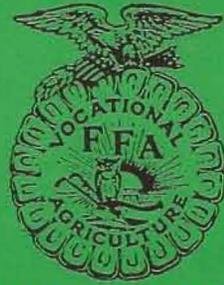


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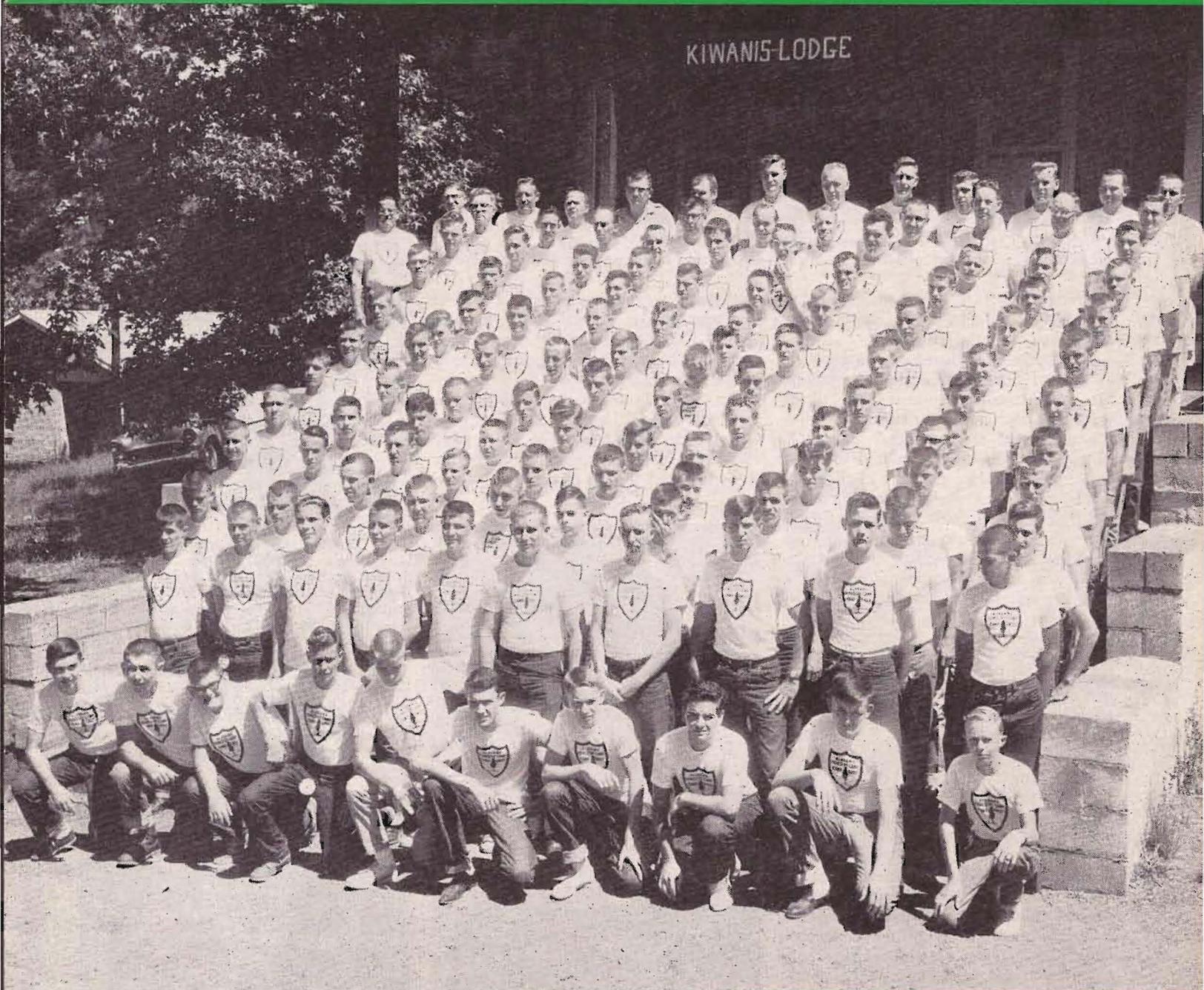


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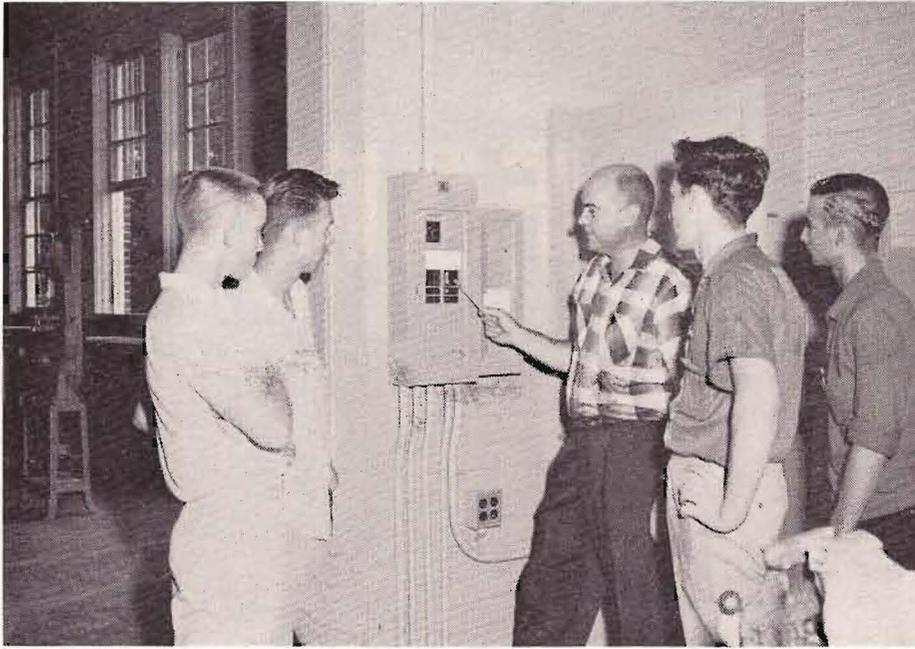
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Driving Information For Future Farmers

Auburn FFAers Renovate Department



FRANK KILLOUGH, teacher of vocational agriculture, Auburn, demonstrates to some of his boys part of the new electrical system installed during the renovation of their shop.

The fact that schools need money is an undisputed fact and, to many, probably a too-oft repeated tale.

Much less often heard are stories such as that of how the Vocational Agriculture Department at Auburn High School went out and got for themselves what proration said they couldn't have. Of course they shouldn't have had to — but they did, and they met the challenge.

The needs of the department rose chiefly from the fact that the mechanized age calls for shop training in the areas of electricity, motors, welding and metals.

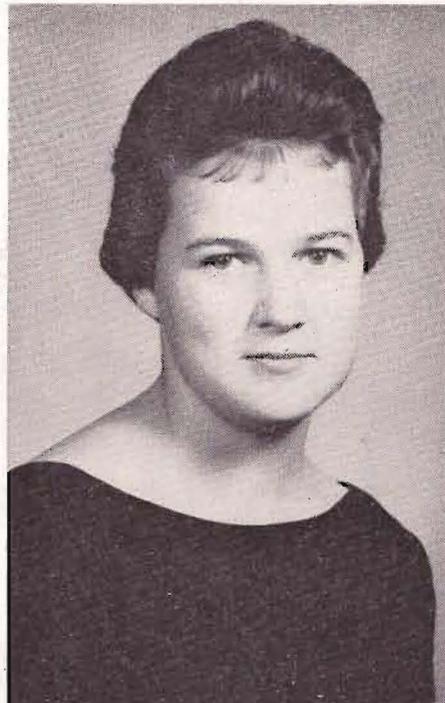
Housed in the Vocational Agriculture building was the old shower and dressing rooms of the boys athletic department. This space was being wasted. It was valuable space which should have been utilized. Accessibility was very limited, making it hard for the teacher, Frank Killough, to supervise activities in the different areas.

So, Killough organized his Future Farmers and student teachers and they set to work. First they tore out the old forge and chimney. Then a partitioning wall which had stood behind the forge was ripped out, making into one large, accessible room what had been two isolated ones. Then 15 inches of fill clay was brought in, and a solid concrete floor was poured. The entire area was re-wired using modern layouts; a noisy air compressor was moved out of the building and housed in an out-building built onto the shop, and compressed air pipes to every area in the shop were laid. New cabinets were built and equipped. Then every thing got a fresh coat of paint.

The remodeled area includes a total of 620 square feet. A local contractor had given a bid of \$2,000 on the work which was done by Mr. Killough, his students and student teachers.

Funds used in the remodeling came from the general treasury of the Auburn Chapter of the FFA, most of which were funds earned in the annual spring barbecue sponsored by the chapter.

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VIDERA BATTS
Clements FFA Sweetheart

On The Cover

The FFA Forestry Camp, 1962, provided many worthwhile activities for 107 boys and 13 teachers of vocational agriculture. This picture shows those participating in the camp, including the instructors, massed on the front steps of the mess hall at the camp.



HONORARY State Farmer Degrees were given these teachers of vocational agriculture at the State FFA Convention. They are: Frank Hendrick, Jr., Chavala; M. F. Owens, Midland City; R. S. Jones, Elba; H. B. Thompson, Samsen; J. H. Rew, Autauga-ville; C. H. McKay, Five Points; C. A. Crockett, Alexander City; C. U. LeCroy, Castleberry; L. E. Nichols, Repton; N. S. Nelson, Hubbertville; C. D. Thomas, Haley-ville; C. T. Pounders, Red Bay; E. H. Porter, Addison; Homer Vinson, Clements; Grover Crider, Locust Fork; Thomas At-wood, Hayden; R. C. Goggans, New Hope; Duel Thompson, Priceville.



MRS. MIZELL, left, and Mrs. Donald Rawls are packaging the first issue of the Alabama Future Farmer for this year. Much work goes into the make-up and delivery of the FFA magazine.

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Now is The Time For Action

CHAPTER FFA SWEETHEARTS – Many local FFA chapters select a chapter Sweetheart during the year. Photographs of chapter Sweethearts should be submitted to the *Alabama Future Farmer*.

WEAR FFA JACKETS AND T-SHIRTS – How many of your FFA members have purchased FFA jackets or T-shirts this year? Now is the time of year that they should be ordered in order that members will have them to use in the various contests. Some chapters have reported that they are getting jackets for the majority of their members. Let's set a goal that every FFA member who participates in any type of contest will wear either a jacket or a T-shirt and they will wear them during contest events.

FARM AND HOME SAFETY PROGRAM – We hope all chapters have their FFA Farm Safety Program well under way by this time. Be sure and get a good news release in your local paper every week concerning this outstanding program.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS – Why not make a good photograph of your officers and send one copy to your local newspaper and another along with your monthly FFA report. It may be sent directly to the daily papers if you prefer. Get a picture of county officers and handle in the same manner if possible.

LOCAL OFFICERS SHOULD GIVE SPEECHES – It is very good training and also good public relations to have each local FFA officer prepare a short speech and give it to local Civic Clubs and group meetings of various kinds in your community. We hope your local officers are being used in this manner.

LIVESTOCK SHOWS – Now is a good time to get ready for fat calf shows. We are hoping that FFA members will be well represented in all shows. Not only are livestock shows a good instructional program but also good public relations for FFA.

HONORARY CHAPTER DEGREE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE – We have in the State Office a supply of Honorary Chapter Degree Certificates which will be furnished without cost to any chapter in the State. Names of persons to receive the certificate will be printed on them without cost. Why not give the Honorary Chapter Degree to several people in your community this year?

“Fitting Individuals For Life”

Another school year has loomed up before us. A year we hope will bring new opportunities and achievements to every Future Farmer. Through the length and breadth of this land thousands upon thousands of students are attending the high schools of the nation. Many of these youngsters wear FFA jackets. This gives evidence that the Future Farmer organization is now generally recognized as a supplemental part of our rural education program. Every member wearing these jackets contributes to the whole standard that the Future Farmer organization has built and is continuing to build for itself.

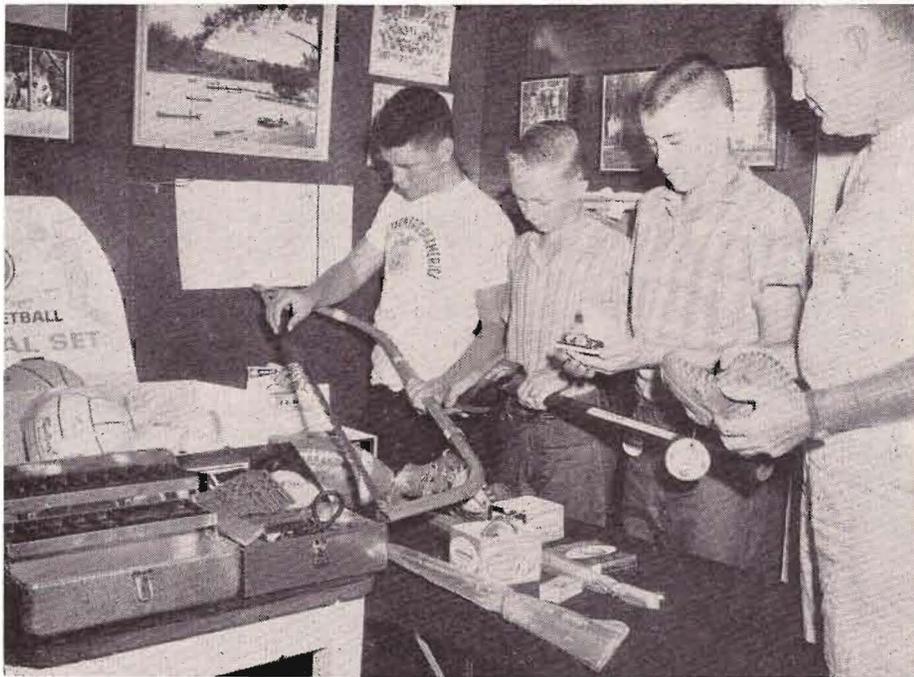
Education might simply be defined as a process of fitting individuals for life. Yet, how much is involved in that simple definition. Think of the many years of exploring and adapting in educational methods. Think of the development and growth in the teacher training field. Think of the marked improvement in school buildings and equipment. Think of the development of a transportation system which literally puts the school within reach of every child. THEN WEIGH THE MEANING OF THE WORDS, “FITTING INDIVIDUALS FOR LIFE.”

First of all we take for granted that education will fit folks for a successful, good life. This means that the individual should be prepared to earn his or her own living. It means that in the process of earning a living a contribution should be made to the whole of society.

Many folks measure success in terms of financial achievement of standing only. “Get rich, young man, do it honestly if you can, but get rich.” In fact, some of us have studied tables showing the financial advantages of an education, but education should go far beyond financial advantage alone.

The various phases in the vocational agricultural program should fit rural youth to earn a good living from farming and related occupations. The training program fostered by the Future Farmer organization builds farther than the limits of being financially successful. This program is designed to develop fellowship, leadership, citizenship, and appreciation of the finer things of life, and spiritual growth. All these things, economic stability, good fellowship, good citizenship, leadership ability and spiritual depth are the components of the character of man.

1962 Forestry Camp Most Successful



MR. ARNOLD LEAK, right, is discussing the awards with some of the FFA members at Forestry Camp. These awards are given for outstanding work in recreational and academic activities.

The 1962 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.

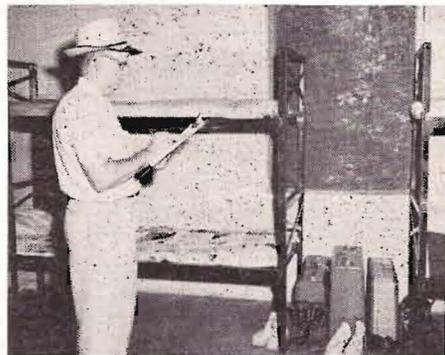
The time at camp was taken up with instruction, planned recreational activities, study and capped off at night with a good program. The outdoor environment, plenty of good food, clean fresh air, coupled with a hard day of activities made one and all enjoy good sleep which ended all too soon at 6 o'clock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



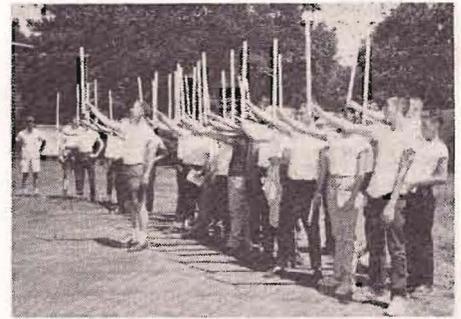
THE PROGRAM of instruction at the Forestry Camp is very superior. Steve Weaver, left, and Charles Pigg, discuss fire fighting with one of the classes. Charts used were very helpful in this discussion.

This year's camp was attended by 107 boys, principally FFA members from all over the state. Thirteen teachers of Vocational Agriculture served as cabin counselors, group leaders, and instructors. 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.

Effectiveness of the work and play scheduled with excellent instruction by experienced foresters is seen in the grades. Arnold Leak, State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry and camp director, reported grades on the exam were 20 per cent higher this year than ever before. The majority of the boys were in the 80s and above. A



TWICE A day inspection insured clean, orderly cabins. Mr. Knight graded the cabins and awards were given at the end of the camp.



BILTMORE sticks are important in estimating the volume of standing timber. This class, under the supervision of Bob Brodgen, is learning to use the Biltmore stick.

markable achievement considering that the exam had even the experienced foresters wincing at its toughness.

At the camp the youths attended classes on forestry and related subjects with experienced and trained foresters as instructors. Between class and studying for the final exam the boys competed in athletic events, swam in the lake and



THE FORESTRY Camp also provided an opportunity for practice in marksmanship. Steve Weaver, State Department of Conservation, and Mr. Knight, vocational agriculture teacher at Ashford, served as instructors.

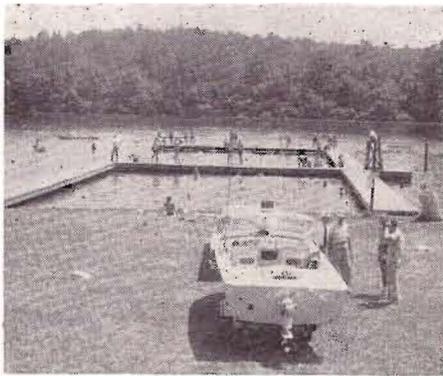
kept camp cooks busy supplying fuel for their abundant supply of energy.

Initiative for the latter came from the table laden with prizes to be awarded the top 10 scorers on the quiz. These boys were also elected as officers of the camp.

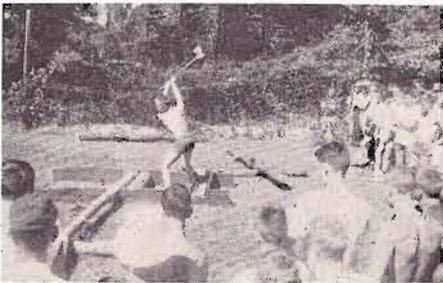
The top 10 boys on the examination were Glenward Spivey, Blue Springs; Eddie Harrison, Grove Hill; Howard Patterson, Rockford; Wayne Gordon, Co-



WILLIS BELL, teacher of vocational agriculture, Red Level, taught Forestry Safety and its application to the farm. At the end of camp the boys took a test which covered all the courses studied at camp.



OFFICER Trammell, Alabama Water Patrol, taught the campers the law concerning the use of water in Alabama. The location here is near the swimming area for the campers at Camp Grist.



JOHNNE THORNTON, Montevallo, demonstrates the techniques of wood chopping to the other campers. Although he did not win you can see that he is in good form for this contest.



THE TASK of grading papers and determining the grades earned at the Forestry Camp always falls upon the shoulders of those who taught the courses. These men are representatives of the State Department of Conservation, paper industries and vocational agriculture in Alabama. Their job is not easy.



COMPETITION in all sports at the Forestry Camp provided a good time for all. Volleyball, basketball, softball and swimming were the most popular.

lumbiana; Roy Chapman, Silas; Oliver Sturdivant, Silas; Buddy High, Union Springs; Daniel Powell, Leroy; William Morrow, Winterboro, and James Williams, LaFayette. From these boys the leaders were elected.

Spivey was elected chief forester, Harrison was named assistant chief forester. Harrison also had the highest mark on the exam, 108½ points out of a possible 115. Spivey also received an award for having the best set of notes.

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THE NEWLY elected officers of the new FFA chapter at Hokes Bluff are front row, Wayne Tumlin, treasurer, and Wade Tumlin, secretary. Back row, Jerry Burns, president; Charley Jones, vice-president; Terry Phillips, reporter; and Clayton Norton, sentinel.



CHAVALA chapter officers for 1962-63 are Bill Smith, president; Dean Parkman, vice-president; James C. Williams, secretary; Steve Parkman, sentinel; Calvin Bush, treasurer; Harold Bush, reporter.

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Male drivers caused 41,350 accidents and female drivers caused 5,850 accidents in 1960.

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Most traffic deaths occur between 1 and 6 a. m.

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Drivers under 25 were involved in 27.6% of all fatal accidents in 1960.

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Drivers under 18 were involved in 4.8% of all fatal accidents in 1960.



THESE BOYS have just been elected as officers of a newly chartered FFA chapter at Leroy. They are shown with Mr. Gant, their advisor, left. The officers are, back row (l to r) Don Ray Presley, treasurer; Marvin Campbell, reporter; Jimmy Young, president. Front row, Lamar Williams, secretary; Jimmy Anderson, sentinel, and Marcus Johnson, vice president.

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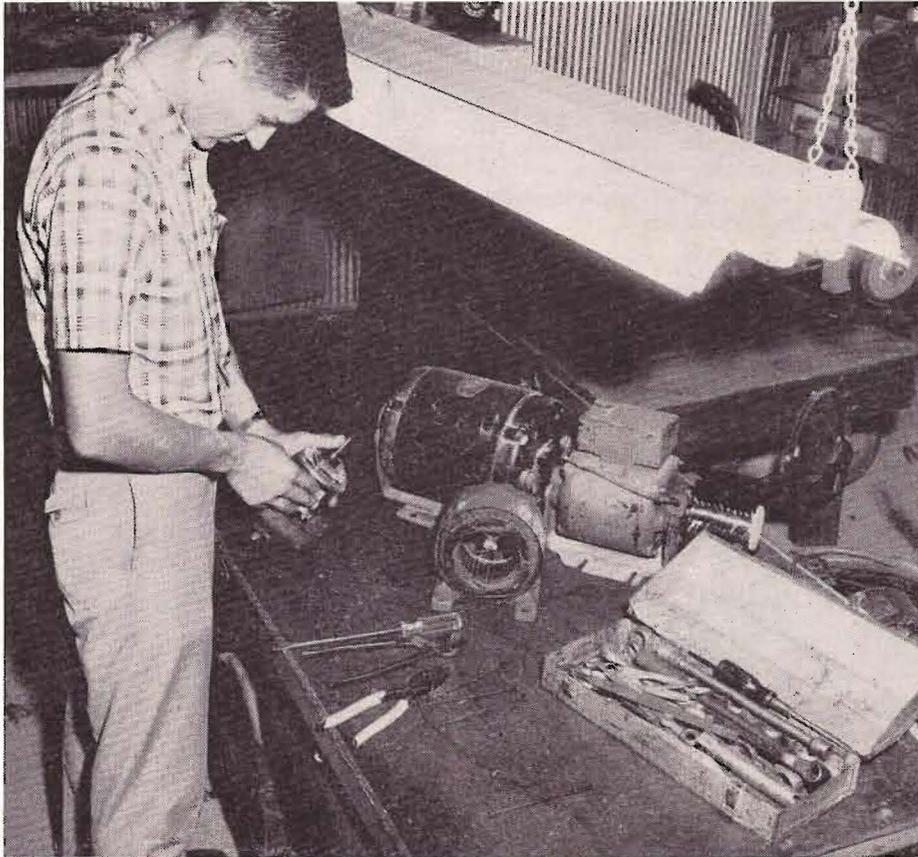
Leroy FFA Chapter Forestry Plot Brings Rich Dividends

The Leroy FFA chapter has certainly proved that a school forestry plot can bring in rich dividends. Sixteen years ago, under the direction of O. D. Gissendanner, chapter advisor, the chapter planted on the campus a two acre plot of pines. Since that time fence posts, poles, piling, saw logs, and pulpwood have been harvested from this plot. This year the plot was cleared to make room for a school playground. In summarizing all receipts the figures show that \$1,651 has been paid to the chapter for products harvested from the two acre plot. This is an annual income of approximately \$50 per acre per year over the sixteen year period. Based on this proof the chapter is in the process of starting another forestry project. Aside from the money received the chapter has served as a laboratory for teaching and demonstrating to the entire community the approved practices in forestry.



MR. O. D. GISSENDANNER, FFA Advisor at Leroy, believes in learning by doing. His vocational agriculture classes have learned much about timber while harvesting the trees on their vo-ag forestry plot.

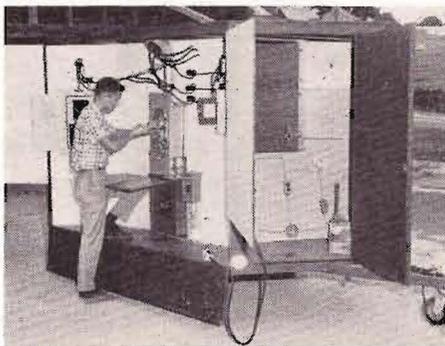
1962 State Farm Electrification Winner



HILBURN HILLESTAD, State Farm Electrification winner, Baker Hill, is very proficient in reworking motors as well as other farm and home electrical skills.

If it's electrical and won't work, folks in the rural Baker Hill community generally send out a call for 18-year-old Hilburn Hillestad. The youth in three years of participating in the FFA's farm electrification contest has established a reputation as a "whiz" when it comes to electricity.

Hilburn's experience in electrical work finally tipped the jackpot his way this year. He is the winner of the state-wide farm electrification contest that carries



HILBURN HILLESTAD constructed this trailer which opens on all four sides and demonstrates some phase of farm and home electrification.

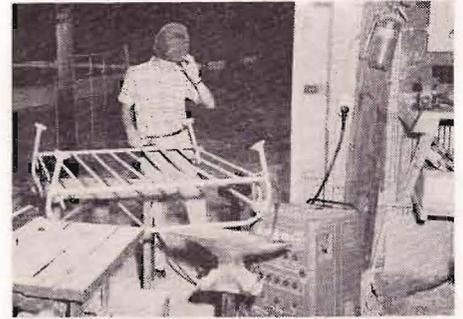
with it \$100 and an entry blank in the national contest.

Already as proficient in solving electrical problems as men many years his senior, Hilburn is using his rich technical background as a basis for entering the school of agricultural engineering at Auburn University.

The youth in four years has compiled a large stock of equipment, much of it homemade, using electricity as its main power source. In his home shop, Hilburn has installed a homemade grinder, made entirely of scrap material with the exception of the rock itself, an air compressor, also made from scrap and discarded material, and a sprayer. The shop also is equipped with a communication system that connects to the main house.

Since electricity became a main interest, Hilburn has installed outside lights at home and at Baker Hill high school. When a neighbor's house burned, he donated his time and the material to wire the new residence. He also installed all the electrical wiring in the new parsonage of a local church.

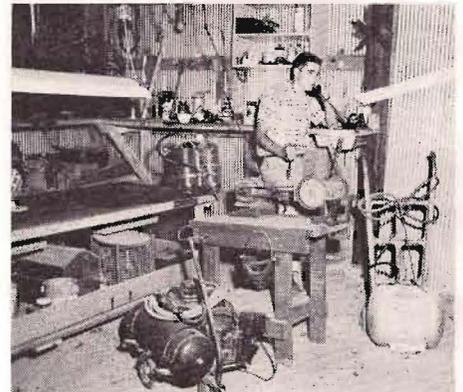
In addition to these projects, Hilburn is the community "trouble shooter" for



HILBURN constructed many projects with the use of electricity in his electrical shop at home.

electrical problems. Neighbors and residents of the community generally look to the youth for help and advice when up against a baffling electrical problem.

While still in high school, Hillestad had a large hand in developing an educational program in electricity for residents in Barbour and surrounding counties. To assist a local rural service engineer in his instructional program, Hillestad built a display trailer showing all the uses of electricity on the farm and in the home. The display begins at the meterpole in-



BY THE USE of the telephone in his electrical shop Hilburn Hillestad can keep in touch with those who need his help.

stallation and goes as far as explaining the use of the heating cable.

Running a close second in the contest was Frank French of the Sidney Lanier FFA chapter. Entering for the first time, French unveiled a homemade electric arc welder, drill press in addition to other more common electrical wiring chores. As runner-up French received \$75.

Other places in the contest went to Rex Bond of Newville, who received \$65; Hayes Plyman of Reform, who received \$60 and Elbert Burns of Attalla, who received \$50.

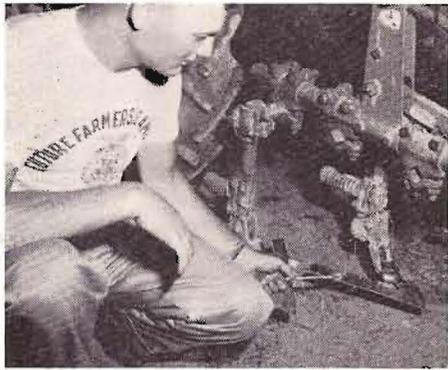
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Excessive speed caused 10,970 deaths and 1,001,000 injuries in 1960.

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The casualty count is riding high, it's often the innocent that die.

Herman Sanders Best in Mechanics



INGENUITY always helps to get the task done more easily. By extending the wing of the sweeps used in plowing peanuts, Herman Sanders can clean the rows and middles at the same time. His welder is used in his home farm shop.

Herman Sanders, who has the knack of getting the job done with what is on hand, is the winner of the Alabama FFA's farm mechanics contest. Sanders, a senior at Goshen high school, received \$100 for his first place, June 7, during the main awards ceremony of the state FFA convention.

Entering the contest for the first time this year, Sanders won out over Tommy



ALL FARM mechanics projects should relate to production on the farm. Those projects built and repaired by Herman related directly to crop production.

Silver of Sylvania, Abe Green of Lincoln and Bryan Bain of Carrollton for the top spot. The other three placed in that order and received cash awards at the convention also.

"You give Herman a mechanical problem and you can bet on his coming up with the answer," says Glenn Carmichael, vocational agriculture teacher at Goshen. This ability has made Herman the trouble-shooter at the high school. Only one or two problems have stumped the blonde-haired senior. One of these was a thermostat in the spanking-new gym. Herman diagnosed the trouble but was unable to correct it so outside help was called in.



WELDING strengthens the drag constructed by Herman. This welder has saved Herman much money in keeping equipment repaired on the farm.

The contractor for the new addition to the school building has a pact with the youth. When equipment mal-functions or other problems crop up, Herman is called on to repair it. When the problem is major, the contractor is called in. "But he always wants Herman around to explain the trouble when he gets here," says school principal H. R. Collins.

On the farm, Herman's ability has been put to good use. The fifteenth child



HERMAN SANDERS makes sure that the insect damage to his peanut crop is kept at a minimum with the use of the sprayer he constructed.

of J. G. Sanders, a full-time farmer, Herman has almost a full-time job maintaining the four tractors and other equipment.

Since peanuts are a major crop of the Pike county farm, Herman tackled the problem of speeding the harvesting time. Commercial dryers were too slow as the rush of the peak season over-reached their capacity.

Herman, with the aid of a brother, solved the problem by building a homemade peanut dryer that can handle three wagons at the same time. All of the equipment, with the exception of some 15" pipe, was salvaged from the farm. The motor is off a peanut picker, the



HERMAN SANDERS, State Farm Mechanics winner and his FFA advisor, Mr. Glen Carmichael, Goshen, examine a drag constructed by Herman in his farm mechanics program. The drag is used in the preparation of land for planting.



HERMAN SANDERS is installing a crop dryer in one of his wagons. This dryer, which he built, was constructed from a salvaged motor, gin fan, and galvanized pipe. The trailer was also built by Herman.

blower also came from the farm. Herman by-passed the purchase of a heater by covering the engine and blowing the heated air from it through the wagons.

He also designed and built a drag to level land as it is being tilled by a disc harrow from old road-grader blades. A welder in the farm shop also fits handily to Herman's hand for repairing equipment or making new.

Insects have a hard time on the farm since Herman constructed a sprayer out of salvaged pipe and drums. Of course the pump and nozzles had to be bought, but the sprayer was completed at only a fraction of the cost of a factory built sprayer.

Herman plans to stay on the farm for a while and will then probably enroll in a trade school and study diesel mechanics.

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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.

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Be pretty if you can, witty if you must, but agreeable if it kills you.

CHECK YOUR DRIVEABILITY



NINE OUT of ten drivers have an elevated sense of their own importance.

Ask almost any driver about his ability behind the wheel, and the chances are he will have a pretty high opinion of himself. Ask him who causes accidents and he'll probably lay the blame on the "other guy" — the irresponsible driver.

According to National Safety Council, the fact that 9 out of 10 drivers rate themselves above average in driving skills is one of the greatest problems in accident prevention work. But the fact is that accidents don't happen only to the other fellow. More than 10 million motor vehicle accidents involving over 18,000,000 drivers occur each year.

Safety experts tell us that driver errors contribute to 85 percent of all accidents. In some accidents a vehicle or highway defect may play a part in the disaster, but the principle cause is generally "human failure." Thus, there is substantial proof to support the fact that although safe vehicles and good roads are important, the key element in safety is still the driver.

None of us comes into the world trained to drive a motor vehicle, and too few people take the time to prepare for a lifetime of driving, even though modern traffic demands tremendous skill and judgment. Skill behind-the-wheel is doubly important in rural areas: three out of four traffic deaths occur on rural roads and highways; nearly two out of three of these happen at night.

Driving skills are conditioned largely by individual physical, mental and emotional characteristics. Here are the four essentials for safe driver performance: attitude, knowledge, skill, and physical condition.

Attitude — The attitude of the driver is the most important single factor influencing driver performance. A good attitude promotes alertness and safe driving practices. Poor driving attitude can greatly reduce the safety margin. For example, a driver whose attitude is affected by family disputes or crop failures or other disturbance is apt to become careless or temperamental in traffic, thus less able to utilize his knowledge, skills, and judgment.

Accident repeaters often show these tendencies:

- ★ they are apt to be aggressive and intolerant of others.
- ★ they resent authority.
- ★ they have an exaggerated opinion of their own importance and abilities.
- ★ they seem unable to respect the rights of others.
- ★ they are prone to act impulsively and take chances.
- ★ they are discourteous.

One of the most common evidences of a poor driving attitude is discourtesy in traffic. There is no excuse for such actions as blowing the horn out of irritation, crowding other motorists out of line, making pedestrians jump for their lives, or scaring one's passengers by speeding or reckless driving. These, and other unsportsmanlike practices on the highway, can result in serious accidents.

In rural traffic the farmer should practice extra caution and be especially courteous when driving the tractor or towing slow-moving farm equipment on the highway. He should use the right shoulder of the highway whenever possible. Moving farm equipment on the highway constitutes a special use of the highway and brings about a special hazard which the ordinary motorist is not prepared to expect. Operators of such equipment should warn others of existing dangers by using flags in daytime and approved lighting at night. A red light visible for a distance of at least 500 feet is desirable in most circumstances. These extra acts of courtesy and responsibility pay off in preventing collisions and reducing accident severity.

Knowledge — To be a good driver, one must:

- ★ Be completely familiar with and have an understanding of the rules of the road.
- ★ Have an adequate knowledge of the mechanics of the motor vehicle.
- ★ Be able to comprehend the physical laws governing the operation of the motor vehicle.

Before you drive, know your traffic laws and the rules of the road governing the operation of motor vehicles. Remember that there are more than 85 million drivers and 180 million pedestrians who must have a mutual understanding and acceptance of traffic laws to avoid driving conflicts and accidents.

Farmers must recognize the need for an extra measure of driving knowledge for their use of the highway is highly diverse. At one time a farmer may be driving his car, at another time a farm truck. Still another time he may be driving a tractor or a self-propelled piece of farm equipment. Obviously the mechanics of each of these vehicles differ from one another. To avoid accidents, farmers must have a thorough understanding for operating each of these different vehicles. Confusion, indecision or failure to operate the vehicle properly breeds inexcusable accidents.

Skill — Drivers today probably spend less time and effort in learning to operate a car than former generations did in learning to harness and handle a horse or team. Maximum skill is needed to drive safely under unusual or unfavorable driving conditions. Drivers must know how to adjust their driving for ice or snow; how to maneuver on dirt and gravel as well as on surfaced roads, on steep grades and sharp curves as well as on flat, easy terrain, how to operate safely under hazardous weather and light conditions; how to cope with the problems of night driving. These driving conditions exist abundantly on rural roads, hence rural drivers are more frequently exposed to such hazards than others, and need an extra measure of



"IT HAD oversized pistons and dual carburetors."



"WHAT are you crabbing about? I didn't pass the truck on a curve, did I?"

skill to deal with them. Too, the rural driver (like all other drivers) requires special knowledge and skill for driving the modern, high-speed expressways.

A skillful driver is a defensive driver. The practice of defensive driving is a way to avoid traffic accidents by anticipating unsafe traffic situations and adverse weather conditions. The defensive driver always allows for the other driver's carelessness or lack of skill and knowledge.

Physical Condition — There are countless traffic situations that demand split-second decisions and responses. A driver must be well coordinated and in sound physical and mental condition to avoid accidents.

Good eye sight is vital to safe driving, and good hearing and the ability to detect and react quickly to danger are essential.

Alcohol, narcotics, barbiturates, tranquilizers and other drugs and sedatives tend to slow down reaction time. No one should drive while under their influence.

Condition of Vehicle — Every driver has the responsibility of keeping his car in safe operating condition. Even a safe driver cannot avoid accidents if he is driving an improperly maintained or serviced vehicle. If defective, the mechanical items listed below may transform a safe driver into a potential killer:

- ★ faulty brakes,
- ★ worn tires,
- ★ defective steering,
- ★ ineffective windshield wipers,
- ★ head, tail, stop, or turn signal lights burned out or not working,

- ★ dirty, frosty or snow covered windshield and windows,
- ★ faulty horn,
- ★ improperly adjusted rear view mirrors,
- ★ leaky exhaust system,
- ★ defective defrosters.

The farmer must make certain that the special equipment on his truck, tractor, and farm implements is in good working condition. Check these vital safety measures: Is the trailer hitch safe? Is the load of baled hay or other products so loaded and tied that it cannot shift and drop onto the highway? Is the tractor or farm machinery properly lighted? Is necessary precaution taken as you leave or enter farm driveways or field entrances?

Condition of Highway — Local rural roads are distinguishable from state highways in that they are usually less wide, often have more narrow bridges, shorter sight distances, and may not be well surfaced or as well maintained. Nearly all our local rural road systems suffer from inadequate or improper signing and marking. Thus, special driving precautions are called for when driving on such roads. Rural drivers, especially, must not lose sight of this fact and become overly familiar with these hazards and lose respect for them.

Check Your Road-ability — Here is a quick quiz for checking your road-ability.

1. Good drivers know they should brake (a) before entering a curve, (b) on the curve.
2. It is advisable to slow down below the posted speed limit when (a) other traffic is whizzing past you, (b) it's raining, (c) a police car is behind you.
3. If the wheels of your car go off the right side of the road and onto a soft



"ISN'T Jeffie wonderful."



"MAYBE you're not the sports car type."

shoulder, you should (a) jerk the wheel to the left before the tires have a chance to sink down in the soft ground, (b) take your foot off the gas pedal and wait till your car slows down before returning to the highway, (c) hit the brakes to stop the car quickly.

4. On a steep hill, before your car gains too much momentum, it's wise to (a) use your brakes so the car won't pick up too much speed, (b) shift into a lower gear and use the motor for braking, (c) pull your parking brake on periodically.

Answers —

1. (a) Never brake on a curve; it can cause a skid. Good drivers cut their speed enough before entering a curve so they can accelerate very slightly as they round the curve.
2. (b) It's always smart to slow down below the posted speed limit in bad weather. Speed limits are set for normal, good-weather conditions.
3. (b) Keep a firm grip on the steering wheel and your foot off the brake and accelerator until your car slows down. Then, not before, turn the wheel sharply toward the pavement.
4. (b) If you picked "a" you're a good bet to need some new brakes soon — maybe when you most need to stop your car! Parking brakes are for one purpose: parking. Use motor compression for down hill braking.

What To Do —

Here are some steps you can take now in your community to help put an end to the annual slaughter on our highways: First, individually, as a chapter, or

through local and state citizens' organizations, contact your legislators and let them know that you are determined to see a strong street and highway safety program in your community and state.

Second, insist on a program of safety education beginning in the grade schools and continuing through a program of

driver training before young people can receive their licenses.

Third, express your willingness to support and abide by a strict program of law enforcement.

Fourth, pledge to develop within yourself habits of care, caution and courtesy behind the wheel.



MEAT-TYPE hog production got a boost in the Southeast district when this group of farmers received purebred meat-type boars through the vo-ag program. Twenty-nine farmers in six counties will use these boars on their commercial herds. Dr. Bryan Taylor, associate State Veterinarian, discusses a testing program for their herds while L. L. Sellers, left, and the farmers listen.



PEA RIVER ELECTRIC CO-OP sponsors a trip for the outstanding FFA member in Barbour, Henry and Dale Counties each year to the National REA Convention. One advisor from these counties also accompanies the boys. This year Mr. Curtis Eiland, Blue Springs FFA Advisor, went along with Terrell Carroll, Blue Springs, Barbour County winner; Jimmy Barnes, Abbeville, Henry County winner; and Bobby Willoby, Ariton, Dale County winner. The convention which they attended was held in Atlantic City.



FIRE ANT control is a problem unless you have the proper insecticide and equipment. Robert Jordan, left, apprentice teacher, Donny Ward, Arthur Jernigan and John Andres, teacher of vocational agriculture, East Brewton, are trying out the methods studied in class.

— FFA —

Leadership Developed By FFA

A Future Farmer today — a leader tomorrow, the boys become well versed in several phases of farm life, improving the farm home and its surroundings, learning new and better conservation methods, and developing easier and safer ways to operate farm machinery.

The blue and gold colors of FFA create an everlasting impression and the purpose for which they stand is expressed in the smile of the Future Farmer himself. With a keen determination to better himself and his fellows, he lives up to the FFA motto, "living to serve." He is interested in the progress of his neighbor at home and abroad, for he realizes that in today's world we must be on good terms with all nations and countries. The Future Farmer, through learning good citizenship and brotherly relationships, looks to tomorrow for a new and better world. And with the work he is doing today through the FFA tomorrow should bring him the world he wants. To accomplish such a goal is the purpose of the FFA.



WE ARE ALWAYS proud to confer the Honorary State Farmer Degree upon our friends who do so much to assist us with our program. This year at the convention the following business and professional people received the degree: Harold A. Dickson, Sr., Winston O. Bice, Earl L. Wiggins, E. E. Gaither, Joe Weaver, Robert R. Chesnutt; R. C. Branscombe, Pete B. Turnham, Herve Charest, Jr., J. C. Barry, John M. Cross, W. Maxwell Peacock, Arnold Leak, Gene Starnes, Rayburn Holloway and Dr. H. C. Brewer.

Mrs. R. C. Branscombe, center, also received a citation for outstanding service to our organization.

Annual Field Day At Briarhill Farms Attracts Many FFA Members

FFA ROUNDUP



THE BRIARHILL FIELD DAY is held for the purpose of giving, fitting and showing demonstrations to those chapters who won Sears bulls. Mr. Ed Fowler, National Livestock Consultant from Indiana, was called in by Dr. Hicks to give these demonstrations.



MR. CLYDE WARE, Sears Roebuck Foundation, congratulates Larry Fullen, Clanton FFA member, on winning the showmanship contest at the Briarhill Field Day.



DR. TROY PATTERSON, Animal Husbandry Department, Auburn University, makes a type demonstration for those present at the Briarhill Field Day.



GOOD FOOD always helps to make a successful occasion. You can see from the faces of those in this picture that the food at Briarhill Field Day made its proper contribution.



DR. J. J. HICKS, owner of Briarhill Farms, extends an official welcome to those present during the field day.

— FFA —

76.7% of accidents occur while driving straight down the road. Turns, backing, skidding, etc., cause the remaining 23.3%.

LEROY

Leroy FFA chapter was picked as the state winner in the state association's chapter Farm Woodlands Improvement Contest. G. M. & O. Railroad sponsors the contest for FFA chapters in West, Central and Southwest Alabama.

The top award money of \$100 will be presented to the FFA chapter and its advisor, O. D. Gissendanner. C. W. Burrage, agricultural and forestry agent for the railroad, will make the presentation.

Other chapters placing in the contest were 2) Gordo; 3) Northport and 4) Millry.

LIBERTY

Officers for one of Alabama's oldest FFA chapters have been elected for the coming school year. Q. R. Dollar, vocational agriculture teacher at Liberty High School, said the chapter will be headed by Wade Cooper in the new year. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Cooper, is a second year vocational agriculture student.

Other officers for the chapter are Jerry Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Patterson, vice-president; Earl Jaynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jaynes, secretary; Benny Whitten, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whitten, treasurer; Clabourn Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Duncan, reporter; Larry Jaynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Jaynes, sentinel.

ROCKFORD

The Rockford FFA and FHA chapters held their annual chicken stew recently at Wards Fishing Camp. There were about 150 students and parents attending this event.

Mr. Alton Bouleware, local game warden and Mr. Bryant of the Water Safety Division gave the program.

Mr. Bouleware had four other game wardens assisting him in his part of the program. The program included all phases of game laws. One part of the program was on first aid in treating snake bites and artificial respiration.

Mr. Bryant demonstrated many water safety procedures and displayed all equipment in making the water a safe place for recreation and fishing.

Mr. J. L. Holmes, teacher of voca-

tional agriculture, made about 20 gallons of chicken stew and served about 10 gallons of lemonade. Everyone enjoyed this event very much.

COLUMBIANA

The new shop equipment the Columbian chapter received was a drill press and a band saw.

This equipment is army surplus, and these two pieces are the largest things in the shop. The drill press is about seven feet high, and the band saw is about eight feet high.

When the equipment arrived, everyone was busy for a few days cleaning the machines getting them ready to operate. The machines work fine.

SAND ROCK

The Sand Rock FFA recently made an educational tour of six days to Panama City, Florida and New Orleans, Louisiana. The group included 22 FFA members, two bus drivers and chapter advisor. The chapter bus was used to transport the group and the tour covered approximately 1,500 miles.

Funds to finance the trip were made by operating the FFA school store. Also each member deposited \$5 before leaving on the tour, and \$3 of this amount was returned to them during the trip. After making the trip all the members agreed that the educational and recreational opportunities enjoyed were well worth the \$1750 spent in financing the trip.

PISGAH

The Pisgah FFA chapter pig chain was started in 1953 when Sears, Roebuck donated five Duroc gilts and one Duroc boar to the chapter. These pigs were carefully selected on the basis of breed and sex characteristics.

These pigs were given to six FFA members on terms that they keep the gilt until it farrowed its first litter, then return one gilt from this litter to the chapter chain for distribution to other members.

The chain has been operated with continued success. Now the Pisgah chapter has bought a young boar. It is a purebred Duroc. The boar was very carefully selected on the basis of breed and sex characteristics. The Boar was bought for the purpose of breeding the gilts of the school chain.

ATTALLA

Officers for the Attalla FFA chapter were elected before the closing of school last spring. During the summer months a series of meetings were held to acquaint the new officers with their duties for the coming school year. The last of such meetings was held during the last

week of August. At these meetings the duly elected officers studied how to be a good leader, qualifications of a good FFA officer, how to speak before a group, and many other topics that pertain to carrying on FFA work.

Plans for the coming year were discussed and many good suggestions were offered as to how the work of the chapter could be carried out.

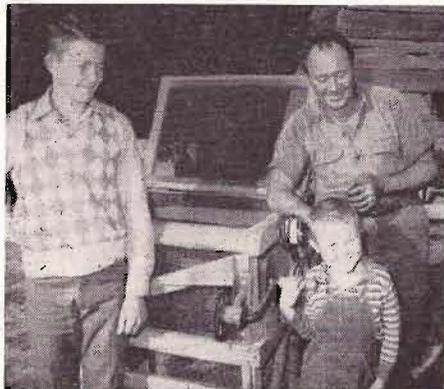
TOWN CREEK

The Town Creek vocational agriculture has started the new year with 63 vo-ag students enrolled. There are 28 boys in Ag I; 26 boys in Ag II; and 9 boys in Ag III.

The boys in Ag I have been studying some of the history of agriculture and the importance of agriculture in our present life. The Ag II class has been taking a course in electric arc welding in which they learn how to weld in all four welding positions and will be able to make most any repairs to farm machinery. The Ag III class has been studying how to adjust and repair small gasoline engines. They took the engines apart and made any necessary repairs.

WICKSBURG

Bobby Brazzle, 15, of the Wicksburg Future Farmers of America, tiring of shelling butterbeans by hand, constructed an electric sheller. The shelled beans are not broken or bruised and cannot be distinguished from being shelled by hand. Bobby shelled beans half the sum-



mer for neighbors free before he discovered he could charge for this favor. Charging a small fee of \$1.00 per tub, Bobby estimated he made a profit of over \$50. Bobby is helping his vocational agriculture classmates construct a green pea sheller in their shopwork.

SULLIGENT

School bells on the first Monday in September marked the beginning of another year of instruction in Vocational Agriculture at Sulligent High School.

Enrollment in the four classes in agriculture at Sulligent totals 77. The Jr III

class is divided into two sections which increases the classes to five each day.

The Sulligent vo-ag students are joining FFA every day. Plans are made to order official FFA jackets early in order to receive them on time for the many occasions they are needed in FFA work.

While not all the students on the local or state level actually live on farms, the recently revised course of study in vo-ag offers each student useful and beneficial subject matter, whatever his background or future plans.

For the mechanical-minded youth, there is the opportunity to discover and develop his talents in the farm and home mechanics program. Many skilled workmen in industry today discovered and began developing their skills while vo-ag students.

Youths interested in business were helped to find their place in agriculture business as salesmen or farm representatives by vo-ag studies that explored the possibilities in this field. A large number now have businesses of their own.

Boys who live on a farm and plan to farm use their vo-ag training to enable them to do a better job farming or as a foundation for college studies in agriculture.

GUIN

Future Farmers at Marion County High School here met spring with dibble in hand this year. The FFA members set out 23,000 pine seedlings.

T. G. Butler, teacher of vocational agriculture and advisor to the FFA chapter, said emphasis on forestry in Marion County is expected to increase even more this year as the Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Co. sponsors a project contest.

First year vo-ag students and the FFA Green Hands are getting in on the ground floor on the forestry program. Ninth graders at the school set out 4,000 pine seedlings and two youths have started orchard projects.

FLORALA

Future Farmers here are starting in on the ground floor of the market hog business. The chapter started a pig-chain recently with a purebred Yorkshire sow donated to the FFA by E. P. Rodwell, Jr.

W. F. Rasberry, teacher of vocational agriculture at the school, said that all members of the chapter will have had an opportunity to get a start in the hog business within three years.

Under regulations of the chain, Future Farmers can obtain a gilt from the chapter without cost. They must return one top-quality gilt to the chapter from their first litter for placement with other FFA members. "This makes the pig chain a perpetual program," Rasberry said.

BOAZ

Freddie Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Russell, has been selected winner of the 1962 DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. This award is given annually to outstanding seniors in the vocational agriculture program. Young Russell is the ninth student at Boaz High School to receive the award.

Freddie has a long list of FFA and vo-ag accomplishments during his high school career. He won the Marshall County corn growing championship last year with 110 bushels per acre. He has been treasurer and reporter for the Boaz FFA chapter.

HACKNEYVILLE

Vocational agriculture students here are developing an open-air laboratory for farm products under the direction of instructor Robert L. Trammell. The project is located on a small farm which has been loaned by Mrs. Cora Dunn to the FFA chapter for the undertaking.

The students plan to use the farm to tell the story of good farming in graphic terms. By following recommended techniques and methods, the Future Farmers hope to use the farm as a show-case to illustrate the benefit of following sound farming practices.

Ten acres, sown with cover crops of oats and wheat this winter, are being prepared for corn planting this Spring. In addition to the corn the boys will have two acres devoted to truck crops.

LOUISVILLE

The people of Louisville, after discussing the need for a new concession stand, brought this project under way through cooperative effort by asking for donations from all interested people.

Since this stand was greatly needed for the first home game of the year, Mr. E. F. Bailey, vo-ag teacher, and the boys taking agriculture raced the clock for time in completing the work after Mr. E. R. Danner had finished the block laying.

Mr. Bailey felt this would be a worthwhile project for his vo-ag boys in the fact that he put the learn-by-doing theory into practical application. Even though time was short, this was a successful learning situation for the ag boys in their learning carpentry work such as: measuring, marking, sawing angles, fitting and nailing rafters, decking, putting down tarpaper and roll roofing.

ASHLAND

The vo-ag students are engaged in a do-it-yourself job of enlarging the ag shop.

Some 5,000 ft. of lumber and from 15 to 20 thousand used bricks have been

salvaged from part of the old high school building. The ag classes have been working on an addition of about 1,000 square feet of floor space to the shop.

The only labor to be hired is the block and brick laying. The ag students will do the rest.

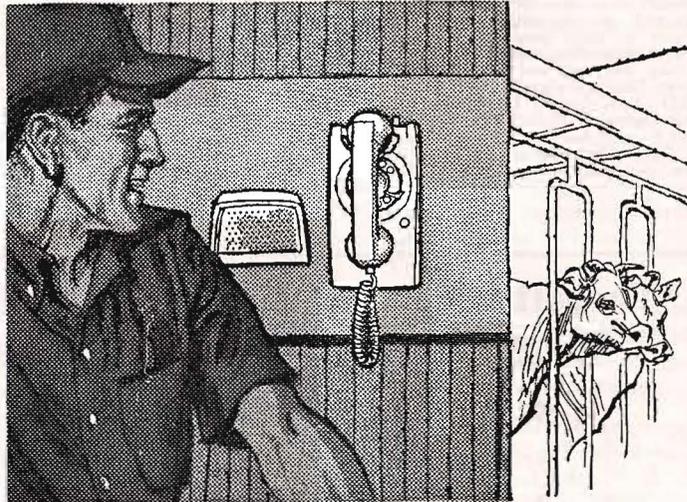
LaFAYETTE

The LaFayette FFA chapter has a registered Angus bull that is sponsored by Sears Roebuck Foundation.

This livestock improvement program

is a program of community service, and is under the supervision of the local teacher Leonard R. Brown.

The objectives of this program are to improve the quality of beef cattle by breeding of grade cows to the registered Angus bull and to encourage FFA boys and farmers to purchase both grade and registered females and grow into beef cattle business as well as to serve those who already have a few registered cows but not enough to merit the purchase of a good bull.



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On The MARCH

AKRON—erected new FFA road signs near town limits in Akron; two members of Akron chapter received State Farmer Degrees; made plans to hold officer training school.

ASHLAND—held two regular meetings; elected new officers; had a chicken barbecue supper; building an addition to the shop; attended district convention.

ATTALLA—elected officers for coming year; held officer training school; member attended Forestry camp; published three news articles; held two regular meetings; collected dues from 85 members; judging team took part in the county dairy judging contest; made out program of work; purchased notebooks and other FFA supplies.

AUBURN—elected officers; started remodeling metal-working area in shop; secured sponsor for FFA calendar; working in shop, wiring and pouring new floor for shop improvement; held first FFA meeting; 16 Green Hands initiated.

BEAUREGARD—held regular meetings; elected officers; planning program of work.

BLUE SPRINGS—member and advisor attended Forestry camp; officers for the new year elected; initiated 10 new members; had party with FFA.

BROOKWOOD—new officers selected for coming year; FFA-FHA had a social; fishing trip and family fun night discussed; planted shrubbery around school.

BUCKHORN—held two executive council meetings and two chapter meetings; elected officers; quartet sang in a recital; held officer training workshop; member attended Forestry camp; installed officers; showed film "Four Star Farmers of 1961"; 10 members ordered FFA jackets; four members plan to attend the National FFA Convention.

CAMDEN—held 2 regular meetings; joint meetings with FFA for panel discussion on dating; elected officers; 370 attended Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet; presented awards to outstanding members; elected honorary member; one member showed calf in local and Montgomery Fat Calf Shows; raised 7 members to Chapter Farmers.

CAMP HILL—held regular meetings; planning program of work; elected new officers.

CARLOWVILLE—held officer training school; held first FFA meeting; enrolled new members; began work on activity program; made plans for donkey basketball game to be sponsored by FFA; began working on contests.

CARROLLTON—elected officers; special program presented on Farm Safety; held officer training school; ordered three FFA jackets; 100% subscription to National Future Farmer; sold FFA calendars; three pictures and news articles in local paper; 39 paid members; 12 new members; pruned shrubs around school.

CLEMENTS—livestock, dairy and soil judging teams practicing; participated in tractor driving contest; selected one acre corn demonstration plot.

COLUMBIANA—held a barbecue; sold grass;

received new shop equipment; repaired lawn of the ag department.

COLLINSVILLE—had a FFA-FHA basket supper; host to county FFA and FFA jamboree; elected officers for the coming year.

CURRY—pruned shrubbery for churches; built two pickup beds in farm shop; completed welding course in Ag II and Ag III classes; exhibited three calves in Jasper and Birmingham; presented chapel program.

DADEVILLE—held one meeting; had FFA-FHA wiener roast and initiation party for 35 new Green Hands; 3 members purchased beef calves to be fed out and shown; selected livestock judging team.

DOUGLAS—elected officers; held party with FFA as guests; ordered \$181 worth of jackets and other FFA materials; planned project programs with 30 boys; planned initiation.

FAIRHOPE—elected officers; plan to have a quartet and string band this year; setting up concession stand for football games; elected initiation, finance and social committees; Ag III attended second annual meeting of Southwest Pecan Grower's Association; exhibit in county fair.

FAIRVIEW—held officers training school; collecting membership dues; working on chapter program of work; pruned shrubbery and trees on campus; ordered FFA supplies.

FIVE POINTS—held regular monthly meetings; elected officers; initiated 19 new members; ordered Green Hand pins and 15 FFA jackets; planning program of work.

FLORALA—held two regular chapter meetings; elected officers; planning program of work.

FORT DEPOSIT—working on meat-type hog program; presented awards to members; elected officers; ordered Progressive Farmer magazine for year; bought new reference books; dues paid; will sell peanuts at football games.

GRENSBORO—held monthly meeting; built cedar chest and wardrobe; elected officers; castrated four calves; had movie on sheep raising; sold FFA mailbox posts; entertained Iowa FFA group.

GROVE HILL—held two chapter and two officer meetings; held annual Father-Son night; elected officers; planning program of work.

GUIN—planned and carried out chapter track meet; carried out weed control project on football field; earned \$8 from concessions; elected officers.

HARTFORD—officers attended three day training school; held regular meeting; planned program of work; ordered 12 jackets and 12 ties; selling Christmas cards to raise money for chapter; purchased Landrace boar; 22 new members enrolled.

HEFLIN—elected FFA Sweetheart and Mr. FFA; repaired lights, speakers and fence on football field; repaired clocks in vo-ag and Home Ec buildings; studied forestry and castration of hogs in class.

JASPER—selected member to attend Forestry camp; held officer training school; had a picnic for advisory council; painted classrooms; made definite plans for local fair exhibit; selected judging teams; built screens and repaired windows for school; selected Future Farmer for the month; ordered notebooks; awarded three honorary FFA degrees; ordered 6 State Farmer pins.

KINSTON—five members feeding out steers for Fat Stock Show; news article on FFA educational tour to Canada; made plans to go to South Alabama Fair; checked corn for contest; bought 6 hogs to feed out on lunchroom scraps.

LaFAYETTE—held monthly meeting; voted on buying a new piece of machinery; planned annual camp; held annual Fat Calf Show; string band performed during meeting.

LERoy—clearing forestry demonstration area for playground; sent two news articles to newspaper; first year members building mailbox posts; held one regular and one officer meeting; installed new officers at regular meeting; discussed trip to State Fair; discussed ways and means to raise funds for chapter; chapter placed first in Farm Woodland Contest.

MONROEVILLE—held monthly meeting; entered land judging and tractor driving contests; planned FFA-FHA party.

MONTEVALLO—visited Shelton Trade School with 24 boys; Ag I boys visited Farmers Market in Birmingham; completed calendar project and delivered 200 calendars; visited Alabama College milk pasteurizing and homogenizing plant; had forester from Coosa River Newsprint for one day to discuss our 10 acre forest plot; plans made for president to go to Kansas City to National Convention.

MOULTON—Ag I students made two farrowing pens and portable loading chute and three gates in shop; elected officers; held two regular and one officer meeting; placed 2 pigs in chain.

NEW BROCKTON—elected officers; working on schedules and program of work; held regular meetings.

NEW SITE—have 100% members in FFA; eight Jr. III boys are Green Hands; elected officers for year; planning program of work.

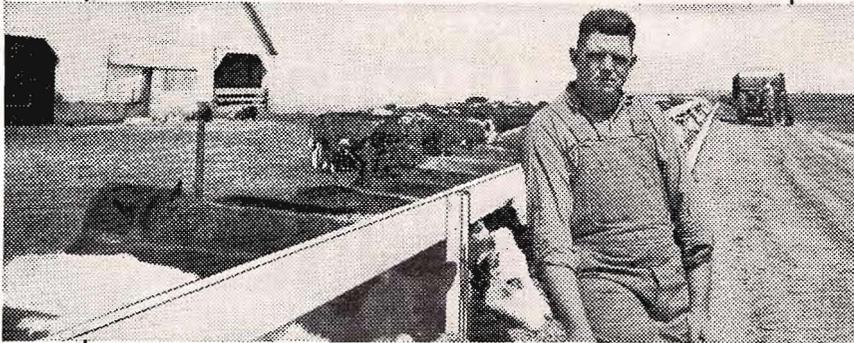
NORTHPORT—two members attended Forestry camp; planning fair exhibit for West Alabama Fair in Tuscaloosa; several members doing outstanding job with supervised farming programs; plan at least two feature articles in the near future on supervised farming programs.

PELL CITY—have 88 FFA members; meetings by groups; have degree pins and membership cards for all; elected officers for new year.

PISGAH—selected officers for coming year; held

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Not loaded when outside shooting area or when unattended. |
| CHECK AMMO | 9 | Right size.
Reliable reloads only. |
| CHECK HANDLING HABITS | 8 | Control of muzzle direction: don't point weapon at anything you don't intend to shoot.
Weapon laid down in stable position when crossing fences or when resting. |
| CHECK CLOTHING | 7 | Protective color: hunting area dictates this, although fluorescent orange is best in general.
Protection from weather: lack of it leads to fatigue and carelessness. |
| CHECK KNOWLEDGE OF WILDLIFE | 6 | Know what's in season.
Know what it looks like at a distance. |
| CHECK YOURSELF | 5 | Sober, well-rested.
Respect for weapon, others around you. |
| CHECK YOUR BUDDIES | 4 | Sober, well-rested.
Respect for weapon, others around them. |
| CHECK ROUTES TO SHOOTING AREA | 3 | Crossing someone's possible line of fire.
Tripping, falling hazards. |
| CHECK SHOOTING AREA | 2 | Ricochet surfaces, water in particular.
Trails or blinds within your angle of fire. |
| CHECK TARGET | 1 | Nothing between you and it or beyond it.
Good sight picture for positive identification: don't pull trigger until you have it. |