by careful measuring.



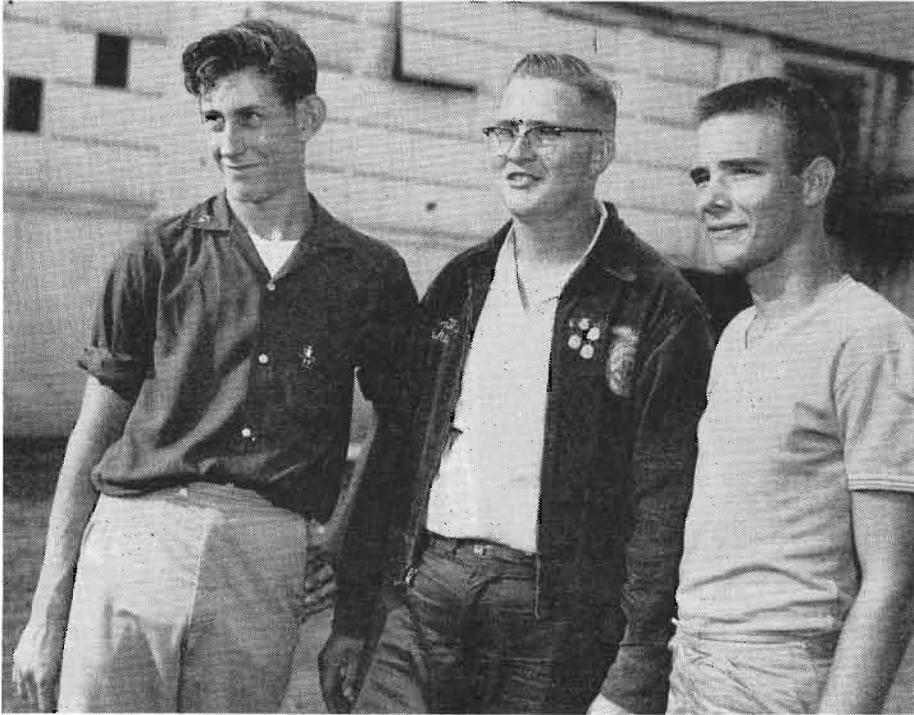
MR. JACKSON stands beside a finished wagon.



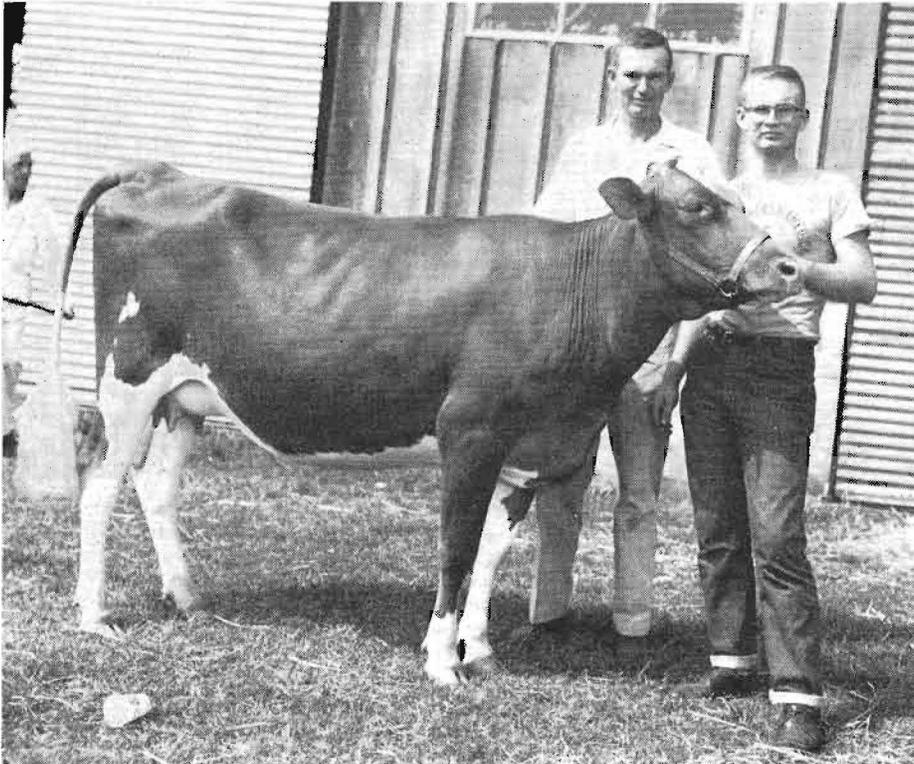
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL men who received honorary FFA State Farmer Degrees during the State Convention are, left to right, seated, L. B. Williams, Assistant Director of Publicity, AU, Auburn; James R. Carroll, Electrical Demonstration Representative, TVA, Wilson Dam, Ala.; Carter Hardwick, Managing Director, TV Station WSFA-TV, Montgomery; Dr. Troy B. Patterson, Associate Professor of Animal Husbandry, AU, Auburn; Merlin T. Bryant, President, Alabama Poultry Industries Association, Brundidge; B. E. Lee, Principal, Monroe County High School, Monroeville; R. Paul Moon, Division Rural Service Engineer, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham; Geddes Self, Principal, Walker County High School, Jasper.

Standing left to right are W. G. Simpson, Jr., Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Decatur; John McCullough, Forest Management Chief, State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry, Montgomery; Burton Pearson, FFA and Vo-Ag Editor, Auburn; J. L. Kendrick, Rural Service Engineer, Alabama Power Company, Montgomery; Dr. Charles F. Simmons, Associate Dean, School of Agriculture, AU, Auburn; C. W. Burrage, Agricultural and Forestry Agent, GM&O Railroad, Louisville, Miss.; Tom Perry, Farm Electrification Advisor, Southern Pine Electric Coop, Brewton, and Robert D. Thompson, Rural Electrification Advisor, Pea River Electric Coop, Ozark.

Future Farmers At The Fairs



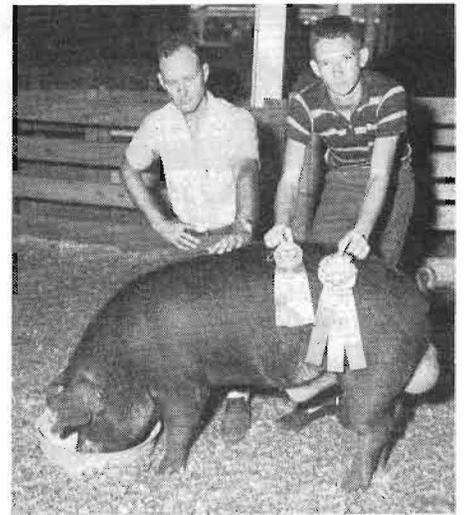
TOPS IN DAIRY JUDGING—These three FFA'ers were in the first three in the FFA dairy judging contest during the State Fair. In order of finish, they are from left, John Lindsey and Kenneth Peak, both of West Limestone and Richard Gray, Glencoe.



SHOWMANSHIP WINNER—Paul Stephens (right) of Five Points in Chambers County won the FFA dairy showmanship contest during the State Fair. He received a trip to the National FFA Convention. At left is C. H. McKay, Five Points vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.



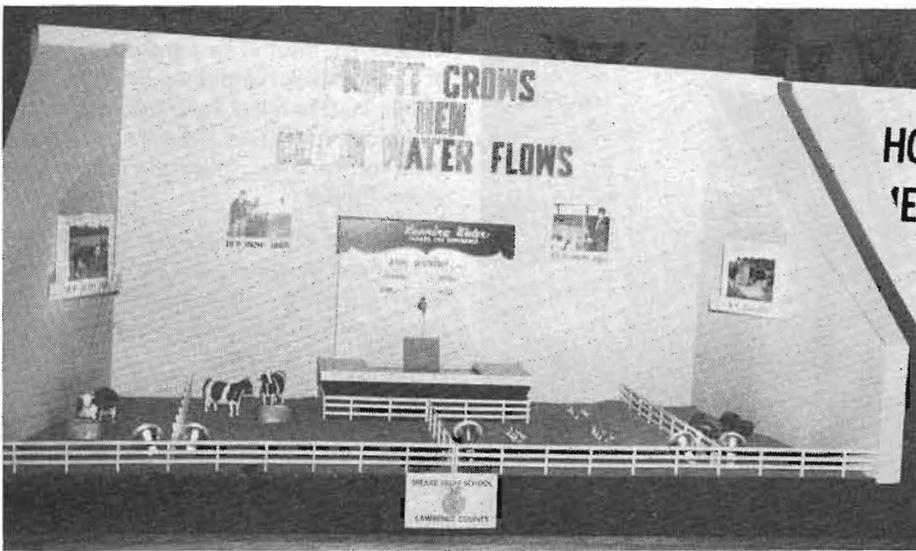
WINNER IN TWO SHOWS—This Duroc gilt, owned by Joel Sorrells of Hartford was the champion sow in both the Birmingham and Montgomery Sears FFA Hog Shows.



CHAMPION BOAR at Montgomery was this Duroc owned by the Hartford FFA chapter. P. C. Dean, chapter advisor is at left, along with Joel Childs, an FFA'er who showed the animal.



\$600 IN PRIZE money won by Robertsdale hogs is represented by the ribbons on this board being displayed by FFA'ers Tim Wallace and Freddie Dawson and Advisor T. V. Bishop. One of the chapter's top winning gilts is in the foreground.

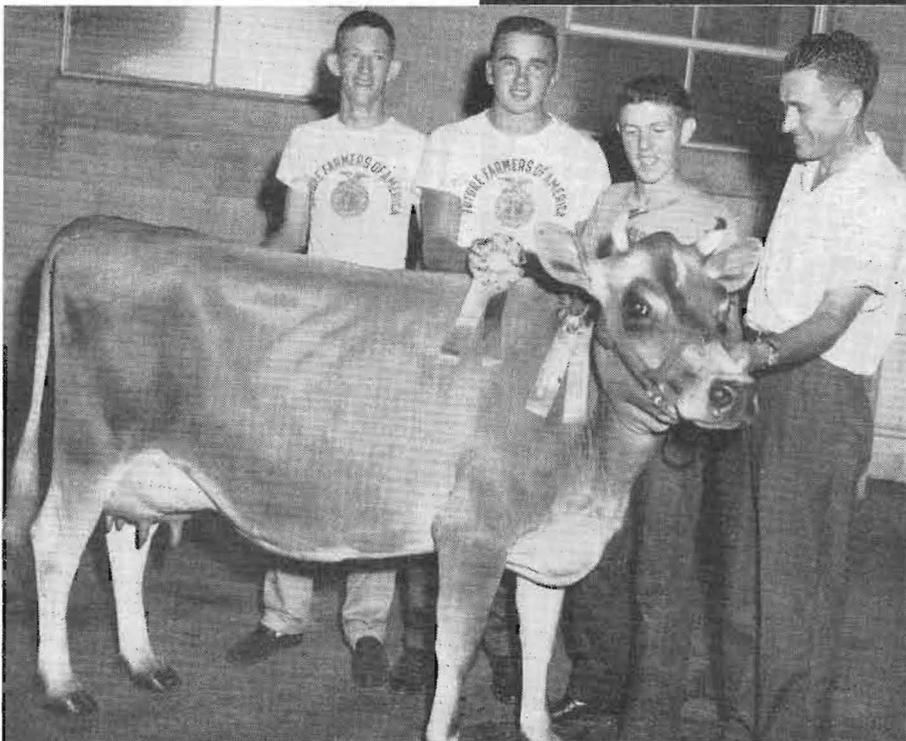


THE WINNING FFA exhibit at Birmingham was Speake's. It effectively demonstrated the value of a good water supply on the farm. J. C. Shewbart is advisor of the Speake chapter.

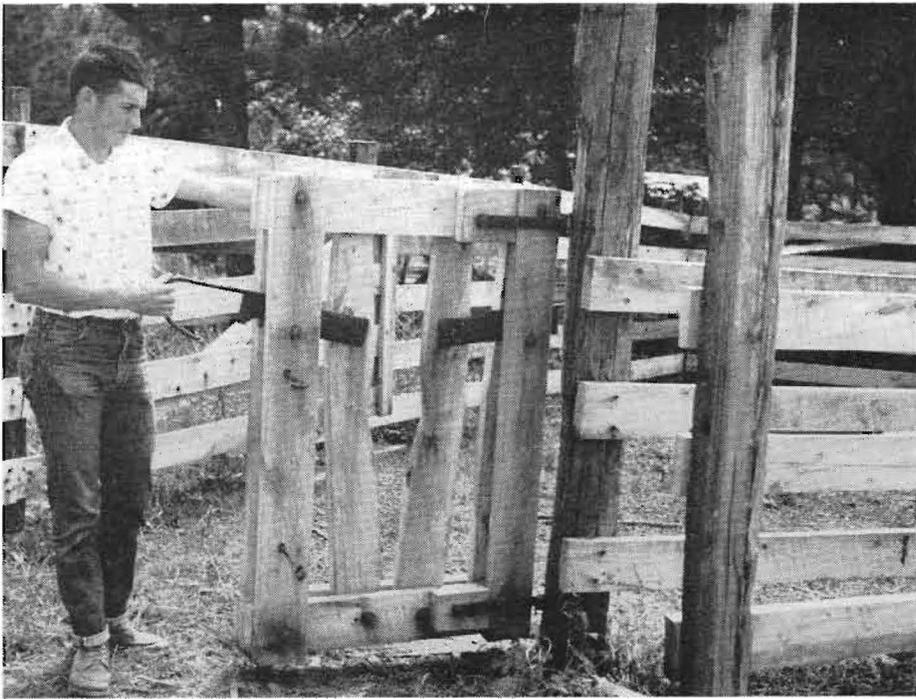
THE INVERNESS exhibit, emphasizing the value of insect control in cotton, took first place among FFA exhibits at the Montgomery Fair. J. M. Johnson is FFA advisor and vo-ag teacher at Inverness.



CHAMPION BOAR at Birmingham was this Duroc owned by Curtis Howell of Hartford.



TRIPLE WINNERS—The Wetumpka chapter carried home a "lions share" of the honors at Montgomery Dairy Show. This cow, which is owned by the chapter, won the first place in the Jersey division and the style in which Phillip Jones, second from right, showed her won first in the FFA showmanship contest. The chapter's judging team, composed of along with Phillip, Earl Venable (left) and Wayne Boyett, also won first place. C. S. Bazemore, Wetumpka vo-ag teacher, is at right.



PERSONS ARE often injured while trying to hold cattle for vaccination, dehorning, etc. This headgate built by James Wilson, an American Farmer from Eutaw, makes holding the animals an easy job.

Usually when the word "safety" is mentioned, most of us immediately think of automobiles, airplanes or machinery of one kind or another. On the farm, our thoughts turn to farm tractors and equipment or to some other obviously dangerous object.

This line of thinking can, in itself, be dangerous. It may cause us to overlook some phase of our everyday farm life that can and does cost many lives each year.

One of the potential farm hazards that is easily overlooked is that of handling livestock or farm animals. Some of the animals that cause accidents are mules, horses, bulls, cows and even pets. Your dog or cat may playfully scratch or nick your skin, causing you to come down with rabies.

Yes, farmers have to be ever alert to the dangers around them in order to avoid accidents. We hope that the illustrations shown here will be helpful to you in your efforts to live safely.

LIVESTOCK SAFETY



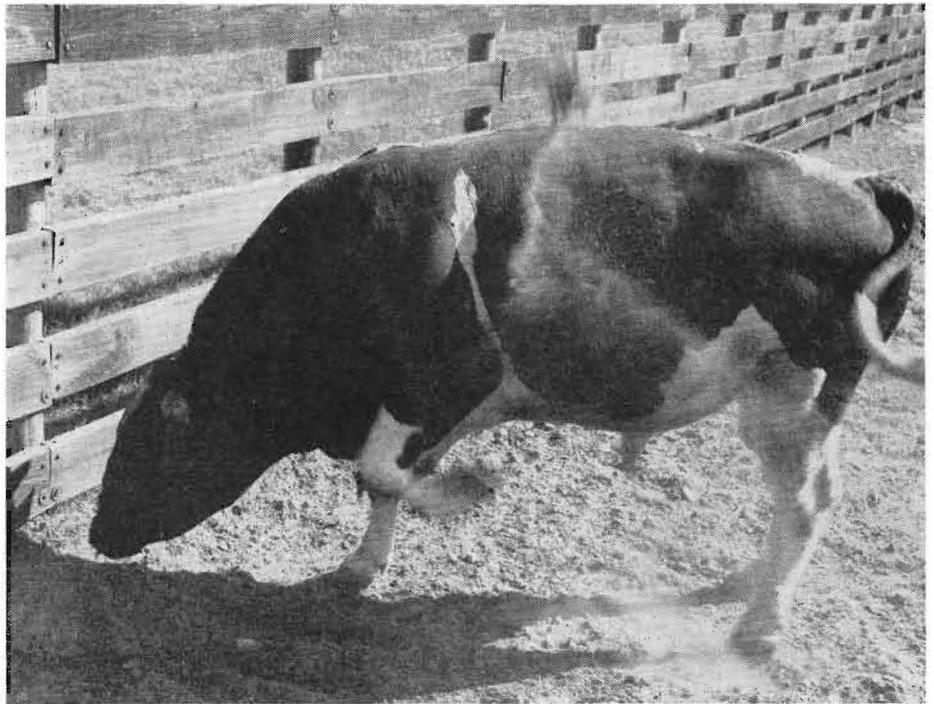
TWO ROPES on a dangerous animal can mean the difference in controlling him and not.



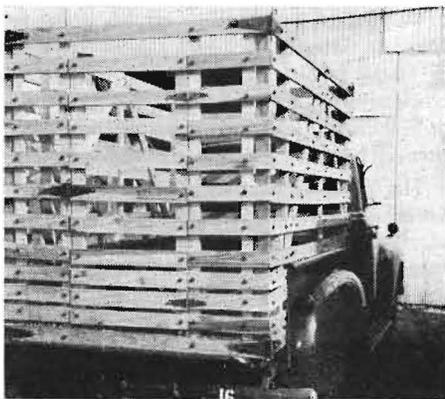
A RING in the nose of a bull convinces him who is boss.



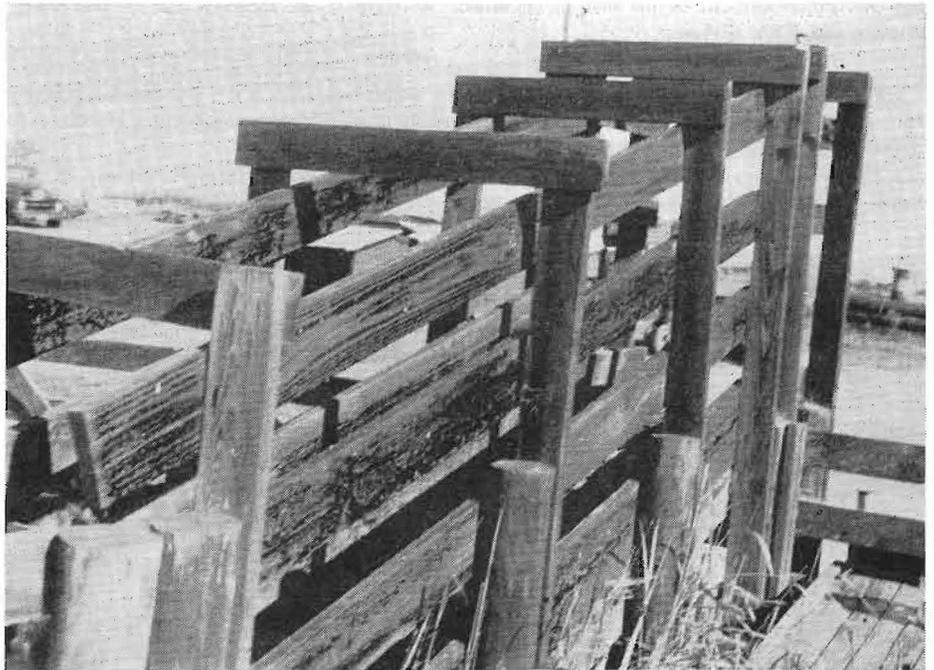
THIS HOG catching device works lots better than holding a hog by the leg or ear.



HERD BULLS are easily excited, it takes a good bull pen to hold them.



TRUCK BODIES make good shop projects as well as insure that animals being hauled won't break out.



ANIMALS AS WELL as persons may be injured while loading, but not likely with this substantial loading chute.

Work On Land Given Him By Uncle Wins FFA State Forestry Contest



JIMMY FINLEY, Farm Forestry contest winner, is congratulated by Dr. Cammack following the announcement of his first place finish. At right, J. R. Lindsey, Grove Hill vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

When Jimmy Finley, Grove Hill FFA'er, accepted 130 acres of Clarke County forest land from his Uncle, he set for himself a goal — to do whatever necessary to make every acre produce timber at its maximum capacity.

The work he did toward this goal resulted in his being named winner of the State FFA Farm Forestry contest this year. He attended the national FFA conven-

tion and visited several large cities in addition to a cash award he received in the contest.

This marks the second year in succession and makes the third winner in the last six years from advisor J. R. Lindsey's Grove Hill chapter. Crawford Welch placed first last year and David Wilson won several years ago in the contest that is sponsored by Seaboard Airline Railroad Company.

Attending the Alabama Forestry camp and studying forestry in the vo-ag classroom gave Jimmy the knowledge he needed to properly manage his land. It also helped him decide to make forestry his career. He is studying at a Mississippi junior college with expectations of transferring to Auburn.

To get his land into highest production, he planted 21,000 pine seedlings, controlled hardwood on 67 acres, thinned 70 acres, improvement cut 5 acres, constructed 1½ miles of fire break, and pruned one acre of young pines.

Using his chain saw and a small farm tractor that he is buying, the young forester harvested 1,048 board feet of sawlogs, 71 cords of pulpwood, 110 posts, and 15 cords of fuelwood during the past four years.

Jimmy, son of Mrs. W. E. Gordon, holds the State Farmer Degree and was vice-president of the chapter last year. In addition to his forestry enterprise, he has 23 acres of corn this year which he plans to feed to steers.

—————FFA—————

FFA State Star Farmer Began With Two Pigs

James Taylor of Suttle, 1960 FFA Star Farmer of Alabama, has proved that a boy need not start with a big operation to attain success in farming.

Two pigs, a garden plow, and one acre of corn was the scope of James' program during his first year in vo-ag four years ago.

With the cooperation of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Taylor, the guidance of vo-ag teacher, E. L. Dyess, and hard work and determination, James has built a full time farming program on land owned by his grandfather and rented.

His enterprises this year include 37½ acres of cotton, 100 acres of corn, 150 market hogs, and 2 acres of sweet potatoes. He has a small herd of cattle and has established a home orchard.

His mechanical ability and that of his father who works for the state highway department was used to build several pieces of useful farm equipment. In the school shop, a grain elevator, two pig brooders, and two hog self feeders were

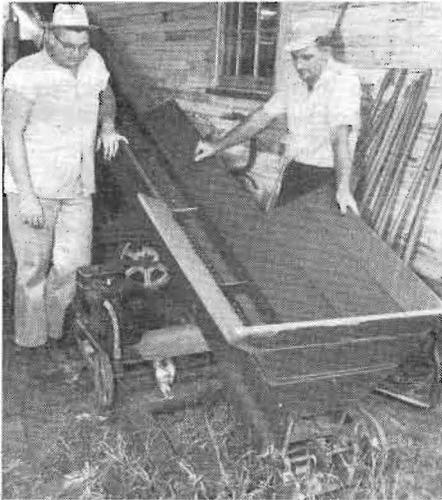


THERE'S still plenty of cotton to pick in James Taylor's field even though it has been gone over. Examining a stalk of it are James (left) and E. L. Dyess, Suttle vo-ag teacher.

built. After building a shop on the farm, the pair constructed a stalk cutter and a rotary mower.

Money that he won showing his five Landrace hogs was turned back to the farm to buy material for a farrowing house that has proved most valuable in his hog program.

James' skill and work in farm mechanics won him a fourth place in that FFA contest last year. He was chapter reporter and a member of several committees.



THIS GRAIN elevator which James built in the vo-ag shop is being put to good use when he harvests his 100 acres of corn. Discussing operation of it with James is Mr. Dyess.

Patient, coming out of anesthetic: "Why are the curtains down, doctor?"

Doctor: "Well, there's a big fire across the street and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."



MR. BURRAGE, awards check to Perry Collins, president of the Centreville "B" chapter. Looking on are H. L. Greer, principal of Centreville High School, J. W. Meigs, advisor of "B" chapter and W. R. Martin, advisor of "A" chapter.

Centreville "B" Chapter Wins Woodlands Prize

First place in the 1959-60 FFA chapter Farm Woodland Improvement contest has been won by the Centreville "B" chapter.

Others placing in the top four are Northport, Millry, and Aliceville.

The contest, sponsored by the GM&O Railroad, is open to chapters in the area of the state served by the railroad. An award of \$100 goes to the winning chapter while the second place winner receives \$50 and third and fourth places get \$25 each.

C. W. Burrage, agricultural and forestry agent of the railroad, made the first place award in a special program soon after school started. Advisor of the Centreville "B" chapter is J. W. Meigs. Perry Collins, chapter president, accepted the award.

Purpose of the contest is to recognize the FFA chapters whose members do the best job of carrying out recommended forestry practices in the farm woodlot and in demonstration areas which will result in a regular and sustained income from forestry.

The Centreville chapter was recognized for the outstanding work in forestry that is being carried out on a 10-acre tract donated by W. E. Belcher Lumber Company. Mr. Meigs is using the plot for a lab area with each class working out one acre. Also woodland improvement practices are being carried out on certain plots.

In summarizing the contest, Mr. Bur-

rage said that 36 chapters in nine counties competed. A total of 230 boys carried out forestry practices with 142 of these putting up signs identifying the projects as FFA.

—FFA—



EDDIE RUTH PIPPEN is the Rehobeth chapter's Sweetheart.

Sunday School Teacher: "Now, John what do you think a land flowing with milk and honey would be like?"

John: "Sticky!"

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Jones: "I hear you bought a car cheap the other day. How are you getting on with it?"

Smith: "I'm just realizing how hard it is to drive a bargain."

FFA ROUNDUP

DADEVILLE

A set of 25 forestry text books has been presented to the Dadeville vocational agriculture department by Coosa River Newsprint Company.

Dadeville vo-ag teacher, Oscar Strickland, says that the books will do much toward improving forestry instruction at the school. They will be used in conjunction with the Dadeville High School Forest which was established last year.

The books were presented by Gordon Comer, district forester of the Newsprint Company, who also assists Mr. Strickland in carrying out the forestry program at the Tallapoosa County school.

CLANTON

The Clanton FFA chapter achieved the goal that agriculture leaders throughout the State have been striving for during the last several years — that is, every acre of crops grown by the future farmers in their supervised farming programs has had a soil test.

This accomplishment was a result of the state-wide drive for soil testing and of the boys studying the advantages of it in the classroom, says J. R. Thompson, Clanton vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Sixty samples were taken by the FFA'ers and sent to the Soil Testing Laboratory at Auburn. Fertilizer recommendations according to needs of the crop to be grown and the amount of fertilizer already in the soil were followed in purchasing fertilizer for spring crops.

Mr. Thompson says that in some cases the tests saved money for the students because the fertilizer recommendations were not as high as they would have likely used. In other cases, a need for a

special kind of fertilizer showed up which indicated that soil was deficient in a certain nutrient.

CLEVELAND

Vo-ag students at Cleveland completed an unusual, as well as a beneficial, six-weeks study last spring, reports teacher G. H. Talley.

The Ag IV class spent the time studying conservation practices and conservation farm planning in cooperation with Soil Conservationist Byron Oliver of the Blount County Soil Conservation District.

To get the unit underway, a visit was made to each boy's farm where the conservation "sore spot" and the "treatments" needed to heal them over were pointed out.

Using aerial photographs of each individual farm, the students sketched in soil boundaries, identified the classes of land, and penciled in present land uses. Using this soils inventory as a guide, a conservation plan map of the farm showing the corrected land uses and the needed conservation treatment was made.

As a result of learning good conservation practices the boys planned many farm improvements. Included are construction of 3 acres of waterways, 4.3 miles of field borders and 7.2 miles of terraces and carrying out needed forestry practices on more than 200 acres.

Soil testing was also studied and samples taken. Estimates were made of the timber income that could be expected from timber on the farms.

SUTTLE

Vocational agriculture students at Suttle have an ideal lab area for studying forestry, reports E. L. Dyess, Suttle vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

A school forest adjoining the school property that is being operated on halves with the J. F. Suttle estate furnishes the teaching area. The boys planted the trees in the five-acre field three years ago. Some are already more than 10 feet high. The students will prune the trees when recommended and thin and harvest the timber on halves.

Mr. Dyess says that the plot has had a strong effect on students' own forestry programs. The students are averaging planting approximately 40,000 trees a year and there have been some FFA forestry contest winners from the Suttle chapter.

RANBURNE

Additional storage cabinet space has been built inexpensively in the vocational agriculture classroom at Ranburne High School, according to A. L. Otts, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor.

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The cabinets are not only being built by students but they also designed them, determined shelf spacing, decide the best arrangement for the doors, and will do the painting.

Other activities at Ranburne include planting 350 fruit trees and vines, building a metal stand for the wood lathe, and improving the wiring in the school's gymnasium.

TOWN CREEK

A "new home" has become a reality for Town Creek vo-ag and home economics students.

The new building into which the departments moved near the close of school last spring is one of the most modern in the state. It is brick veneer with aluminum windows, interior walls of finished block, acoustical tile ceilings, and fluorescent lighting.

Ample space in classrooms, shops, and kitchens is provided by the building. The shop is divided into major work areas such as welding, plumbing, wood-working, and electricity as recommended by the agricultural education department at Auburn.

Teacher J. L. Yates says that the ag students have been busy constructing new equipment and remodeling old for use in the building. The classroom will have new tables and chairs.

WILCOX COUNTY

The Wilcox County FFA Association elected officers and made plans for the year at an organizational meeting at Pine Hill soon after school opened.

Terry Wilkerson of Camden was elected president. Other officers are James Smith, Pine Apple, vice-president; Ebby Oakley, Pine Hill, secretary; John Allen Nall, Pine Apple, treasurer; Richard Haskew, Pine Hill, reporter, and Billy Harwell, Camden, sentinel.

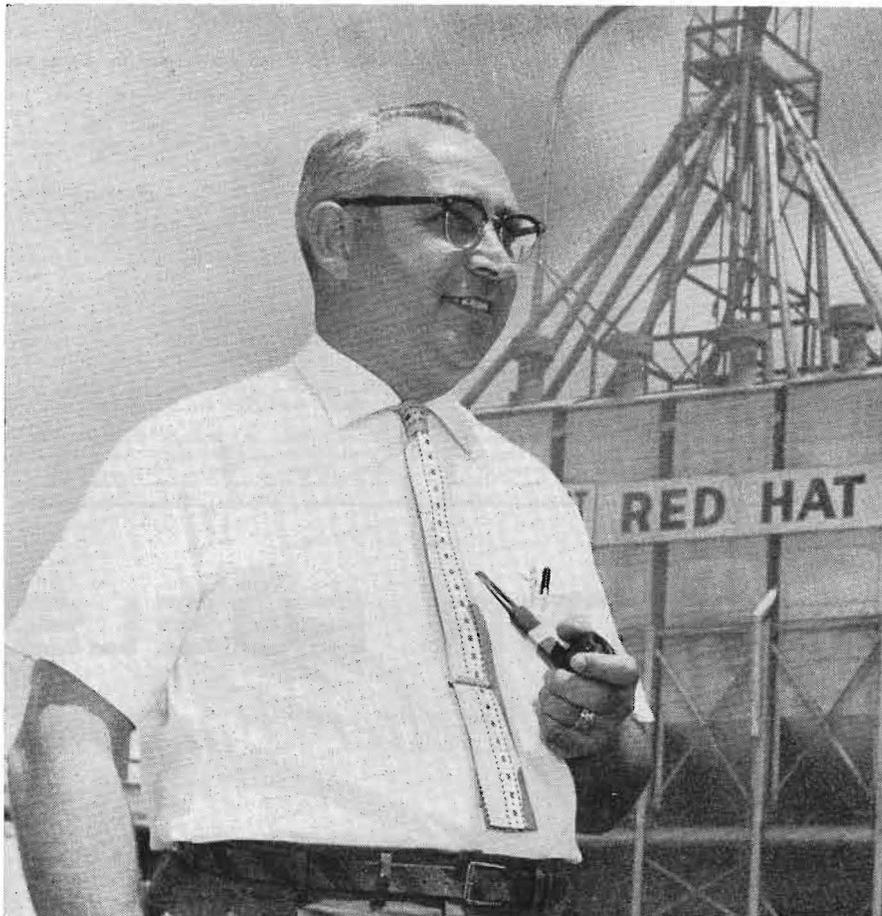
The county association will coordinate FFA contests, present programs to agricultural groups in the county, provide a common meeting place for recreation and fellowship among chapters and schools and tie efforts of the chapters together. Three meetings will be held during the year.

Advisors of the three chapters are H. A. Taylor, Camden; J. R. Kilgore, Pine Hill, and C. P. Baggett, Pine Apple.

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On The MARCH

AKRON—held officer training school; held regular meeting; made annual FFA-FHA trip to Alabama State Fair; adopted annual FFA goals for 1960-61; planned Green Hand initiation.

ARAB—member bought 6 beef calves for show; held joint social with FHA; checking corn for local corn contest; FFA boys picking cotton.

ARITON—held first meeting to elect officers and discuss plans for the year; set dates for regular meetings; attended South Alabama Fair in Montgomery.

ATTALLA—made annual camping trip; held officer training school; collected all dues; ordered notebooks and other articles; planned chapter activities for coming year; held one officer and

one regular meeting; made plans for Green Hand initiation.

AUBURN—installed water cooler in vo-ag building; bought new drill for shop; string band played at Forestry camp and Auburn Civitan Club; 10 new text books purchased for vo-ag department; advisor and string band appeared on WRBL-TV station.

BERRY—held monthly meeting; elected new reporter and FFA Sweetheart; plans underway for joint social with FHA; purchased new welder for shop; plan to elect honorary members.

BLOUNTSVILLE—all members subscribed to National Future Farmer; purchased new welder for shop; had exhibit in community fair.

BOAZ—held 2-day camping trip; purchased 3 beef calves for fat calf show; member entered showmanship in State Fair Dairy show; appointed committee for carnation ball and initiation of Green Hands.

BUCKHORN—elected officers; held annual Green Hand initiation for 25; joint party with FHA.

BUTLER—held two officer meetings and one regular meeting; making plans for Green Hand initiation; preparing chapter program of work for

year; elected officers in each vo-ag class; operating coke and cookie machines; selling Farm and Ranch and Alabama Farmer magazines; published 2 articles in local newspaper; chapter was selected to receive a Sears bull this year.

CAMP HILL—had a first place booth in Dadeville Farm and Home show; initiated 16 Green Hands; all boys in Jr. III through Sr. III are enrolled in vo-ag and are FFA members; presented a chapel program; elected officers for the new year.

CARLOWVILLE—held regular meeting; studying safety; repaired tables; purchased tools for department; selling ice cream to help finance chapter; secured lumber to make cedar chests; attended South Alabama Fair; plan to initiate 10 new members.

CARROLLTON—held executive meeting to plan yearly program; practiced opening ceremony with new officers; news article in local paper; set up regular meeting schedule for the year; 13 Green Hands joined chapter; officers put names on FFA jackets.

CEDAR BLUFF—held first meeting for the new school year; adopted Activity Program; elected new chapter chaplin; have 15 new members.

CENTREVILLE "B"—entered Farm Safety exhibit in county fair; attended State Fair; securing orders for pine seedlings; repaired football bleacher seats; helped erect booths for county fair.

CITRONELLE—purchased 20 new landscaping books; member attended Forestry Camp; keeping scrap book; purchased new belt sander for ag shop; ordered student notebooks; held officer training meeting; revised program for coming year; wrote articles for local newspaper.

COLD SPRINGS—bought new Lincoln arc welder and accessories; sponsoring school ground beautification program; sanded and refinished shop floor; shop improvement program to be continued.

COLLINSVILLE—held officer school during summer; made \$100 on FFA calendars; increased shop space; membership increased; bought bus and air compressor; held first meeting; operating concession stand at football games.

CURRY—elected officers; placed 2 gilts in pig chain; ordered 22 Green Hand buttons, 13 chapter farmer buttons and official FFA secretary's and treasurer's books; making plans for initiation of Green Hands and raising chapter farmers; erected scoreboard for athletic department; placed 8 reference books in chapter library.

EAST BREWTON—held officers training program; selling drinks and candy at football games; working out chapter budget; made out and gave each member a copy of activity program; appointed chairman for FFA quartet; planning initiation for 32 Green Hands.

ELKMONT—purchased new boar for chapter; placed 2 pigs in pig chain; showed hogs at Birmingham fair; elected new sentinel; made picture of group for calendar; sold calendar ads; checking yields on various projects; plan to enter county contests.

EXCEL—attended South Alabama fair; purchased a purebred Berkshire boar for pig chain; held first meeting of the year.

FLORALA—attended State Fair in Birmingham; Chad Martin of REA held a demonstration on electricity; held 2 regular meetings; organized string band; held officer training course.

FORT DEPOSIT—ordered film for classroom use; worked on long-time and annual programs and on lesson plans for all classes; purchased \$60 worth of books for use in classroom; held officer training program; member attended Forestry camp; built new welding and electrical lockers in shop; held 3 meetings; selling peanuts at football games; working on activity program; repairing vo-ag building.

GERALDINE—elected officers; held regular meeting; erected score board for football field; sold popcorn at football games and ads for FFA calendar; had picture made for FFA calendar.

GOODWATER—elected officers for 1960-61; have been improving school grounds; replacing window panes and repairing desks and chairs in shop.

GROVE HILL—held 2 officer training periods and 2 chapter meetings; bought 7 meat hogs; placed one gilt in pig chain; sold concessions at football games; bought \$39 worth of shop supplies; all members subscribed to National Future Farmer magazine; placed one mailbox post.

GUNTERSVILLE—purchased 10 calves to show in spring; 3 members bought purebred Angus heifers to start herds; will get Sears bull; sold ads for calendar; adopted plan of work for coming year; discussed ways and means of getting water cooler for ag building; attended State Fair; plan to enter hog show in spring; members entering Corn Growing contest; bought paraphernalia for chapter, \$40 in text books for classroom and more shop equipment; have 36 Green Hands in chapter.

HACKNEYVILLE—elected officers; planning program of work for year; held regular meeting; held chapter judging contests.

HALEYVILLE—35 Green Hands initiated; activity program planned; 2 mailbox posts placed; held one meeting; ordered 5 new jackets.

HOLLY POND—planning rat control program for community repair jobs for shopwork planned; 76 enrolled in vo-ag classes; organizing program activities.

ISABELLA—held regular meeting; elected new officers; put in window panes; painted football

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goal posts; took inventory of equipment; constructed mailbox posts.

JASPER—elected officers for 1960-61; won first place at Bessemer District Dairy Show; entered project in farm mechanics.

KINSTON—2 members are feeding out calves for county and district fat stock show; helped sod new baseball and football fields; bought a school bus to be used on field trips and educational tours; Sears bull was sold; plans are being made for 22 members to attend State Fair; officers elected and leadership training held.

LaFAYETTE—held monthly meeting; sold calendar advertisements for 1961; state officer will attend National convention; elected chapter sweetheart.

LERoy—planned supervised farm program for year; held one group meeting; officers had one meeting with advisor; attended State Fair.

LUVERNE—held regular meeting; placed 8 calves with boys to feed out for show next spring; made plans for joint party with FHA girls and for our regular Father-Son banquet; feeding 8 feeder shoats, one sow and 2 gilts from lunchroom scraps.

McKENZIE—had exhibit at County fair; all members have FFA manual; planned program of work for year; elected officers; held regular meetings.

MIDLAND CITY—held 2 executive meetings to plan year's activities; operating concession stand at football games; Ag III class to begin shop program.

MILLRY—all ag students are FFA members; planned activity program; elected officers; planned joint social; ordered FFA jackets, pins, manuals; all members have official FFA manual; measuring Corn yields for chapter corn growing contest.

MONROEVILLE—elected officers; attended Ala-Flora Fair and ball game; Burton Pearson, FFA & Vo-Ag editor, visited our chapter and took pictures.

MONTEVALLO—set up \$650 budget; 2 members attended National convention; enrolled 40 Green Hands; studied current trends and farm procedures; 2 delegates will attend special county meeting; chapter delegate gave report on Forestry camp; plans made to harvest pine cones for Coosa River Newsprint Co.; have 3 National FFA calendar sponsors.

MOULTON—placed 2 pigs in pig chain; sprayed orchard; held officer meeting; planned programs for meetings; checked boys corn yield; purchased show calf for one member; sold concessions at football games.

NEW BROCKTON—county FFA meet will be held at our chapter; planned programs for year; have 29 enrolled in vo-ag and 31 members in FFA.

OAKMAN—7 calves on feed for Fat Calf Show; placed 4 gilts in pig chain; put 6 exhibits, 2 booths and 19 animals in Northwest Alabama Fair; voted to send registered pig to needy foreign country; held 2 meetings; took on wiring a house for remote control as laboratory for electrical course.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY—a fourth year in vo-ag is being offered this year at Paint Rock Valley High School for boys mechanically inclined. Subjects to be covered include differential leveling, building layout, identification, care and use of hand tools, parliamentary procedure, welding, ag arithmetic, concrete masonry and woodworking; held ice cream supper with FHA girls.

PELL CITY—constructed peanut parcher; bought new welder for the shop; plan to initiate Green Hands; elected officers; held regular meetings.

PINE HILL—held an officer training program and one FFA meeting; host for county-wide FFA officer meeting; placed 2 gilts in pig chain; attended South Alabama Fair; sold concessions at football game.

PLEASANT HOME—ordered complete new set of paraphernalia and 4 jackets; held officer training school, 2 regular meetings and 2 officer meetings; annual FFA-FHA party held; enrolled 57 members; sold both official FFA calendars; received \$245 net from calendar ad sales; received table saw and band saw from the closing of Rawls ag department.

RED BAY—elected officers; organized string band and quartet; bought \$300 worth of shop supplies and equipment; attended State Fair; added 17 Green Hands to chapter membership; planned chapter activities for year.

ROGERS—participated in North Alabama Fair; elected 3 new officers; entered soil sampling contest in Lauderdale county; 5 members ordered FFA jackets.

ROGERSVILLE—held one FFA meeting; found a sponsor for both the inside poster FFA calendar and the home and office calendar; studying how to feed out bogs and how much and what kind of ration to use; new officers elected and presided at September meeting; sold drinks at home football games.

SAND ROCK—held one summer meeting and 2 officer meetings; made educational tour to Daytona Beach, Fla.; held officer training school; had ice cream supper with girls; hold weekly string band practice; held joint meeting with FHA on boy-girl relations; string band gave program for PTA.

SILAS—collecting dues; plan to nominate FFA Sweetheart; built fence around athletic field; will elect officers at next meeting.

SOUTHSIDE—had recreation one night a week during summer; sold 5 market hogs; took a summer trip to Florida.

SULLIGENT—opened FFA store at school; ordered official notebooks; held annual watermelon cutting with FHA; 71 members to date; assembled steel lockers for high school students; held annual ice cream party with FHA; observed new 2-row cotton pickers in fields; attended State Fair via chartered bus.

SWEET WATER—feeding out hogs as fund raising activity; held executive meeting; ordered \$100 worth of 35 mm filmstrips; setting up program of work for year; discussing and making plans for FFA contests.

SYLVANIA—bought a pickup truck to use in chapter activities; held local FFA Duroc pig chain show; entered 3 registered Duroc hogs in Hamilton County Tennessee Inter-State Fair.

THOMASTON—participated in county and district dairy show; jointly sponsored Labor Day barbecue with FHA; all boys in school are FFA members.

THOMASVILLE—held FFA fishing trip; installed 100 lockers in high school; elected FFA officers for year; held tractor demonstration.

TOWN CREEK—have 21 Green Hands; sold FFA calendar; held Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest; poured walk for new ag build-

ing; 100% membership in FFA; bought new paint sprayer for ag shop.

TUSKEGEE—revised and supplemented FFA program of work; purchased 2 small pieces of shop equipment for vo-ag shop from FFA funds; held one officers' meeting; presented TV program; operating football concessions; 100% vo-ag membership; held joint social with FHA; adopted chapter budget and program of work.

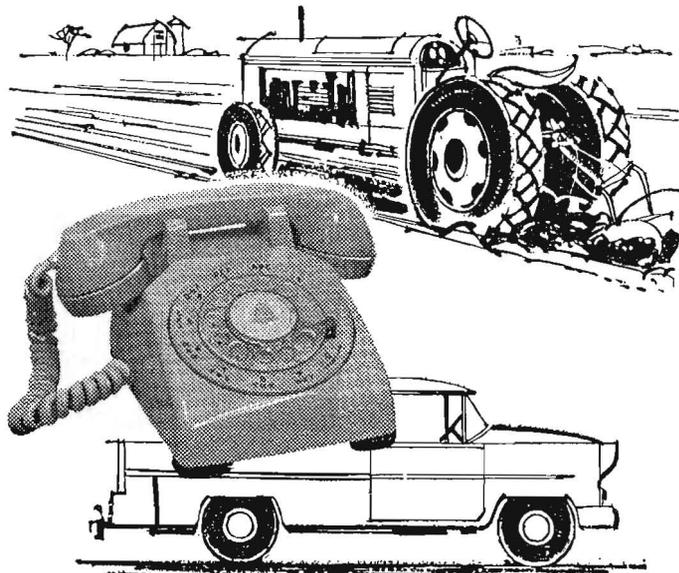
VERBENA—elected officers and a chapter sweetheart for coming year; held regular chapter meetings.

WATERLOO—2 meetings held; elected officers; appointed committee to carry out different activities; held FFA-FHA social; collecting soil samples.

WETUMPKA—one member to receive American Farmer Degree; placed 9 beef calves with members; have 82 paid members; checked corn yields of members; ordered jackets and official materials; sold drinks and peanuts at ball games.

WINTERBORO—held officer training school; appointed committees to draw up program of work; making plans for FFA-FHA Halloween party.

WOODVILLE—held regular meeting; made group pictures of chapter; held FFA weimer roast; placed 3 pigs in pig chain; built 8 nailbox posts; held short course in acetylene welding; ordered FFA jackets and pins; elected officers.



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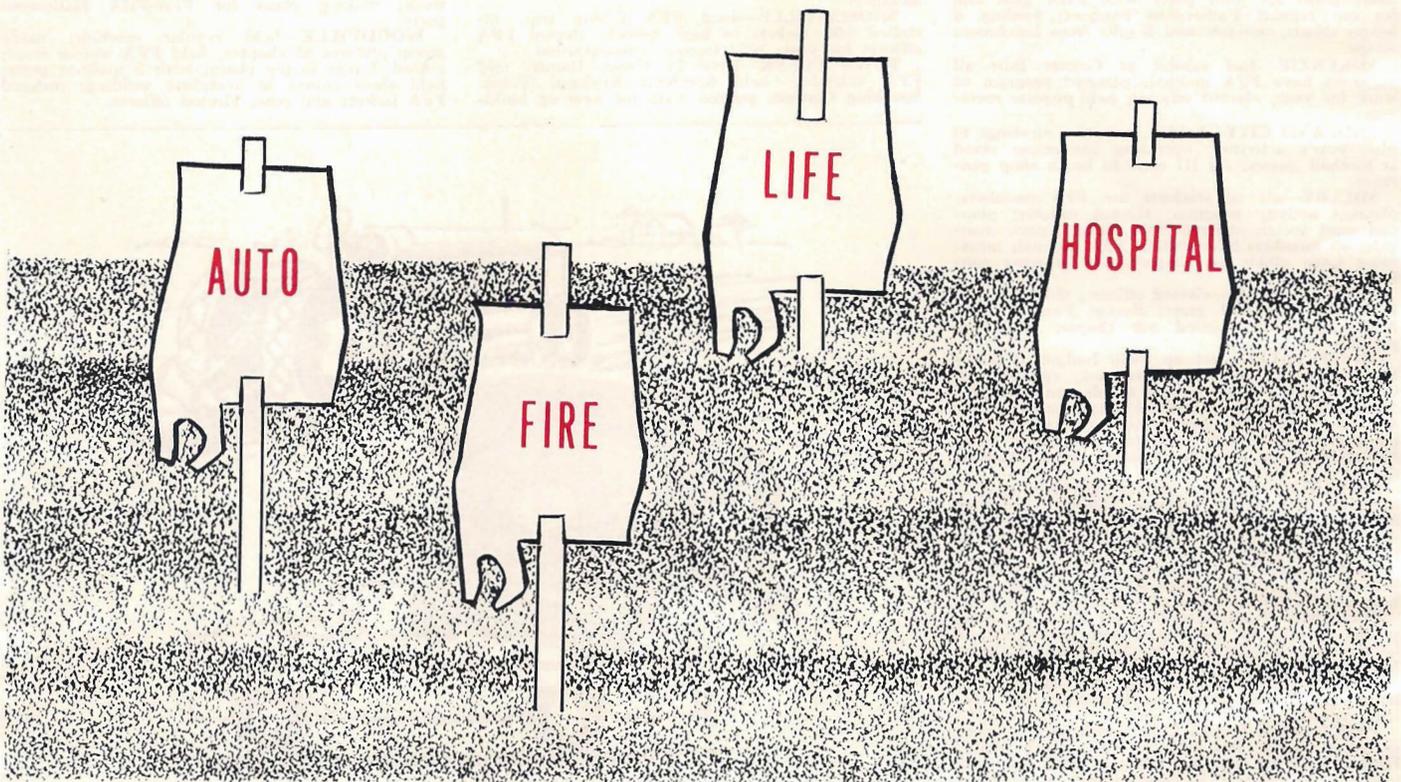
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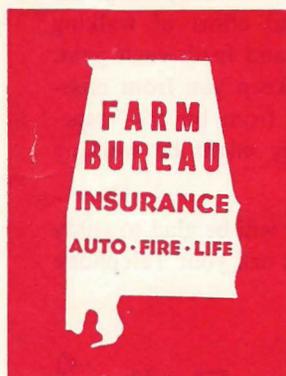
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