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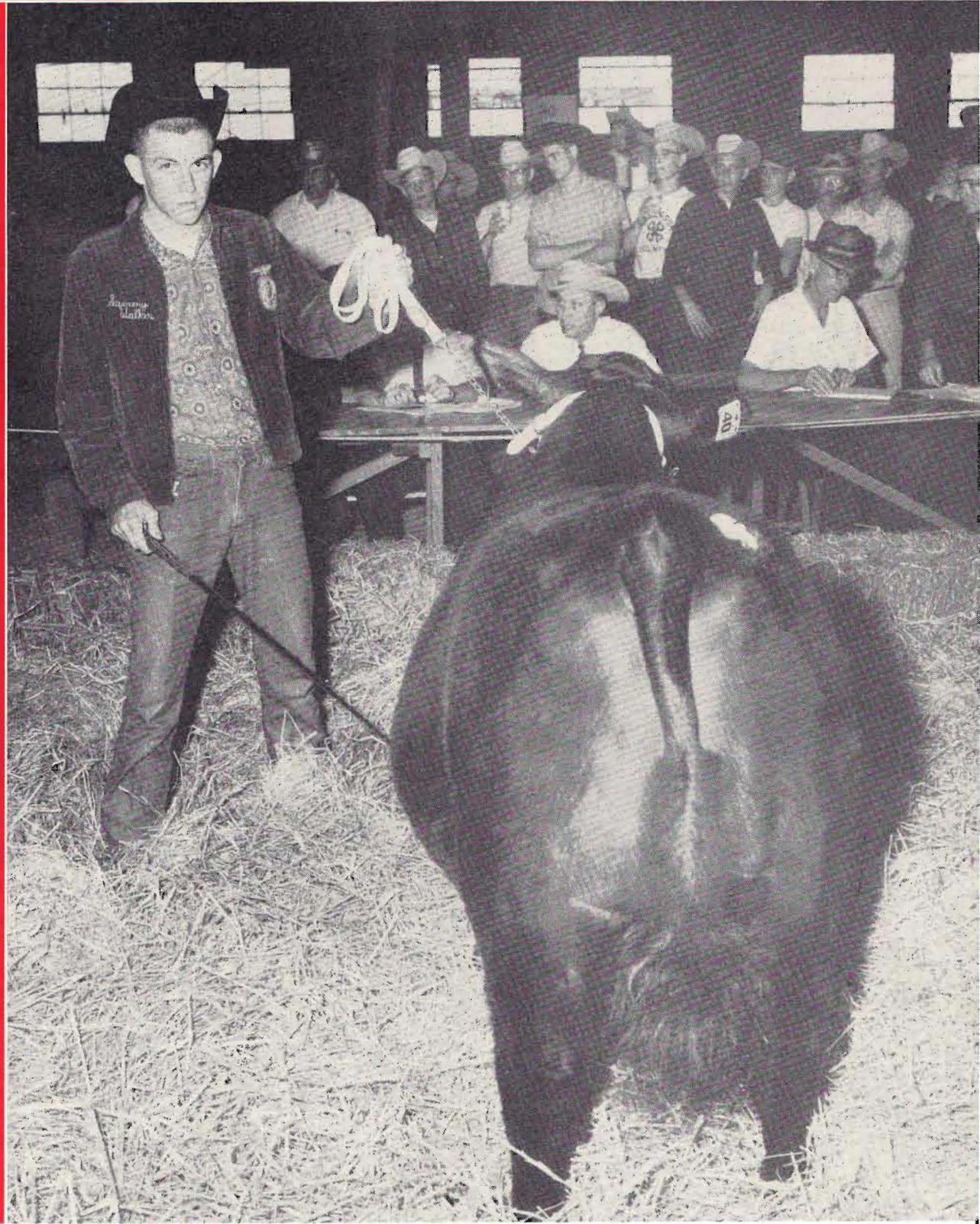
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# State FFA Convention Set For June 5-7



THE FFA OFFICERS have been hard at work preparing for the 34th annual convention. They are left to right, Paul Dick, treasurer, Ashland; Bryan Bain, reporter, Carrollton; Billy Henderson, president, Straughn; Jerry Brown, vice-president, Butler; Dickey Winsett, secretary, Hazel Green.

## 800 FFA'ers To Attend Meeting At Auburn

It's convention time for the 15,785 Future Farmers of America in Alabama.

Approximately 800 members and advisors will attend the 34th State Convention at Auburn June 5-7. During the three day meet the farm youths will take part in contests, hear addresses, attend sessions, and herald announcements of awards.

State President Billy Henderson, of Straughn, will preside at the convention. Other state officers who will take part in



LEONARD SMART from Fairhope will represent the Southwest district in the public speaking contest at the State convention. C. W. Grant is his advisor.

the program are Jerry Brown, vice-president, Butler; Dickey Winsett, secretary, Hazel Green; Paul Dick, treasurer, Ashland; and Bryan Bain, reporter, Carrollton. New officers will be installed at the closing session.

Many of the boys attending the meeting will participate in the eight state-wide contests that are to be decided during the three days. These contests are



JOHN VARNER from the Wetumpka FFA chapter will represent the Central district in the public speaking contest at the State convention. C. S. Bazemore is his advisor.



THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT will be represented by Jack McCullar from Curry in the public speaking contest during the State convention. M. E. Ekstrom is his advisor.

## On The Cover

Sammy Walker, Sparkman FFA chapter, is very proud of his calf which won the Grand Champion prize at the Birmingham Fat Calf Show. This is the second year in a row that the FFA has had the Grand Champion and also the second year in a row that this Grand Champion came from the Sparkman FFA chapter. The FFA advisor at Sparkman is W. W. Dulaney.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT will be represented by Richard Spivey of the Goshen FFA chapter in the public speaking contest at the State convention. G. J. Carmichael is his advisor.



DON MORRIS FROM the Falkville FFA chapter will represent the Northeast district in the public speaking contest at the State convention. C. A. Blevins is his advisor.

public speaking, land judging, tractor driving, dairy judging, quartet, livestock judging, string band, and poultry judging.

Always a highlight of the convention is the naming of the State Star Farmer and four district Star Farmers. Youths

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## Vocational Agriculture Important

Research and technology in agriculture are responsible for the great productive capacity of American farmers. But without farmer education, research and technology would be worthless.

Dr. M. D. Mobley, executive secretary of the American Vocational Association, has made these statements in a speech he delivered to several vocational agricultural education groups throughout the country. "Through your teachings and efforts, research findings have been made known to American farmers and Future Farmers and thus put to use on our nation's farms," Mobley told the teachers.

As a consultant on vocational education to the new government of Pakistan, Mobley found that 80 percent of that country's labor population were active farmers. Yet they still did not produce enough food to feed their own number properly.

47 percent of all Russian workers are engaged in farming. This is the handicap the Soviets face in trying to increase their industrial production, Mobley said. In the United States, with only about 10 percent of our working people farming, more workers are available for industrial employment.

Research findings, and the education of farmers in new farming practices uncovered by these findings, are the reasons why 10 percent of our workers can feed the rest of us, Mobley believes. And feed us better than in any nation at any other time in the history of man.

To find the best students for training as replacements for the 10 percent farming population the enrollment in vocational agriculture in public high schools has to be tremendous. Supporting that large enrollment makes vo-ag the most expensive vocational educational program.

The expense would not be justified if only 1 out of 10 could hope to find work in the field for which he had been trained. Thus, the vo-ag course of study has to provide training for those students who do not intend to go into farming.

Vo-ag high school training is useful and necessary for those millions of boys who will work at jobs related to farming. These jobs are all part of what is called "agri-business."

Agri-business includes, along with farming, transporting, processing, and marketing all farm products. It also includes manufacturing, disbursing, and selling all the things that farmers need to live and maintain their farms. All these jobs together, farming, the handling of farm products, and the handling of farm supplies, make up the largest single industry in the United States.

Nearly 50 percent of everybody who works in this country works in agri-business. They either make their living farming, or with farm products or with the materials farmers need.

This means that instead of training only a few million people, vo-ag education serves to help more than 30 million Americans become occupationally competent and employable.

Mobley believes that the credit for this work is due in large part to the vo-ag teachers. "No one should ever forget the part vocational agriculture has played . . . in this country in the last twenty years," Mobley said. "The great progress in agricultural production . . . will ever stand as a shining monument to you, your efforts and your devoted service," he told the teachers.



THE CENTRAL DISTRICT will be represented by the Jemison quartet. Members of the quartet are Larry Gove, Jerry Haynes, Vicky Matthews and Charles Mundy. Their pianist is Faye Foshee.



THE NORTHWEST district quartet is from Brilliant. The members of the quartet are Carlie Miller, Marshall Bostick, David Sexton and R. B. Guin. Pianist for the group is James Eastmon.



THE FAIRHOPE quartet will represent the Southwest district in the State contest. Members of the quartet are Robert Jones, Dennis Kircharr, Aubrey Carrigan, and Stanley Bulmon.



THE GERALDINE quartet will represent the Northeast district in the State finals. The members of the quartet are Charles Potter, James Fowler, James Stephenson and Jimmy Maddox. Doris Thacker accompanies the foursome.



THE GOSHEN quartet was winner in the Southeast district. The members are James Carroll, Wayne Lee, Ceph Phillips and Tommy Miller. Jane Kelly is the pianist.

### FFA'ers AT AUBURN

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receiving these honors are judged the best among the 259 FFA'ers who have been selected to receive the State Farmer Degree. The awarding of the degrees will also be done during the convention.

Youths receiving this award, the highest degree that state associations may award, must have studied vocational agriculture for at least two years, earned \$500 or more from farming, and have shown leadership ability.

Individual awards will go to members who have done the best work in farm electrification, soil and water management, farm mechanics, home improvement, dairying, forestry, and reporting FFA news.

Chapters who have the best program of work, those who have done the best job of promoting farm safety, and ones having a membership of 100 or more will also receive awards.

Alabama Future Farmer of the Year, Joe Brannan of Citronelle, will receive a \$300 educational award from Turner E. Smith Company and an engraved loving cup from Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Guest speakers will include Larry Whittington, of Angier, N.C., National FFA vice-president; Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, president of Auburn University; Mr. J. F. Ingram, state director of vocational education; T. L. Faulkner, state supervisor of vocational agriculture and Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Superintendent of Education.

The end of 34 years of vocational agriculture and FFA in Alabama will be marked by the convention. Organized in July 1929, FFA is an organization of farm boys studying, or who have studied, vocational agriculture in high school. There are 260 chapters in the State with 15,785 members. FFA was organized nationally in 1928 and has grown to be the largest farm-boy organization in the world.

—————FFA—————

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## District FFA Winners

### Northeast District

Public Speaking: 1st, Don Morris, Falkville; 2nd, Sammy Clanton, Sand Rock.

Quartet: 1st Geraldine; 2nd, Glencoe. String Band: West Point, Sardis.

Livestock Judging: Eva and Cotaco.

Dairy Judging: Cold Springs and Cullman.

Tractor Driving: Joe Bill Hood, Geraldine and Wayne Whitt, Spring Garden.

Land Judging: Hanceville and Fort Payne.

Poultry Judging: Glencoe, Elkmont, Cullman.

### Southeast District

Public Speaking: 1st, Richard Spivey, Goshen; 2nd, Haskell Nevin, Kinston.

Quartet: 1st, Goshen; 2nd, Enterprise. String Band: Union Springs and Georgiana.

Livestock Judging: Sidney Lanier and Hartford.

Dairy Judging: Samson and Georgiana.

Tractor Driving: James Coston, Troy and Paul Godfrey, Tuskegee.

Land Judging: Hartford and Brantley.

Poultry Judging: Hartford, Notasulga and Opp.

### Central District

Public Speaking: 1st, John Varner, Wetumpka; 2nd, Paul Dick, Ashland.

Quartet: 1st, Jemison; 2nd, Odenville. String Band: Millerville and Jacksonville.

Livestock Judging: Auburn and Maplesville.

Dairy Judging: Weogufka and Five Points.

Tractor Driving: John Crowder, Five Points and Leonard Fincher, Auburn.

Land Judging: Beulah and Ranburne.

Poultry Judging: Heflin, Ashland, Beulah.

### Northwest District

Public Speaking: 1st, Jack McCullar, Curry; 2nd, Marshall Cannon, Sulligent.

Quartet: 1st, Brilliant; 2nd, Waterloo. String Band: Winfield and Phil Campbell.

Livestock Judging: Sulligent and Lexington.

Dairy Judging: Kennedy and Winfield.

Tractor Driving: John Maughn, Northport and Harold Robertson, Millport.

Land Judging: Kennedy and Fayette.

Poultry Judging: Northport, Jasper, Centreville.

### Southwest District

Public Speaking: 1st, Leonard Smart, Fairhope; 2nd, Jerry Brown, Butler.

Quartet: 1st, Fairhope.

String Band: Uriah.  
 Livestock Judging: Eutaw and Akron.  
 Dairy Judging: Selma and Repton.  
 Tractor Driving: Larry Heaton, Castleberry and Mack Barkley, Linden.  
 Land Judging: Fairhope, Beatrice.  
 Poultry Judging: Foley, Selma, Pine Apple.

— FFA —



**JIMMY COLLINS**, LaFayette FFA member and an Auburn University student, receives congratulations from Dr. J. E. Greene, head of the veterinary department at Auburn University, upon receiving the M. K. Heath Animal Health Award. Jimmy was judged best among FFA members who applied recommended animal health practices in his production of livestock. He is a producer of purebred Angus.

## Jimmy Collins Receives M. K. Heath Award

Jimmy Collins, an Auburn University freshman, and a Future Farmer from the LaFayette FFA chapter, has won the M. K. Heath animal health award for 1962.

He was presented with a \$50 check for his award winning paper describing his program of animal health. "My vovag teachers and FFA advisors, B. D. Jones and Leonard R. Brown, helped me establish a program of innoculation, disease testing, proper disease treatment and parasite control in my supervised beef cattle project back in high school," Jimmy said. "Without their help and advice I wouldn't have won this award."

He was presented with the check and a certificate at the 56th annual meeting of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association at Tuscaloosa, March 25.

Jimmy is currently enrolled as a freshman in animal husbandry at Auburn.

— FFA —

## Correction!!

In the last issue of the *Alabama Future Farmer*, we ran the chapter membership. By mistake A. G. Parrish High, Selma, was left off the list. We are happy to correct this mistake and to announce that they have 100 members.

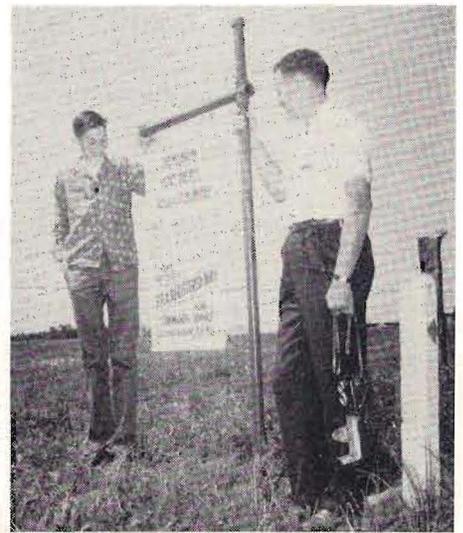
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## A. W. Todd

### Alabama Commissioner Agriculture, Industries Issues FFA Statement

I feel that the FFA organization is one of the finest in this country and that it has done much to develop young agricultural leaders. I remember well my work with FFA when I was in school and feel that it was through this organization that I received my encouragement to pursue the agricultural problems that face our great state.

I attribute my high school associations with FFA to the fact that I am in politics today. I was elected President of the Tennessee Valley FFA while in high school and the experience I gained has been invaluable to me.



**WELL DESERVED** pride in what they are doing and what they have done so far is shown by Jerry Martin, vocational agriculture student at Jemison high school and R. M. McGee, teacher and FFA advisor.

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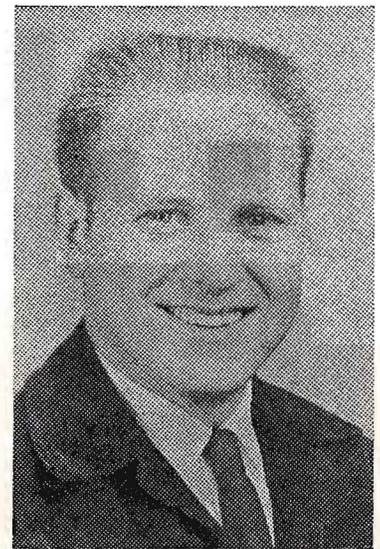
Dates have been set and much planning has already been done on this year's Forestry Camp. The week of August 4-10 is the time for the camp which will again be at Camp Grist near Selma.

Approximately 100 boys will attend the camp which is sponsored by five pulp and paper companies in Alabama in cooperation with Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and the State Division of Forestry. Paper companies supporting the camp are Gulf States, International, Marathon, Scott, and Coosa River.

## National Vice President To Attend Convention

Larry Whittington, 19, national vice president of the Future Farmers of America from Angier, North Carolina, will be a featured speaker at the Alabama State FFA Convention to be held June 5-7 at Auburn.

The visiting national officer, Larry Whittington, was elected to his position at the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, last October. One of the organization's most capable young leaders, he served as president of the



LARRY WHITTINGTON

North Carolina FFA Association during 1961-62.

Larry is a 1961 graduate of the Benson, North Carolina, High School. At the time of his election to National FFA office he was enrolled at the nearby Campbell College, studying agricultural education in preparation to becoming a teacher of vocational agriculture. He has dropped out of college temporarily, because of the extensive travel required of his national FFA office.

Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Whittington. Tobacco is the main enterprise on the home farm, for which he has full management responsibility. Other crops include corn, cotton, soybeans, and small grains. He also has a small swine enterprise.

—FFA—



**FFA**  
On The MARCH

**ATTALLA**—sent three news articles to local newspaper; held three regular meetings; had a farm safety campaign; elected officers for next year; competed in land judging contest; had chicken barbecue; sold 100 "Keep Alabama Green" tags; elected two Honorary members.

**AUBURN**—held annual FFA barbecue, clearing \$350.00; won first in district livestock judging contest and second in tractor driving; will use profit from barbecue for shop improvement.

**BROOKWOOD**—held monthly meeting; FFA-FHA family fun night held; elected new officers; had guest speaker talk on young marriages.

**BUCKHORN**—held three executive council meetings and two chapter meetings; joint party with FHA for entire school; FFA-FHA completed plans for a four day educational trip to New Orleans; held joint meeting with FHA; one member entered two calves in county calf show; five members approved for State Farmer Degree; sent in chapter contest report; FFA-FHA gave skating party at Carters Skateland.

**CARROLLTON**—six members entered judging contest in district; program on Farm Safety; held hazard check on three farms; three pictures and stories in local paper; one member entered Farm Mechanics contest; distributed "Prevent Forest Fire" tags; field trip to Trade School; tour of grazing crops in community; painted classroom tables; five members ordered FFA rings.

**CEDAR BLUFF**—selling mixed nuts to increase chapter funds; entered district livestock judging and dairy judging contests; Ag II and Ag III work-

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**VO-AG STUDENTS** and Future Farmers at Jemison high school in Chilton county learn the much needed service and safety information about tractor farming at a tractor clinic given by Standard Oil's Charles G. Bennett, center, with hand on steering wheel.

ing in shop; Ag I studying livestock judging; held two regular meetings.

**CURRY**—three State Farmers approved; built three pickup beds and frames in farm shop; teaching small gasoline engines to Ag III class; member exhibited feeder calf in Jasper and Birmingham Fat Calf shows; assisting Science Club members with projects.

**ELBA**—held regular meetings; ordered fruit trees and strawberry plants for members and adults in community; held five-day course in arc welding and a four-day course in electricity and wiring in all classes; participated in county land judging and tractor driving contests; entered livestock and dairy judging teams in district contests.

**ENTERPRISE**—held regular meetings; won second place banner in district quartet contest; held

FFA parent-son banquet; held county FFA meeting; built mailbox posts for students.

**FLORALA**—held two regular meetings; attended Covington County Fat Stock Show with eight calves; entered dairy and livestock judging teams; moved into new school building; presented an assembly program; built tool racks for shop, also welding booths for welders; planned parent-son banquet.

**FORT DEPOSIT**—livestock team judged in district; Mr. Tom Cassidy talked with members on "Contracts for growing cucumbers"; held county calf show at Hayneville; recommended member for State Farmer Degree.

**GORDO**—purchased \$100 worth of new tools for shop; set out 20,000 pine seedlings; members ordering FFA supplies; held regular meeting; three

news articles in local paper; elected officers for next year; cleaned tools in shop.

**GREENVILLE**—host to county FFA Field Day with 160 boys and parents present; dairy, livestock, tractor driving, land judging and a chicken barbecue were the activities of interest for the month; "Acres of Sorghum" was the educational movie shown at March meeting; constructed two ping pong tables for youth center; donated \$5.00 to Deaf Scout Tent program.

**GROVE HILL**—held two meetings and two officer training periods; entered land judging contest; held tractor driving contest; prepared dairy judging and livestock judging teams; held Father-Son night with a catfish fry—110 attended; building chest to present Sweetheart; livestock and dairy judging teams entered district contest.

**HARTFORD**—had three radio programs; held two regular meetings and one executive meeting; members received corn to plant for their productive projects from seed companies; held annual barbecue; elected officers for 1963-64 school year; making plans for annual parents night program; member purchased a purebred Hampshire boar.

**HEFLIN**—castrated hogs; pruned trees; held two regular meetings; had guest speaker; studying FFA contests; planned banquet.

**JACKSON**—Ag II and Ag III classes helped erect playground equipment for new school; elected officers; attended district FFA meeting and contests; helped with Jr. play and with Jr.-Sr. prom; improving ag building; three members approved for State Farmer Degree; nominated member for State Officer.

**KINSTON**—members took part in public speaking, land judging, livestock and dairy judging and the string band contests; member won county grand championship with his Angus steer at Enterprise; Billy Henderson, State FFA president, made a talk at a special FFA chapel program; FFA-FHA members won second place at district show with their group of 10 beef calves.

**LaFAYETTE**—held regular monthly meeting; voted on new officers; annual FFA, FHA and 4-H Club calf show held; FFA members showed grand champion and reserve champion.

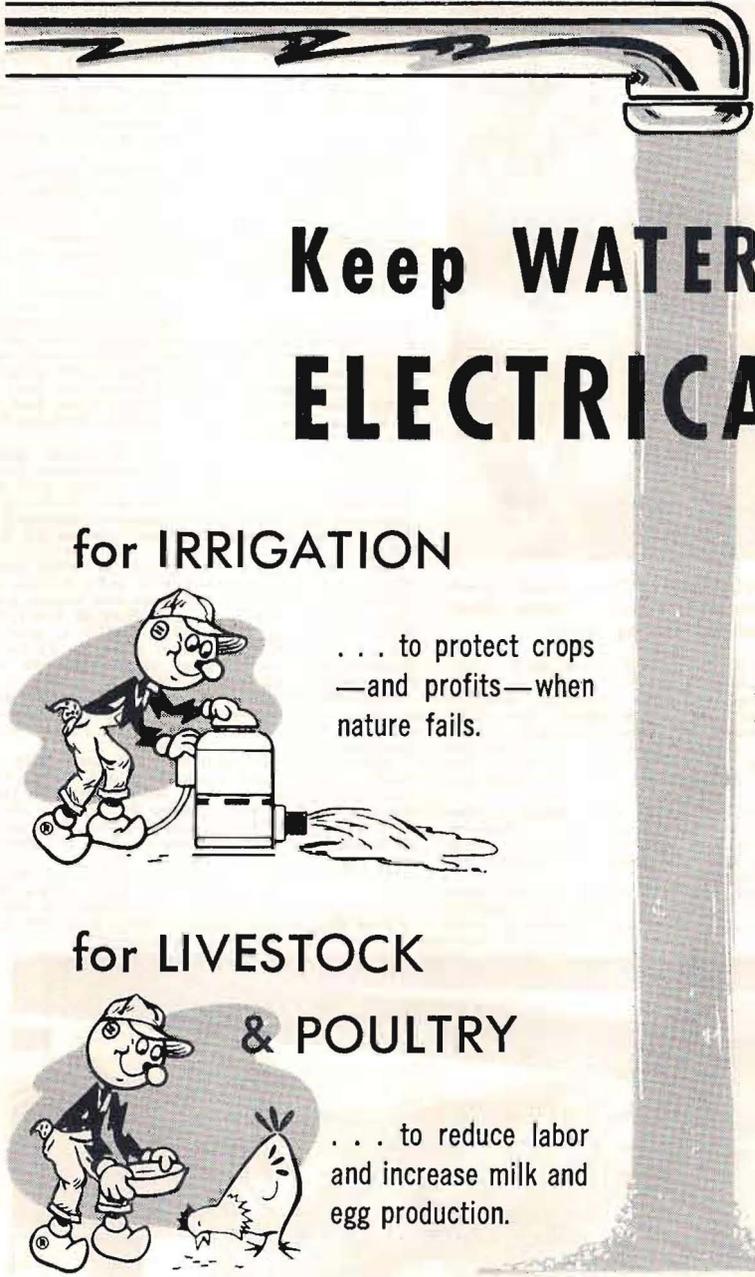
**MONTEVALLO**—visited Central State Bank and studied Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Financing; student teachers, Jerry Brown and James Conway, working with chapter this quarter; officers for coming year elected and installed; 200 special FFA calendars being distributed; field trip planned covering all enterprises studied this year.

**THOMASTON**—submitted State Farmer application; selected land judging team; held regular meeting; elected new officers; participated in district contest eliminations; entered county beef calf show.



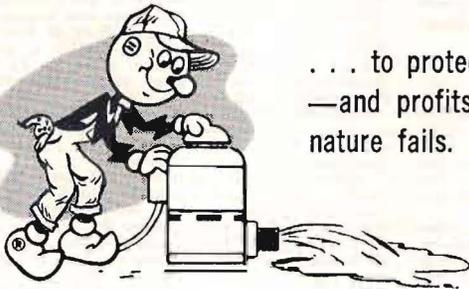
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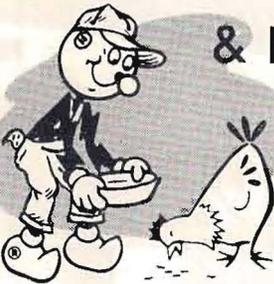
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