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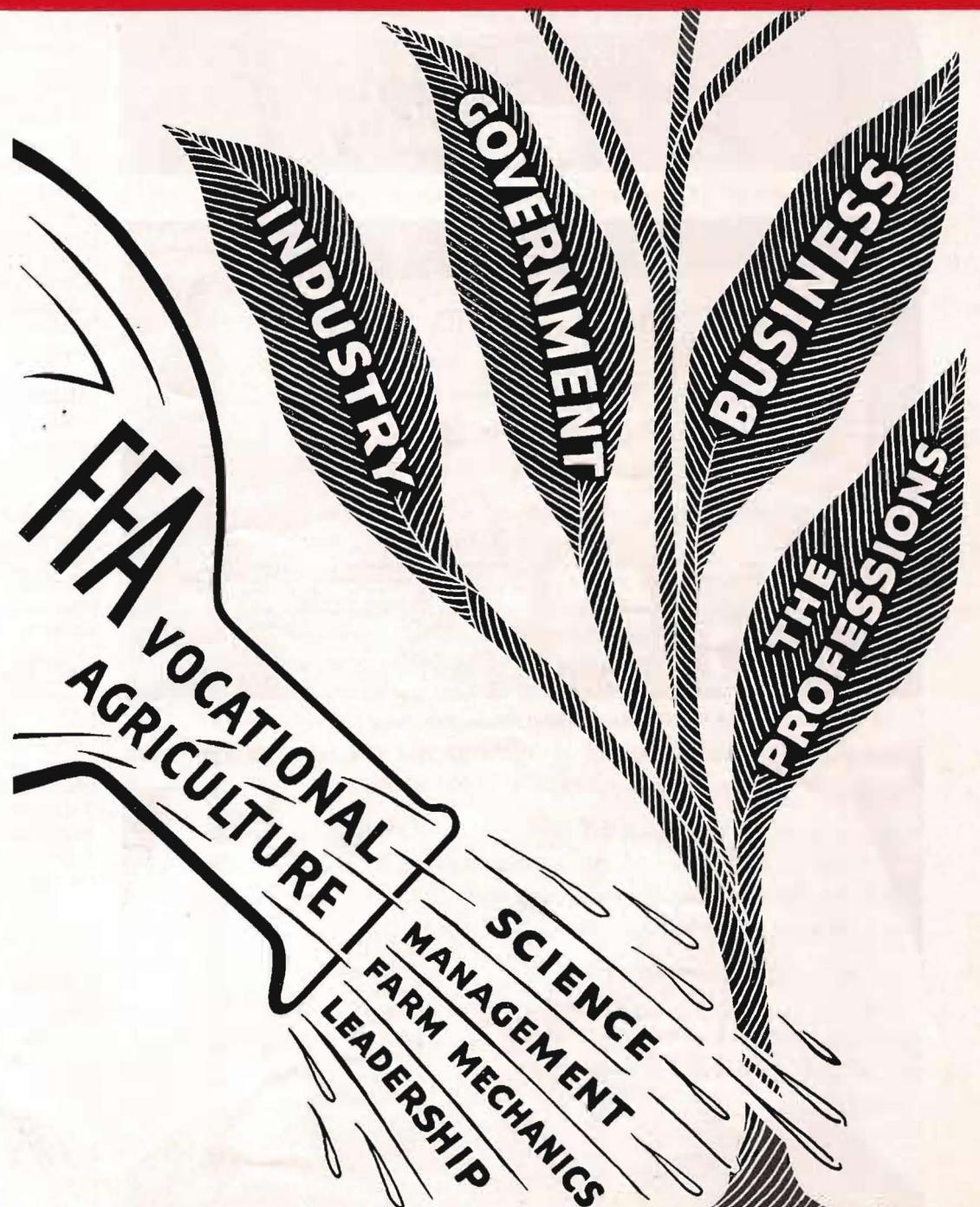
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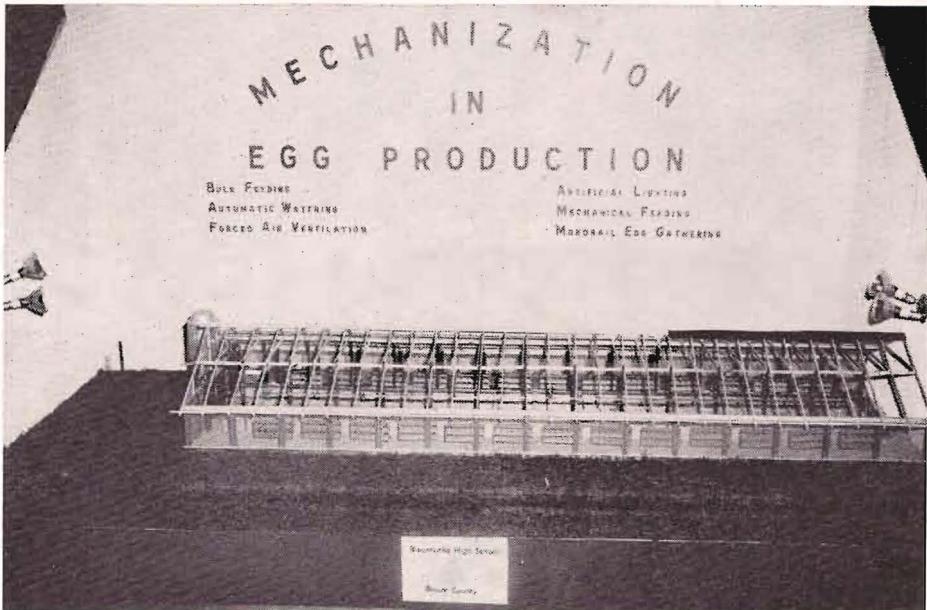


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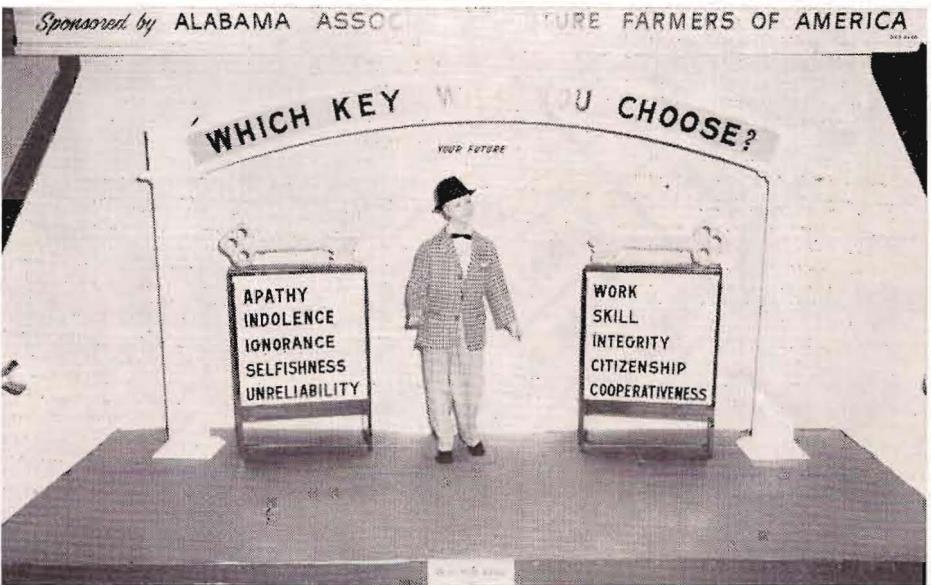
# AGRICULTURE



FIRST place exhibit, State Fair, was Blountsville.



SECOND place exhibit, State Fair, was Curry.



THIRD place exhibit, State Fair, was from Grant High School.

## Outdoor Advertisers Post FFA Week Signs On Alabama Highways

You have probably already noticed that during February, Alabama's highways have been sporting some bright new billboards. We are very proud of these signs and think they will bring more attention to the FFA.

We are very appreciative for the assistance that we received in getting these signs posted. Outdoor Advertising Agencies who posted these signs as a public service should receive the thanks of every FFA advisor and member in Alabama.

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A hunter, unsuccessful in his quest for game, was returning to his car when he chanced to meet a small boy. "Where can I find something to shoot?" The truant lad blinked for a moment and then hopefully exclaimed, "Here comes my principal."

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## Why Not Choose?

# A Career In Agricultural Education

By H. T. PRUETT

This article is addressed primarily to vocational agriculture teachers, and to students with whom they work. The intention of this article is to lend encouragement, and to furnish information to students who are interested in majoring in Agricultural Education.

High School students often ask this question, "What kind of position will I be qualified to hold if I graduate with a major in Agricultural Education?" Briefly, this question may be answered by saying that graduates in Agricultural Education, from Auburn University, are employed in forty-five or more different positions, according to recent studies which have been made. The majority of graduates however, are employed as: (1) vocational agriculture teachers (2) cooperative agricultural extension workers (3) farm machinery employees (4) feed company employees (5) employees with chemical companies (6) science teachers (7) coaches and other teachers (8) other types of agricultural work (9) graduate work in many fields.

Another question which is often asked by students is, "How may I secure financial aid to help me attend college." The writer of this article would like to suggest several things which may be helpful toward answering the above mentioned question.

1. Write immediately to the Director, Student Financial Aid, Auburn University for the booklet entitled, *Scholarship and Loans*. This booklet gives a listing of available scholarships at Auburn. Secondly, the booklet gives a listing of several loans, including the National Defense Loan. Thirdly, there is a listing of thirty-four off-campus aids which are available. These thirty-four sources of aids are not handled by the University.

2. The second suggestion which may be helpful is the possibility of securing part-time jobs for Agricultural Education students. The staff at Auburn University stand ready to help students find part-time jobs.

3. The third suggestion is directed to students who have physical disabilities. At this time several students in Agricultural Education who have physical disabilities are receiving financial aid through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. You should contact your nearest Vocational Rehabilitation office if you are interested and eligible.

4. The fourth suggestion for your consideration would be for you to attend a college near your home, if this is more convenient and less expensive. In many cases students might be encouraged to take their basic courses in such colleges and then transfer to Auburn later. In the event a student attends a near-by college he should ask his vocational teacher, or a staff member in Agricultural Education, to help him with scheduling the courses which he will receive credit when he transfers to Auburn. As a general rule a student may attend another college within the State for five quarters without losing credits.

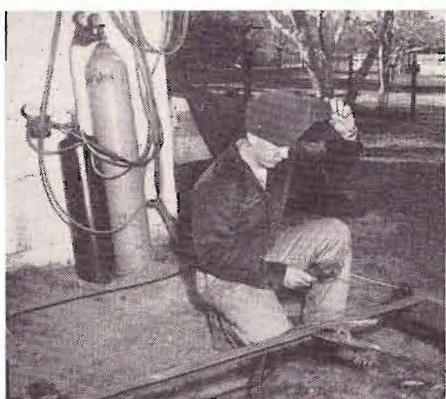
Joe Edward Brannan, Citronelle FFA

## Alabama's Future Farmer Of The Year

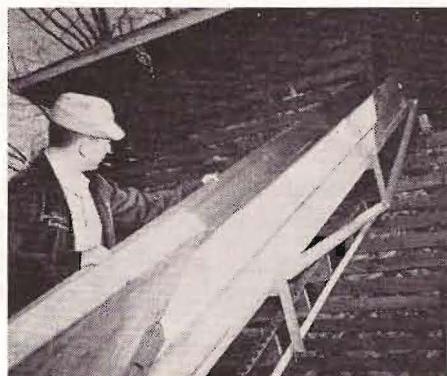


FARMING IS A family affair with Joe Brannan; Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year, his wife, Patricia Ann, and their young son. Patricia is very helpful in the operation, especially where the farm records are concerned. As you can see, their favorite hang-out is the kitchen where Patricia also comes in very handy.

Joe Edward Brannan, Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year, his wife Patricia, and their young son, live on a 160 acre farm located five miles east of Citronelle, Alabama in Mobile County. Joe, who is 20 years old, is the son of Mr. Ernest Brannan and Mrs. Mary Alice Brannan, also of Citronelle. He has just been selected as the Future Farmer of Alabama who most typifies the aims and purposes of the Future Farmers of America organization. The title of Future Farmer of the Year is well deserved by Joe, who after two years of full time farming is well established and considered a "good farmer" by those who know him.



FARM mechanics operations such as welding, which Joe learned while in vocational agriculture, serve him well in his farming program. Joe uses his shop to build and repair equipment on his farm.

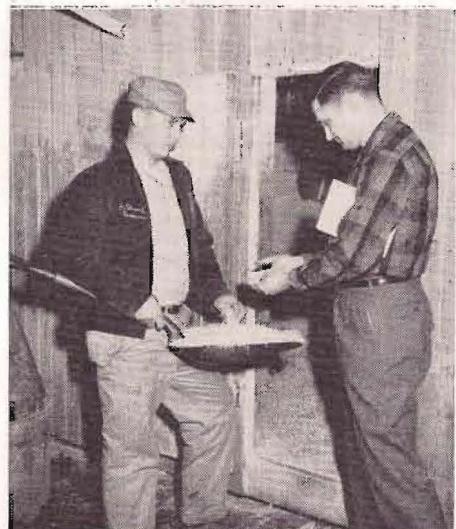


A GOOD feed supply is necessary if a livestock program is part of the operation. Joe feels that corn is a strong foundation for his feed program.

This honor did not come to Joe as an accident nor was it easy. It is the culmination of a program which after several years of hard work and toil can finally be judged as outstanding.

Joe's interest in agriculture began at a very early date in his life. He began to farm actively for the first time though when he enrolled in vocational agriculture at Citronelle High School in 1957. That first year Joe selected for his supervised farming program two market hogs, four beef cows, two market cattle, five acres of corn and eight head of sheep. This program grew and as the years passed Joe began to accumulate farming equipment to go along with it.

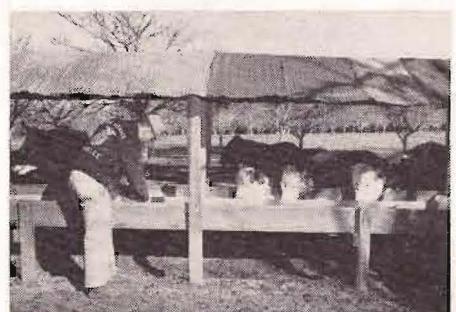
Today he either owns individually, or in partnership, equipment and farm supplies valued at approximately \$35,000.00. His equipment consists of three tractors, a combine, hay baler and rake, irrigation system, hammer mill, chain saw, spray equipment, corn picker, conveyors, grain auger, farm mechanics shop for maintaining equipment, and all nec-



THE RIGHT formula in feed for steers is very important. All of the feed used in Joe's mix is produced on his farm. Mr. Halcomb helps him check some freshly ground feed. With the right diet the animals make better progress and have less set-backs due to disease.

essary cultivation tools for his tractors. All of this machinery has been obtained and financed from profits made on the farm. At the present there are no notes against any of this equipment.

His present farming program consists of 70 acres of corn, 20 acres of cotton, 100 acres of soy beans, 10 acres of Crimson clover, 25 acres of pecans, 15 acres



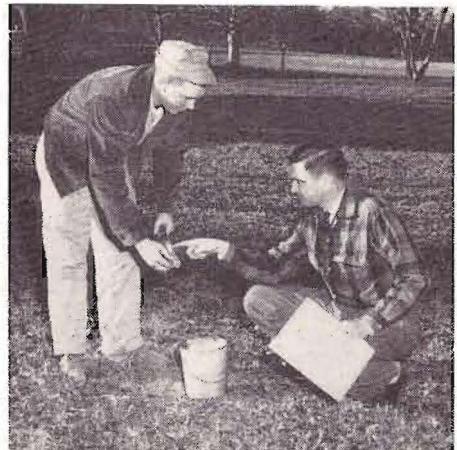
LIVESTOCK is a "must" with Joe. These feeder animals are utilizing feed which was produced on the farm. Joe feels that this type operation has great possibilities for extra income.



MR. A. H. HALCOMB, teacher of vocational agriculture, Citronelle, helps Joe in many ways. Whether it's advice on the use of fertilizer or purchase of seed or keeping a good set of farm accounts, he proves very helpful.



FEEDER pigs are also a prominent part of Joe's farming program. These feeders were purchased and are utilizing feed produced on the farm. Joe has found the hog business rather profitable.

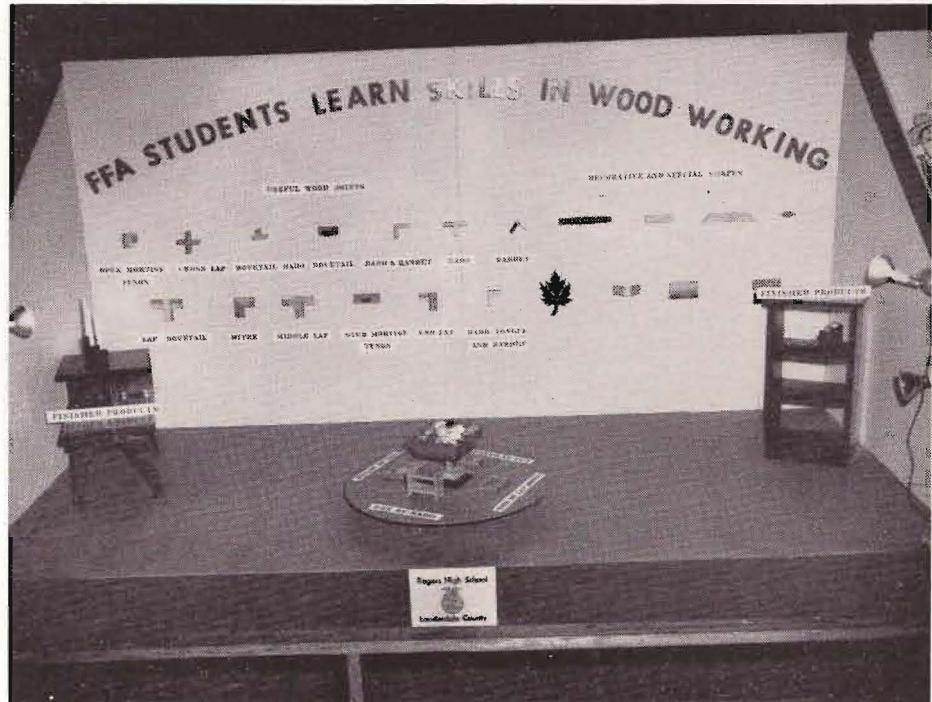


EVERY GOOD farmer should soil test. Joe and Mr. A. H. Halcomb, his teacher of vocational agriculture, work together in making some tests.

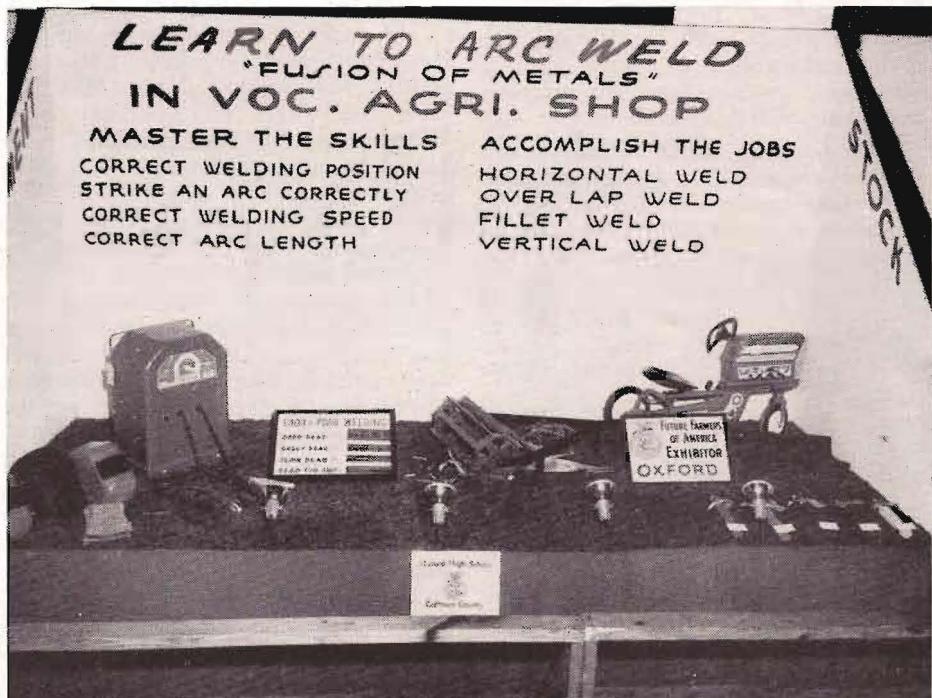
of oats, 11 acres grain sorghum, 18 market hogs, four head of sheep, two milk cows, one beef bull, 47 beef brood cows, and 27 market calves. Joe feels that this is a rather diversified program and will prove satisfactory at the present. He eventually hopes to incorporate more livestock until his farm program will cut down slightly on row crops.

During Joe's training in FFA he has served as tractor driver, livestock judge, on chapter committees, entered the farm mechanics contest, winning third place in 1959 and first place in the State in 1960 and has served his chapter as vice-president and president. In 1962 he was awarded his American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention.

At the present he is an active member of the adult farmer class in Citronelle and a full time farmer. He is also a very active citizen in his community, taking part in church and civic affairs.



THIRD place exhibit, State Fair, was from Rogers High School.



SECOND place exhibit, State Fair, was Oxford.

## Kenneth Gilbert, Sylvania FFA

### Alabama's Champion Corn Grower



KENNETH GILBERT, of Sylvania FFA, richly deserves the congratulations which he is receiving for his accomplishments in corn production. Mr. Earl Richardson, Director of the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, makes the award of \$100 cash and a banner to Kenneth while Mr. Gilbert Butler, left, his vocational agriculture teacher at Sylvania, Mr. H. R. Culver, center, district supervisor in Northeast Alabama and Kenneth's father, right, observe.

With an almost unbelievable yield in corn production, Kenneth Gilbert, Sylvania FFA, has been named Alabama's Champion Corn Grower for 1962. Kenneth has worked very hard to win this contest and finally it has paid off for him. Of course, good management practices went along with this hard work.

This year the combination worked and his yield was 231.8 bushels per acre. With close spacing and high fertilization combined with irrigation when needed he feels that he has reached the maximum yield from his land.

Kenneth used Pioneer 309A, spaced closely and fertilized with 800 pounds of 4-12-12, side dressed with 1,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate. The corn was measured by Auburn approved methods with a committee in the community taking part in the measurement.

With Alabama's average production set at approximately 32 bushels, Kenneth's yield shows an increase of approximately 200 bushels above the State average.

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chapter, F. W. Wood, advisor; Highland Home FFA chapter, R. O. Bugg, advisor; Dozier FFA chapter, K. H. Cook, advisor; Union Springs FFA chapter, J. M. Johnson, advisor; Wetumpka FFA chapter, C. S. Bazemore, advisor; Maplesville FFA chapter, C. L. Owen, advisor; Jemison, R. M. McGee, advisor; Guntersville, Clyde Mitchell, advisor; Pisgah, Ernest Pruitt, advisor; Plantersville, J. R. Anderson, advisor; Orrville, Randall Paramore, advisor.

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### 1962 Alabama Champion Broiler Grower Selected

Joe Brown, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Brown, Route 2, Wetumpka, has been named the champion FFA broiler grower in Alabama for 1962.

The program which Joe has in partnership with his father, is set up to produce at least 100,000 broilers per year. The year 1962 has shown a total production of 106,200 broilers. These broilers have been produced very efficiently as is evidenced by an average feed conversion ratio of 2.46. The average age of broilers at marketing time was 8 weeks and 6 days old.

The total farming program which Joe also shares in consists of 11 beef calves, 10 acres corn, 17 hogs, three acres hay and a home garden.

Aside from his FFA leadership activities Joe participates in the Elmore County and State Jr. Cattlemen's Association, shows calves in the fat calf show and is an active member of his church and Sunday School.

Joe received a state award of \$100 from Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association, which sponsors the contest.



ALABAMA'S broiler grower for 1962 is Joe Brown of the Wetumpka FFA chapter. Mr. C. S. Bazemore, his teacher of vocational agriculture assists Joe in many ways with his broiler enterprise.

# Purpose Of FFA Week

National Future Farmers of America Week each year seeks to focus attention on the work of the Future Farmers of today, who will be the successful farmers and agricultural leaders of tomorrow.

For 1963, the theme of FFA Week is "AGRICULTURE - Vital To America." It is hoped that the general public can be made better informed about the extent of agriculture and the vital contribution farmers are making to the nation's economy. Asked to name America's largest single industry, few people would name agriculture. Yet the productive assets invested in farming are more than 150 billion dollars — nearly five times the combined total of investments in the automobile and steel industries.

America truly is dependent upon farmers. The nation must have a constant supply of NEW farmers every year to replace those who die, retire, or otherwise leave the farm. These must be men with experience and training, for the successful farmer today is both a scientist and a businessman; mechanic and a laborer, at the same time capable of leadership in the affairs of the community. Generally, they must be men who have begun farming at an early age,

so that by the time they are ready to marry and start a family, they will be firmly established in a farming program that promises a good future.

Students of vocational agriculture study the sciences of animal and plant production, agricultural marketing, farm business management, farm mechanics, and other subjects needed to train them for the work of the farm.

By participating in their Future Farmers of America organization, they also learn the ways of effective leadership, and are encouraged to assume their responsibilities as good citizens in the further development of the communities in which they live. Many FFA activities are designed to stimulate the interest of the boys in their study and work.

The program of vocational agriculture and FFA is designed to increase the student's proficiency in farming, and thereby his future success. While not all students actually become full-time farmers, most of them do find careers in some phase of agriculture. Many continue their studies through agricultural college. Their experiences in vocational agriculture and the FFA serve well to help them to success.

## ALL AMERICA DEPENDS ON AGRICULTURE



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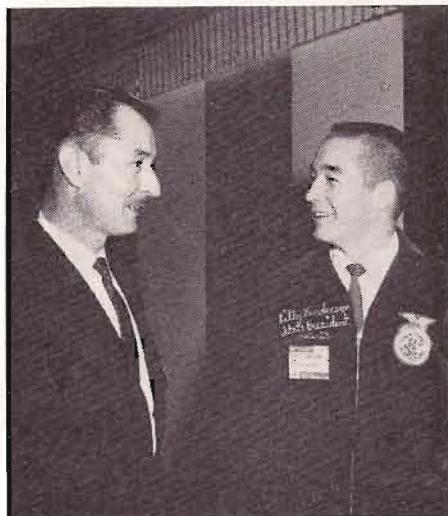
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## Why FFA Week Is Observed In February

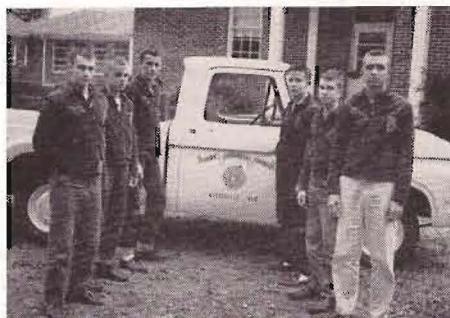
National FFA Week comes every year during the week of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. Although usually considered first as a great general, our first president, and an engineer, Washington's first love was the farm. He was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotation, and other soil conserving methods. The title of America's first "scientific farmer" might be applied to him.

It is out of deep respect and admiration for George Washington, the farmer and leader in whose progressive ways they seek to follow, that Future Farmers annually observe their National FFA Week at the time of his birthday.

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THESE TWO people who participated in the National Safety Congress in Chicago will also participate in the Southern Safety Congress to be held in Jackson, Miss. March 3, 4, and 5. They are, left to right, Gene Brown, Rural Youth Specialist, National Safety Council, Chicago, Ill. and Billy Henderson, State FFA President, who will preside and participate in several meetings.



THE ALICEVILLE Future Farmers of America officers pose with their new FFA pickup truck. From left are Raymond Hines, treasurer; Ronnie Driver, secretary; Don Richardson, president; Lamar Prickett, vice-president; Johnny Young, sentinel; and Mike Butler, reporter.

## SWEETHEART ROUNDUP



CAROLYN WHEELS  
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Billingsley



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Wetumpka



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JEANNE BUTLER  
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SUSAN FRAZIER  
Scottsboro



JO ANN STOKES  
East Brewton



LINDA WEBB  
Cherokee



KAY MERRITT  
Camp Hill



JOYCE WHITE  
Mount Hope

FFA creed outlines all the principles of a true farmer.

Farming stands prominent as a challenge to all who are brave enough to accept it. It has been said, "Only the adventurers in life accomplish great things." To the adventurous young man, a whole new, exciting world will open if the many talents God has bestowed are utilized.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wisely said, "The first Farmer was the first man and all historic nobility rests on the possession and use of land."



MR. GEORGE TEWSBERRY, Nationwide Insurance Company, welcomes Alabama's delegation to the National Safety Congress. Alabama's delegation consisted of Buddy Middleton, right, Billy Henderson, Mr. Hubert Christian, and Byron F. Rawls, executive secretary, not shown.



MR. GENE BROWN, Farm Youth Safety Specialist, National Safety Council, welcomes Billy Henderson, state FFA president and Buddy Middleton, Georgiana FFA, to Chicago during the National Safety Congress.



THE FFA exerted its leadership during the National Safety Congress. Darryl Eastvold, immediate past vice-president, central region, addresses the Youth Congress during one of its meal functions.

## THE FARMER – Guardian Of The Future

By JERRY BROWN

Daniel Webster once said, "The Farmers are the founders of our civilization." Down through the decades leaders have emphasized the importance of the farmer in relation with the rest of society. The farmer has been so exalted because of the vital role he plays on the stage of life.

The man who tills the soil and makes it productive is the solid foundation for all of man's other action. He has done more for mankind than all the heroes and politicians combined. Satisfaction and a knowledge of independence and self-reliance gives the farmer a "wanted" and successful feeling.

During the past twenty years, the trend has leaned toward young men leaving the farm. This fact, along with the mushroom in population has given the

farmer an even heavier burden to bear. The farmer in America today must feed himself and about 100 others. He can accomplish this through better types of plants and seeds, more scientific farming methods, and a well prepared youth to take the helm of Agriculture.

The world's eyes rests on the farmer. His occupation is slowly beginning to emerge into the limelight as a profession. As a helpful member of our society, the farmer is without parallel. Americans have become aware of this fact during the last two centuries. We can all see what the Morrill Act, Hatch Act, and Smith-Hughes Act have done.

Young man stay on the farm! There is a future in farming that will remain as long as people inhabit the earth, and the future is even greater for those who are trained in the field. The Future Farmers of America can serve as a stepping stone for young men eager for a life that is rewarding. But it is worthless without individual self initiative. The

# LOCATE AND REMOVE Your Farm Fire Hazards

## Be Systematic—Use This Check List To Record Your Progress

- Are chimneys clean and mortar tight in all joints?
- Is fire resistant roof or chimney spark arrestor used?
- Are stove or furnace pipes in good condition, clean and well-anchored?
- Are metal containers used for ashes?
- Are combustible walls, ceilings, floors, curtains, wood boxes, rugs and papers protected or a safe distance from stove pipes, stoves, furnaces or fireplaces?
- Are attic, basement, and closets free from old papers, rags, or other rubbish?
- Are matches safely stored and out of reach of children?
- Are oil stoves of approved type refueled carefully, and operating safely?
- Are newly filled hay mows inspected frequently for symptoms of spontaneous combustion?
- Is smoking prohibited in barns and out-buildings?
- Are tractors, trucks or automobiles stored in the barn or other buildings storing combustibles?
- Are engines stopped while refueling?
- Are electric motors and gasoline engines free from dust or excess grease accumulations?
- Are the principal buildings rodded with good ground connections for lightning protection?
- Are approved electrical wiring and appliances used?
- Are fuses of proper amperage (usually 15) used to protect circuits?
- Are extension cords frayed, under rugs, over pipes or nailed to wall?
- Are gasoline and kerosene (one gallon or more) stored under ground or a safe distance (75 feet or more) from buildings?
- Are all flammable liquid containers labeled and sealed?
- Are brooder stoves of approved types and safely installed in isolated buildings?

## Provide Fire Protection

To complete the job of safeguarding your farm from fire, be prepared, so the odds are not stacked against you if a fire does occur. Can you answer yes to all of these questions?

1. Do you understand the types of fires, their behavior and methods of suppression?

2. Is home fire-fighting equipment available and kept in a handy place for instant use? (Axe, wrecking bar, rope, ladder, sand, water buckets, or other extinguishers.)

3. Are family first aid supplies available and easily accessible?

4. Can water be secured from a supplementary supply (stock tanks, cistern, pond, milk can brigade) in sufficient volume for fire-fighting?

5. Will ladders and ropes safely support a person's weight and reach the top of buildings?

6. Are farm plows, disks and orchard

spray machines kept in readiness for fire fighting?

7. Are members of the household fully instructed on the specific duties they should perform if a fire starts?

8. Is fire resistant construction and safe spacing used where feasible for new buildings?

9. Is there organized fire protection planned for your community?

10. Has definite arrangement been made for assistance from neighbors in lieu of organized community protection?

11. Are telephone numbers of fire department, or other sources of assistance posted near the telephone?

12. Do you discourage the burning of timberland and crop residues in your community and prohibit it on your farm?

America's cities and towns have demonstrated the value of fire protection. With safer building codes and better fire prevention precautions and equipment, urban centers lose only half as much property as they did a generation ago.

## Plan Your FFA Farm Safety Program

Most studies of accidental deaths show that more persons are killed annually by accidents, while engaged in farming, than in any other industry. Two factors influence these findings. First, more persons are engaged in the pursuit of agriculture than in any other occupation, and second, safety rules are not enforced on the farm and they are in organized industry.

The time to be concerned about accidents is before they occur. One may be too many. Most farm accidents could have been prevented if the necessary precautionary measures had been taken.

The primary purpose of this campaign is to make farm people more "safety minded." Emphasis will be given to locating farm hazards and removing as many of them as possible.

### Procedure for Conducting the Campaign

1. Devote one chapter meeting to a discussion of common farm accidents and their causes.

2. Take a field trip to a member's home. Using the Farm Hazard Survey Sheet, make a systematic survey of the farm to locate hazards and record them.

3. When a safety hazard is located mark its identity on the back on a "Danger tag" and tie or tack the tag in a prominent location at the place of the hazard. Keep a record of the number of tags used.

4. Encourage each member to do the same on his home farm.

5. Place emphasis on the removal of hazards. The tag is not to be taken down until the hazard is removed or precautionary steps taken to lessen it. Record on the back of the tag the corrective action taken.

6. Each member will turn the tags in to a Farm Safety chairman as they are removed and will receive credit against the number originally used.

7. At the end of a specified period of time (1 to 6 months) the record of hazards removed will be evaluated.

This may be set up as a contest in which the member who most effectively removed the greatest percentage of hazards will receive the chapter FFA Foundation Medal for Farm Safety for the year.

8. Public news releases should be made of the activities and accomplishments in this campaign.

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HOT SEAT . . . "We sent my mother a chair for Mother's Day last year," Mrs. Whitman said to her husband. "Have you any ideas about what we should do for her this year?"

"Electrify it!"

# How Good Is Your Banquet?

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

## Program Committee:

Decide the type of program—student talent or guest speaker.

Prepare the banquet program.

Publicize the banquet.

Serve as welcoming committee.

Suggested program (Not over 1½ hours in length).

Invocation

Eat (Music during this time adds much to the program)

Opening Ceremony

Welcome

Response

Introduction of guests

Presentation of awards, honorary degrees, etc.

Talks by FFA members or address by guest speaker

Closing ceremony

## Food Committee:

Decide on the menu and arrange for it.

Coordinate the preparation and serving of food.

## Decoration and Seating Committee:

Decorate the banquet room.

Arrange for tables and chairs.

Set up the public address system, if used.

Make place cards.

Arrange other needed equipment such as officer stations, projectors, etc.

## Clean-up Committee:

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

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

"Thank you" notes should be written by the Invitation Committee to all concerned.

Make sure that proper and complete publicity has been given to the banquet.

Write recommendations for improving future banquets.

## Things to Avoid:

Starting late.

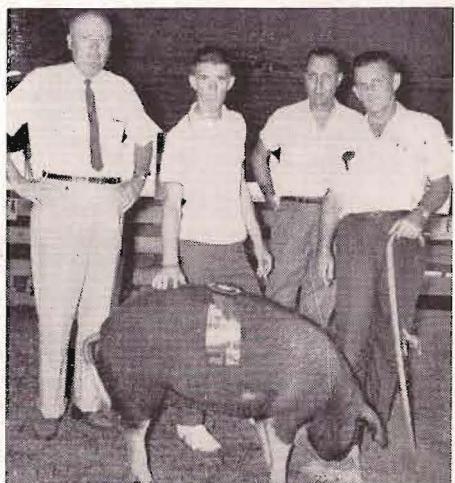
"Dragging out" the program.

Letting a few boys do all the work.

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



THE GRAND Champion Bull in the Sears show at the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery belonged to the Union Springs FFA chapter. Doyce Colvin exhibits the bull while T. L. Faulkner, and Dr. J. J. Hicks admire him.



THE Grand Champion sow at the Greater Gulf States Fair in Mobile was exhibited by the Robertsdale FFA Chapter. B. P. Dilworth, vocational agriculture supervisor and judge of the show, Auburn; Thomas Kinard, Robertsdale FFA; H. N. Lewis, livestock specialist, vocational agriculture, Auburn, and T. V. Bishop, vo-ag teacher, Robertsdale, admire the sow.

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## FFA

A boy and a girl were riding horseback out in the country. As they stopped for a rest the two horses rubbed necks and noses affectionately.

"Oh, me," said the guy. "That's what I'd like to do."

"Go ahead," said the gal, "It's your horse."

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## FFA

An old cowboy went to the city and registered at a hotel for the first time in his life. The clerk asked him if he wanted a room with running water.

"Heck no!" the cowboy yelled. "What do you think I am, a trout?"

# FFA ROUNDUP

## BRIDGEPORT

The Bridgeport FFA chapter recently held what it considers to be a good series of lessons on small engines and maintenance and repair. Mr. Freeman, teacher of vocational agriculture at Bridgeport, taught the class.

Those taking part in the class were Raymond White, James Olinger, Julian Prince, Lenard Durham, Billy Moore, Roger Asherbranner, Mickey Moss, Cecil King, Billy Cain, Clarence Jackson, James Barham, Thomas Morrow, James Smith and Lee McDonald.

## BUCKHORN

Improving the vocational agricultural work shop was the theme of the meeting held by the Buckhorn chapter Future Farmers of America recently. J. P. Johnson, chairman of the shop improvement committee led the discussion. Shop needs were discussed and some of the ways to meet essential needs were offered by the members. A committee was appointed to study other departmental shops in Limestone, Morgan, and Marshall counties.

Members to make the study are Tommy Biles, chapter president, Jerry Blair, treasurer and Bobby Rosenblum.

## SULLIGENT

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Recently, FFAers at Sulligent High School, placed orders for 22,000 pines to plant on their home farms.

## FAYETTE

The Fayette chapter of the FFA held its annual initiation of new members into the chapter recently. This year there

are 24 new members. These new members are: Monroe Abernathy, Larry Black, Sammy Cobb, Danny Crawley, Billy Fondren, Jimmy Hollis, Jerry Johnson, Billy Murphy, Robert Newton, Wilton Nichols, Keith Roberts, Riley Spain, Ray Bagwell, Jerry Webster, Franky Campbell, Billy Channell, Johnny Dennis, Paul Gibson, Larry Hubbert, Albert Humber, Jerry Oden, James Pinkerton, Wayne Reed, and Kenneth Robertson.

## GORDO

Can you saw a straight line? Do you know the names and correct uses of wood-working tools? Do you know how to store and properly care for tools?

These are some of the topics being studied in a unit on hand tools by the Ag I class at Gordo High School. This beginning course in farm mechanics, according to vo-ag teacher, Charles Reed, is designed to familiarize students not only with tools in the vo-ag shop but also to give him the foundation knowledge to use and store tools correctly on the farm and in the home.

Teacher Reed points out that this course will be followed by more advanced training during which students will use the tools to construct useful shop projects.

## CURRY

Karen Bennett, 17 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bennett of Route 8, Jasper, is Curry FFA chapter's champion corn grower for 1962. Karen made 116.6 bushels of corn per acre on his corn project.

The Curry chapter had 20 boys participating in the contest. Their corn project was part of their supervised farming program carried out in vocational agriculture under the supervision of M. E. Ekstron, vo-ag teacher.

## ALICEVILLE

The Aliceville FFA boys have put a decal of the FFA emblem on their new pickup truck on each door and letters Aliceville, Ala.

The youths traded trucks this year to replace the old one that they had been using several years. The truck belongs to the Aliceville chapter of FFA and is used for school purposes in general and FFA purposes specifically. James O. Turnipseed, principal at Aliceville High School, helped make arrangements for the purchase of the truck.

According to Don Richardson, president of the Aliceville FFA, the FFA boys will use the truck to make field trips, transport member's projects, such as pigs and calves, to haul lumber and other shop supplies, and to make trips to FFA meetings and contests. The pickup truck is an invaluable asset to the school and FFA chapter, according to young Richardson.

## ATTALLA

The Attalla chapter of Future Farmers of America was host to a countywide meeting of the Etowah County Association recently. Presidents of the six chapters in the association and their advisors were present at the meeting.

Winners of various contests were recognized at the gathering. Those receiving banners were: Attalla, dairy judging; Glencoe, quartet, public speaking and land judging; Southside, tractor driving; Sardis, livestock judging.

The corn growing champion from each chapter was recognized. Champions and their respective chapters are as follows: Larry Adams, Attalla; Keith Carol, Sardis; Joe Hopper, Walnut Grove; Bill Hall, Southside; Larry Armstrong, Glencoe.

Keith Carol of the Sardis chapter was declared county champion corn grower. He produced 130 bushels of corn per acre.

## LOUISVILLE

A four-hour clinic on the maintenance and servicing of farm tractors was held recently at Louisville High School under the direction of E. F. Bailey, vo-ag instructor. Conducting the clinic was Charles G. Bennett, Farm Representative for Standard Oil Company.

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

The clinic fits into the ever-expanding program of the farm mechanics taught by the vocational agricultural program. On-the-spot maintenance and repair of equipment is becoming more important in efficient farming, as more farms become mechanized. Mr. Bailey, vo-ag instructor, pointed out that the "old gray mare" now belongs in the pasture because of the tremendous swing to mechanization that has occurred on farms in the last 20 years.

## BOAZ

Gerald Seay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thelon Seay of Route 5, Boaz, Alabama, is Boaz FFA chapter's champion corn grower for 1962. Gerald made 120 bushels per acre on his corn project this year.

Gerald planted Funks experimental corn on May 3, 1962 in rows 3 1/6 feet, and spaced the plants 12 inches in the row. He applied 300 pounds of 4-12-12 fertilizer at planting time and side dressed with 250 pounds of 20½% Ni-

trogen about 50 days after planting. Several tons of chicken manure was spread over the plot before planting.

#### JACKSON

The Jackson chapter of Future Farmers of America has been busy this year with their community service program.

Members of the FFA chapter have pruned the shrubbery around the school, seeded the front campus to rye grass and fertilized it. The boys helped the physical education department by putting

up parallel bars, football goal posts, chinning bars, and volleyball goals.

Chapter members erected a bulletin sign on the front campus for the Science Club and the PTA was assisted during the Halloween Fair by the FFA boys.

#### SPARKMAN

Bobby Mitchell, FFA secretary of Sparkman High School, has been named page for Senator John Sparkman.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mitchell, Bobby is a 10th grader at Sparkman

High School. He was also a member of the FFA string band, basketball and football teams, and active in all school activities.

Bobby will attend school in Washington from 5 to 10:30 a.m. and will work as a page boy from 3 p.m. until Congress adjourns.

#### CLIO

Mr. C. A. Laird of Clio has made an outstanding gain average of 3.5 pounds per day per animal for the first 72 days of feeding. Fifty-six animals were put on feed. The first 10 days were considered as a stress period since the cattle were wormed twice, plus given a high level antibiotic and vitamin "A" ration before placing them on full feed.

The cattle were on test the first 40 days for rate of gain. The 56 animals made an average gain of 3.25 pounds per day during the first 40 days, then six of the lower producing steers were culled leaving a total of 50 steers to be fed for a maximum of 120 days.

H. E. Stinson, vo-ag teacher, has been keeping a close watch on the feeding operation. He is in full agreement with Mr. Laird, in that cleaning up Southern cattle of parasites inside and out, and keeping them clean, is an essential part of producing good cattle. A good feed ration and clean water is also important.

#### CARROLLTON

Eight thousand pine seedlings were awarded to the members of the Carrollton FFA chapter on December 13, 1962 by the Gulf States Paper Company. Mr. Norman C. Kent, district superintendent for Gulf States was present to make the award. He also presented a 30 minute program on forestry in Alabama.

Mr. Kent covered many important points about forestry in his discussion. Some of them were, how to plant forest tree seedlings, telling ages of trees and timber. He also added a human interest angle to his program by the demonstration of a "snake bite kit," which most foresters carry with them at all times.

Emphasized in Mr. Kent's discussion was the fact that Gulf States Paper Company in Tuscaloosa buys approximately 90% of the wood they use from local privately owned forest owners.

#### SECTION

Section High School's Future Farmers of America chapter announced plans this week for selecting a boy from its membership each month to receive the designated title of "Future Farmer of the Month."

"The program, designed to recognize boys with outstanding achievements in the Future Farmers of America organization should provide a stimulus for greater accomplishments," says Marvin

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**Southern Bell**

Campbell, chapter reporter and chairman of public relations for the Future Farmers of America group.

"The selectee must have a proven record in the areas of leadership, scholarship and cooperation. In addition, he must receive a majority vote of his chapter's membership before this distinction can be his," Campbell added in conclusion.

#### TOWN CREEK

The Town Creek Future Farmers of America chapter and the Future Homemakers of America this year distributed Christmas baskets to the needy families in the Town Creek area.

Each year the chapters had been having a Christmas party whereby the members exchanged gifts. This year they decided that they would bring their gifts but instead they would give them to the needy families so they might better enjoy the Christmas season.

#### BUCKHORN

For the third straight year the Buckhorn Future Farmers of America chapter of Madison county has won the Gold Emblem, highest award that can be bestowed upon a chapter in the National Chapter Contest.

The award is based on general chapter excellence and was made at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1958-59, the year the Buckhorn chapter was organized when the school opened, the chapter won the Silver Emblem award which is the second highest award offered by the National FFA Association, and the three Gold Emblems have followed.

#### PAINT ROCK VALLEY

The Paint Rock Valley FFA chapter has gotten off to a good start this year with 14 Green Hands being initiated during the traditional ceremony.

We have a total of 36 in-class members and 10 non-members, making a total of 46 FFA members. We are looking forward to a very active year and the boys are proud of their progress thus far.

#### SULLIGENT

Two buses carrying 100 FFA-FHA members from Sulligent High School along with their advisors Mrs. Elizabeth Stokes and Mr. S. J. Gibbs, made their annual trip to the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham.

This is always an enjoyable as well as an educational trip. We have found that the best part of the Fair is free.

Of special interest to our group this year was the FHA exhibit from our school in which our FFA played the part of "handy men."



# FFA On The MARCH

AKRON—finished wood-work jobs in shop; held regular meeting; held tractor clinic sponsored by Standard Oil with 33 members attending; put on FFA talent night show, cleared \$40.

ALICEVILLE—Made field trip to R. L. Zeigler ranch; John Spence, rural engineer, gave demonstration on electricity; sold concessions at football games; made a study of gun safety in class; operating a pig chain.

ATTALLA—heid two regular meetings; published two news articles; held county FFA meeting; had safety education officer of the Alabama Highway Patrol as a guest speaker at a regular meeting; ordered two official FFA jackets; ordered 16,000 pine seedlings; voted to buy shrubbery and some tools for the shop; sent in one news article; distributed official FFA calendars.

AUBURN—making planter boxes for money to go into treasury; had head conservation officer to talk about wildlife in Lee county and Alabama; held regular meeting.

BROOKWOOD—built bed for farm wagon; planned and held FFA-FHA social; elected chapter sweetheart.

BUCKHORN—held two chapter meetings and three executive council meetings; organized a quar-

tet; all members working on farm safety; began work on public speaking; gave assembly program on Safety; quartet practicing.

CAMDEN—held regular meeting; ordered FFA supplies; organized string band and quartet; selected chapter corn growing champion.

CAMP HILL—ordered FFA rings and jackets; president appointed special program committee; members voted to have one night meeting each month in addition to two regular meetings per month; advisor gave demonstration on safety in handling fire-arms; elected chapter sweetheart.

CARROLLTON—set date for Father-Son banquet; ordered six FFA jackets; completed selling ads for FFA calendar; selected chapter corn growing champion; elected FFA sweetheart; ordered fruit trees for vo-ag boys and adult farmers; set out 8,000 pine seedlings; held chapter meeting on forestry.

CASTLEBERRY—held regular meeting; member attended National FFA Convention to receive his American Farmer Degree; built bookcase for classroom.

CEDAR BLUFF—received FFA jackets and rings; held two meetings; Ag I boys studying FFA; Ag II boys studying welding and Ag III boys working in shop; planned initiation for 16 new members.

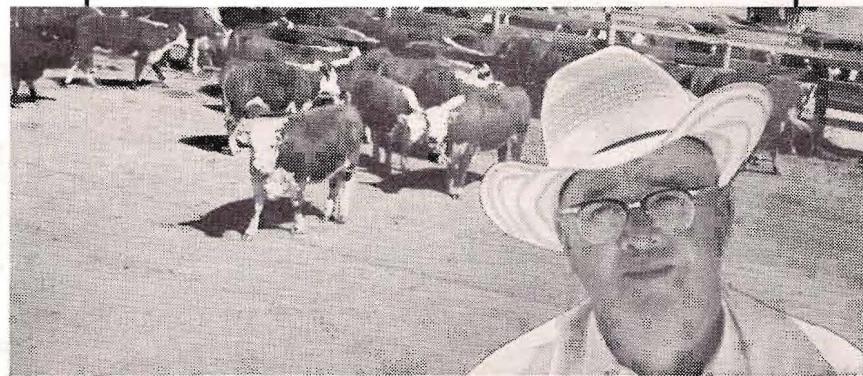
CULLMAN—held regular meeting; joint party with FHA; passed out jackets to members; completed calendar ad sale.

CURRY—selected chapter corn growing champion; assisted American Legion Post with turkey shoot; selling subscriptions to Farm Journal; soil judging team won county contest; tractor driver placed second in county; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins.

DADEVILLE—held regular meeting; elected

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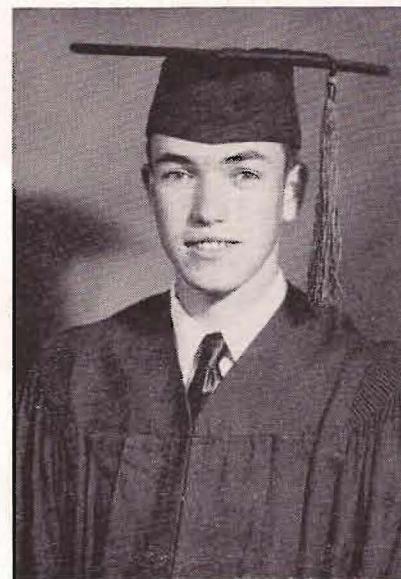
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