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In Memoriam

Homer F. Gibson

1900-1963

Homer F. Gibson, 63, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, died at his home in Auburn, Sunday night, September 22, 1963, following a heart attack.

For forty years he had served Alabama in the field of education and vocational agriculture. Serving first as vocational agriculture teacher, he progressed to the position of district supervisor in 1937.

He was born in Morgan County at Hartselle, Alabama in 1900. He graduated from Hartselle high school and attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute, which is now Auburn University, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree, and Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Education. While attending Auburn he became a member of Gamma Sigma Delta and Kappa Delta Pi, Honorary fraternities.

He was devoted to the progress of vocational education on a state as well as a national level. He supervised and directed 54 teachers of vocational agriculture in 13 counties in Northwest Alabama and had developed one of the best programs that section of the state had ever known. In July of this year, at the annual teachers of vocational agriculture conference, Mr. Gibson was honored for forty years of devoted and continuous service to the field of vocational agriculture.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Auburn where he served as a Deacon. He held Honorary membership in the Alabama Cattlemen’s Association. Also membership in the Alabama Education Association, Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, American Vocational Association, The Auburn Alumni Association, Alabama Soil Fertility Society, Professional Education Association, Alabama Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, Faculty Club of Auburn University, State of Alabama Employee’s Association and on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Poultry Industry Association.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Edna McGowin Gibson, one brother, Roy Gibson, Birmingham and two sisters, Mrs. M. M. Kyle, Hartselle and Mrs. Wall Johnston, Madison, Alabama.
To Walk On The Earth Like A Man

By BYRON F. RAWLS
Executive Secretary, Alabama FFA Association

Someone has stated that science can teach a person to fly through the air like a bird, swim through the water like a fish, but it can't teach him to walk on the earth like a man. I think that the unknown author of this quotation was digging into the philosophy upon which the Future Farmers of America organization was founded.

Certainly we would not deny the need for man to fly through the air or swim through the water but we would like to emphasize the great need today for men to walk on the earth like men should. Turmoil and strife is prevalent. We need people who are willing to treat other people with respect and dignity. As you know so many times in our present day this does not occur.

It is not hard for me to believe that a highly skilled scientist can also be a person who would be filled with the spirit of brotherhood and love for his neighbor. We need today men who think upon the proposition of what is right and what is wrong and then have the courage to stand upon the conclusions that he reaches. It is hoped that the spirit of FFA develops this kind of a man.

If Raymond C. Firestone, President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, truly evaluated a Future Farmer then we are certainly making progress toward this goal. He describes the Future Farmer as such:

"He believes first of all that he lives in the greatest country in the world and he is willing to accept his share of responsibility for keeping it great."

"He believes in working for what he gets and feels he is entitled to receive a just reward for what he produces."

"He is self reliant, but at the same time cooperative and willing to help others."

"He is not afraid because he depends upon God, himself and his faith in his initiative and ambition. Fear seldom finds a foothold on an active free thinking mind."

"He respects the rights of others and expects others to respect his rights. If his rights are threatened, he is not afraid to fight."

"He has honest pride in the success he has won. Above all he is proud to be an American."

Certainly no one can argue with the value of a Future Farmer to society if he has these characteristics. This does not mean that the same Future Farmer cannot be taught to successfully work the land or build the skyscraper or be a success in any other scientific undertaking.

We would like to think that the farmers being developed today through the Future Farmers organization would carry these characteristics to the farm. Farming is a very worthwhile, desirable, and satisfying way of life. President Lincoln said, "No other occupation opens so wide a field for profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought as agriculture."

The vocational agriculture program in the high school and the organization of farm boys, the FFA, are speeding up the process of getting into farming while at the same time training these young men to think efficiently and make wise decisions. That day is past when Father and Son work together to till a 60-acre farm using two mules and a minimum of equipment. Today's activity would show that a Father and Son would work together to build a program which not only would sustain life on that farm but would show a good profit. These people realize a good return from this "cultivated thought" of which President Lincoln spoke. Certainly the process of wise deductions and decisions would pay off in increased returns from the farming operation.

The teacher of vocational agriculture in the community, by working with the parents as well as the boys has helped to bring about this improved change in the agricultural picture. By helping to change farming as a way of life and to change the needs of the farmer, a great need has been created for off-farm agricultural workers. These men, too, need to be trained to think effectively and to walk on the earth like men. In their everyday contacts as machinery dealers, fertilizer salesmen or equipment manufacturers they will find their FFA training very beneficial. To know how to speak effectively and put into words one's thoughts would be a great asset to these people. Where else can this be more effectively learned than through the FFA.

So, in conclusion, I would like to submit to you that we not only have the task of training farmers and other agricultural workers, but we owe to the boy all that we can teach him about living together in any occupation that he pursues. He will need to effectively live with other people. He will need to consider the position of improving his environment and at the same time, laying aside rich resources for the next generation. If this is done, who can say that the person responsible has not walked on the earth like a man?
Wallace Presents Conservation Awards
To Alabama Future Farmers

GOVERNOR WALLACE presents awards to the FFA members who did outstanding work in conservation this year. Phillip Hardee, Beatrice, receives congratulations from Governor Wallace as the state winner. Others receiving awards, left to right, are Robert Whiten, Heflin; Mike Reynolds, Union Springs; Paul Dick, Ashland; Bryan Bain, Carrollton, and Jerry Brown, Butler.

Governor George Wallace presented seven Alabama Future Farmers and advisors with winning trophies in the Governor’s Conservation Awards Program at a dinner meeting of the Alabama Wildlife Federation, in Montgomery recently. The awards were made for work done in all phases of conservation.

William B. Hagood, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor at Waterloo, was selected as the outstanding FFA leader in the state for his work in teaching conservation. The FFA chapter member, chosen for his conservation program, was Phillip C. Hardee, Beatrice.

Bryan Bain, Carrollton, northwest Alabama; Paul Dick, Ashland, central; Jerry Brown, Butler, southwest; Mike Reynolds, Fitzpatrick, southeast; Robert Whiten, Heflin, northeast, were each presented with engraved loving cups as winners in each of the five Alabama vo-ag districts. They were judged as having done the most thorough jobs in the entire area of conservation.

Persons and organizations who have made the greatest contributions to the field of teaching and practicing conservation are honored each year at the dinner. The purpose of the program is to encourage the conservation of all our natural resources - soil, water, minerals, forests, and wildlife. It is designed to give recognition to those persons and organizations who are outstanding in

K. V. REAGAN, teacher of vocational agriculture, Greenville, Alabama, chairman of the Governor’s Conservation Awards Committee, presents trophies which are presented in the Governor’s Conservation Awards Program.

educational and informational contributions in this field. The program is under the auspices of the Alabama Wildlife Federation, and is sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Some members of the Governor’s Conservation Award committee are:

K. V. Reagan, Greenville, chairman; Louis W. Cole, Birmingham, vice-chairman; Warren H. Carpenter, Mobile, secretary; Jerry Bryan, Birmingham; Don Drennen, Sr., and Don Drennen, Jr., Ensley; Luther Durham, Gadsden; Prof. J. M. Faircloth, Tuscaloosa; Gene Hardin, Greenville; Frank Hayes, Montgomery; Dr. A. L. Hershey, Florence; and Byron F. Rawls, Auburn.

It’s good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it’s good, too, to check up once in awhile to make sure that you haven’t lost the things that money can’t buy.

If you’re average that means you are as close to the bottom as you are to the top.

Find your pace; then work without haste or rest.
**State Fair Saw Top FFA Exhibits**

SPEAKE chapter received top honors for having the best FFA exhibit at the State Fair.

COLLINSVILLE had the second place exhibit at the State Fair.

Five high school chapters of the Future Farmers of America entered educational exhibits at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham, September 30 through October 5.

Chapters, and their advisors, entering exhibits this year were Collinsville, Jack Elrod; Jasper, J. C. Horton; New Hope, B. C. Goggins; Speake, J. C. Shewbart; Vincent, R. H. Holston. There were one first, two second, and two third place awards given. Speake won first place. Jasper and Collinsville got second place awards and New Hope along with Vincent received third place awards.

FFA members go to considerable trouble and expense building their exhibits. They plan its contents with their vocational agriculture teacher and advisor, as well as with young and adult farmers in their community. The exhibits are developed around a central educational theme dealing with some phase of rural, or farm life. Farm safety, recreation, crop and livestock improvement, con...

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This I Believe . . .

By JOHN VARNER
State FFA President

"I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in the hours of discouragement, I cannot deny." This statement is contained in the FFA Creed. It should be in the mind of every Future Farmer.

In a time such as now, we feel an unparalleled need for leadership; a need for men who are not afraid to open up the doors of the unknown and let us in. We need men who can push these doors wide open and show us the way.

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Conservation, farm mechanization, and FFA leadership training are all popular exhibit themes.

First place prize was $160, second, $130, and third, $100. In addition to these prizes each exhibitor will be given a special inducement. The Alabama Fair will pay the FFA chapters putting on exhibits $50 cash, and 15 cents per mile for their travel expense to and from Birmingham.

Having fun is like having insurance — the older you get, the more it costs you. — FFA —

Texan: Oklahoma is an outlying province of Texas.

Oklahoman: That isn't so. No state can outlie Texas. — FFA —

Mrs.: "Boo-hoo, the dog ate up all the nice cookies I baked for you."

Mr.: "Don't cry, honey, we'll get another dog."

More than 180,000,000 people in these, our United States, depend on us, the farmers and future farmers, to supply them with nutritious food and other farm products to keep them healthy. Our nation's population increases nearly one and one-half million per year and with this rapid, as well as staggering, increase, comes the need for 100,000 new farmers each year to keep up the present rate per capita of agricultural products. Our nation's heart is our nation's farmers.

Farm leadership develops most effectively from within the ranks of the farmers themselves. Their roots are deep within the soil upon which their rewards depend.

The Future Farmers of America has a positive program of leadership which
prepares boys to take such a position in the rural community. The FFA Motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve, reflects the program for leadership development proposed by this organization.

Communistic forces are pushing in from all sides. Great areas of the world have already gone down under their pressure. Here in the Western Hemisphere, the farmers stand as a citadel of freedom. Upon farm leadership rests the future of the nation, yes, of the world.

New developments in medicine, science, industry, and agriculture will revolutionize the average man's way of life. But, along with these new aids to living, new problems will develop. The new discoveries in medicine, allowing people to live longer, plus the ever-increasing birth rate will rapidly cause the over-population of our world. For example, the population of our United States is increasing at the rate of one person every thirteen and one-half seconds! Because of this there will be a great need for highly skilled farmers to furnish the food needed for these millions of people.

Today the American farmer is the most efficient and productive of all the world's farmers. Each American farmer now produces enough food for twenty-five people. But statistics show that while our population is increasing by leaps and bounds, the number of farmers is decreasing. Therefore, our future farmers of today must be trained in the most modern methods of scientific agriculture to enable them to accommodate the needs of our increasing population.

The Future Farmers are being trained to assume this heavy burden of responsibility. Activities which pertain strictly to agriculture will enable them to cope with the problem of producing enough good food and fibre for our nation. FFA activities which train them for a role as community leaders will equip them to provide the competent leadership needed by their future, complex society. In this task the FFA has many faithful and helpful friends. The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce can certainly be counted among them. Each year representatives of our organization visit Birmingham as their guests. I am looking forward eagerly to the visit I will make to the Magic City as president of Alabama FFA.

FFA

Learn from the mistakes of others -- you don't live long enough to make them all yourself.

FFA

Character is like the foundation to a house -- it is below the surface.

Farm Woodlands Contest Won
By Gordo Chapter

THE FORESTRY demonstration plot used by the Gordo FFA chapter as a laboratory has provided many worthwhile experiences for the students. C. W. Reed, left, vo-ag teacher at Gordo, and C. W. Burrage, right, Forester, C. M. & O. Railroad, inspect the plot during one of the visits by Mr. Burrage to these school demonstration plots. Gordo won the chapter Farm Woodland Improvement contest sponsored by C. M. & O. Railroad.

Gordo’s FFA chapter was picked as the state winner in the state association’s chapter Farm Woodlands Improvement contest. C. M. & O. Railroad sponsors the contest for FFA chapters in West Central and Southwest Alabama.

The top award money of $85 and a plaque will be presented to the FFA chapter and its advisor, C. W. Reed, in November at a meeting of the Gordo Rotary Club. C. W. Burrage, agricultural and forestry agent for the railroad will make the presentation.

The winning chapter has a five-acre forestry plot where pruning, thinning and killing of underbrush are being practiced as part of its good forestry demonstration. A small portion of the plot is left unattended to compare well-managed forests to unattended ones.

C. W. REED, Gordo, and C. W. Burrage, C. M. & O. Railroad, Louisville, Miss., compare the growth of trees under different treatments in the Gordo demonstration plot.
Eighteenth Annual Forestry Camp

All counties in the state were represented at the Forestry Camp this summer. Mr. Arnold Leak, right, State Department of Conservation served as camp director.

The 1963 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.

This year's camp was attended by 107 boys, principally FFA members from all counties in the state. Fourteen teachers of vocational agriculture served as cabin counselors and group leaders. Foresters and professional staff members from the paper companies and the State Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry, served as instructors and other camp staff personnel. Teachers attending were C. W. Grant, Fairhope; M. F. Moore, Hamilton; C. W. Reed, Gordo; Charles Bennett, Auburn; E. M. Gilbert, Gadsden; G. W. Ward, Glencoe; J. R. Hamilton, Gaylesville; Willis Bell, Red Level;

Athletics always play a large role during the Forestry camp. Basketball is very popular.

Tree identification is most important to the Forestry Camp program. Leonard Hogan, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, instructs this class in identifying trees.

Instruction periods take up about six hours of each day. Charles Pigg, State Department of Conservation, is demonstrating the causes of fire.

Fried chicken at the Forestry Camp, or at home, is always a favorite with growing boys. Table number 1 is ready to consume their share. Food at the Forestry Camp is always delicious.

Awards play a big part in the Forestry Camp program. John Varner, State FFA President, and Arnold Leak, Camp director, examine the awards that were distributed.

< The Alabama Future Farmer
FRANCIS X. LUETH, Biologist, State Department of Conservation, demonstrates how to extract venom from a rattle snake.

MR. LUETH demonstrated that venom taken through the mouth would not harm a human being.

J. D. Granger, Opp; W. F. Knight and W. H. Edgeworth, Ashford; J. M. Johnson, Union Springs; C. M. Eiland, Blue Springs; and L. E. Porter, Abbeville.

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 were good and the boys seemed pleased. The majority of the boys were in the 80s and above. This is remarkable 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

COACH GILBERT, teacher of vocational agriculture, Geraldine, is very dynamic in his encouragement of his volleyball team during the camp play-off. Each cabin provides teams which participate in all events.

THE CAMP store is always the center of attraction during breaks.

SWIMMING is a very important part of recreation at the Forestry Camp. All boys are required to take swimming tests before being allowed to swim on their own.

ELWOOD OVERSTREET, State FFA Treasurer, won the log sawing contest. This is quite an achievement since many of the boys are skilled in the use of the bow saw.

WATER patrol instruction is very interesting to the boys. Every year a water patrol team is sent to the camp to bring everyone up to date on water laws.

GRADING papers is quite a chore at the end of camp. These instructors are very busy determining the result of the week’s instructional program.

Making the high marks this year were Jamie Ashe, Pickens; Jimmy Whatley, Continued on page 10
ALABAMA Governor George Wallace and T. L. Faulkner, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, stand outside the Capitol in Montgomery with four state officers of the Future Farmers of America. The meeting commemorates the recent passage of a House of Representatives resolution commending the FFA. From the left are John Varner, Wetumpka, state president; Mickey Humphries, Reeltown, vice-president; Governor Wallace; Barry Siniard, West Limestone, reporter; Jimmy Maxwell, Union Springs, secretary, and Faulkner.

JOHN VARNER, Wetumpka, state president of the Future Farmers of America, expresses thanks to the Alabama House of Representatives for their recently passed resolution commending the FFA. Rep. Albert Brewer, Speaker of the House, stands at John's left. Other state FFA officers at the Speaker's table are Jimmy Maxwell, secretary, Union Springs; Mickey Humphries, vice-president, Reeltown, and Barry Siniard, reporter, West Limestone.

Alabama's Top Four Chapters Receive National Recognition

Sixty-three chapters of the Future Farmers of America from across the United States were awarded gold emblems October 10, at the 36th anniversary national FFA convention, in Kansas City, Mo.

The gold emblem winner from the Alabama FFA Association this year is the Buckhorn chapter, Rt. 1, Huntsville, in Madison county. With 116 active FFA members, the Buckhorn chapter was awarded the state Superior Chapter plaque for 1963. First place honors in the state star reporter contest went to the Buckhorn chapter, as well as third place in chapter farm safety. This year also, an American Farmer recipient came from this north Alabama Future Farmer chapter.

Silver emblem awards were presented to 47 chapters, and bronze emblems to 23. Jemison and Carrollton chapters received the silver emblems. Sparkman chapter received the bronze emblem.

A farmer's barn burned down and the agent for the insurance company, explaining the policy that covered the structure, told him that his firm would build another barn of similar size instead of paying the claim in cash. The farmer was furious. "If that's the way your company does business," he exploded, "you can just cancel the insurance policy on my wife."

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Lee; John Lochridge, Lamar; Mike Gaylor, Chilton; Robert Morrow, Franklin; Douglas Brogden, Butler; Johnny Ward, Coneuuh; Marion Wood, Jr., Baldwin; Bill Boozer, Marengo and Roy Reed, Choctaw.

Ashe was elected chief forester and Lochridge was named assistant chief forester.

The camp is designed to give the boys a brief course in good forestry practices. The boys learn insects and diseases, how to cruise timber, methods of managing forests economically. As most of the youths have forestry plots back home this information is of tremendous value. Students of vocational agriculture also are used by vo-ag teachers during the school year to talk on the information learned at the camp.

STUNT night saw Willis Bell, teacher of vocational agriculture, Red Level and Steve Weaver, State Department of Conservation, Montgomery, are the victims of this stunt. They learned that glasses full of water placed on the back of each hand were hard to handle. Everyone enjoyed stunt night.

SINGING around the well this year was an enjoyable time for many of the vo-ag teachers at the Forestry Camp. Harmonizing in this group are left to right, Willis Bell, Red Level; C. W. Grant, Fairhope; C. W. Ward, Glencoe; E. M. Gilbert, Geraldine; J. M. Johnson, Union Springs; and J. D. Granger, Opp.

Diane Lott

Union Springs

< THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Vocational agriculture taught at the Institute for the Deaf and Blind, Talladega, Alabama, is of a quality rivaling that taught anywhere in the United States.

Louis A. Achimon, vo-ag teacher and farm manager at the Institute, is aware that his students are handicapped, and he knows that his instruction must be specially suited to each student's limitations.

His vo-ag program is built around a money-making, producing farm owned by the Institute. It was established to produce food for the school. Most of the meats and vegetables served in the school cafeteria are grown on the farm. Thus, it is necessary that Achimon teach his students sound, profitable farming practices right from the start. He has no time for experimental, small unit, play-farming projects carried out by each boy separately.

He has 17 boys studying agriculture under him, most of them excellent students. Their handicaps require that their farming futures be restricted to certain areas of production. Generally hogs, chickens, and limited beef programs will best fit their needs.

For example, the boys have a small, but sound broiler operation. Their method for raising chickens requires more labor and space than would be practical for most producers, but it fits handily into Achimon's plans.

The students are not required to work on any of the farming enterprises. However, they do so willingly. The broiler set-up, beginning with day-old brooder chicks, teaches them all phases of the business. And, with older birds going into the laying cages, an entire poultry operation is there for them to study.

These same principles of working with all areas of production are used throughout Mr. Achimon's school farm program. A small processing-house is nearing completion on the farm grounds. When it is put into operation the D & B school's students will be able to learn another field of agriculture. They will take part in a money-making program of processing and handling farm products.

Recently the Institute has given an increased interest to forestry. Production forestry, though not impossible for the handicapped, has not been taught on a large scale in the school's vo-ag-curriculum. These students do not ordinarily become engaged actively in the harvesting of forest products. However, the lands that most of them will acquire during their lives could produce additional income if they were planted in fast growing pine trees.

The Coosa River newsprint company, Childersburg, and the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce are cooperating with the school in a forestry plot program. An unused 40-acre vegetable garden will be planted in pines and used both for teaching and making a profit for the school. The land has been well fertilized and cultivated throughout the years, and estimates place the returns from the project as high as $10 per acre per year. The students will be guided through an entire forestry program—planting, treating for disease, thinning.

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Forestry Award Winner Attends Convention

Richard Irvin, 15, a Future Farmer from the Gordo high school chapter is this year's Forestry award winner. His forestry project was selected as being best among entries from throughout Alabama. He received $100 in cash for first prize at the 34th annual FFA convention in Auburn June 5-7. Later his vo-ag teacher at Gordo, C. W. Reed, and Richard received funds to finance a trip to the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri. All of these awards were provided by Seaboard Airline Railroad.

Also receiving awards for their work with forestry projects in vo-ag work this year are Allen Kelley, Northport, $50 and chapter banner; Lynn Culver, Dadeville, $30 and chapter banner; Ronny Huey, Camp Hill, $20 and chapter banner.

Richard has carried on his tree farming project since his father's death several years ago. He and his mother decided to plant their family farm's row crop area in pine trees. This would give them income while allowing Richard to complete his education. He plans to attend Auburn and study forestry.

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In establishing his tree farm, Richard planted 77,000 pine seedlings. He improved the timber stand, thinned, pruned and started control of undesirable hardwoods over 180 acres. His fire protection program included construction of 13 miles of fire lanes.

So far, since beginning his interest in a forestry project as a freshman vo-ag student three years ago, Richard has cut 24,000 board feet of lumber, 1,500 utility poles and 80 cords of pulpwood from his tree farm. He has also harvested fence posts and firewood for use on the family farm.

CONGRESSIONAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR CONTESTANT—The Honorable Carl Elliott, member of Congress, offers his congratulations to Richard Irvin of Cordon on his selection as the 1963 state FFA forestry winner from Alabama. Pictured above (left to right) are E. L. Hobbs, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Birmingham, Richard Irvin, Congressman Elliott and Charles W. Reed of Cordon, young Irvin’s Vocational Agriculture teacher. The forestry program is sponsored annually by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company in cooperation with the State Department of Education and the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America.

GOSHEN

One of the major requirements in vocational agriculture study in high schools is the supervised project which the boys are required to carry outside regular class work.

Study of small engines and corn growing are only two of the several projects which Coshen students are engaged in. The Agriculture II class of Coshen High School is studying small engines, their theories of operation and repair. In farming today almost everything is run by some type of motor and small engines are becoming widely used on elevators, combines, mowers, chain saws, air compressors, pumps and as auxiliary engines. One of the Ag II class projects this six weeks has been the dismantling and repair of some old lawn mower and chain saw engines.

The farmer of today needs to know not only crops, and livestock but also he must be a good mechanic to handle the machinery necessary for the volume production that he must have to stay in business.

MONTEVALLO

Mr. Byron F. Rawls, executive secretary of Alabama State FFA from Auburn, was a recent visitor to the chapter and pointed to the many fine and varied activities of the local unit. B. P. Dilworth, supervisor of vocational agriculture, also of Auburn, recently paid the chapter a visit and commended the members for their program of work which had been set up and which is now being executed.

VERBENA

The Verbena FFA and FHA held a joint Valentine party, February 16th, in the high school auditorium. The room was beautifully decorated with Valentine motifs, with accents of greenery and balloons. The entertainment was led by Coach Richard Gilliam, with hamburgers and soft drinks as refreshments.

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Use Long Distance often—and remember, you get extra bargains on most calls after 6 p.m. and on Sundays.
Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Calloway and FHA chapter mothers, Mrs. Excell Howard and Mrs. William Carmichael.

On February 20, Mr. Billy Adair presented a lecture demonstration to the Verbena Home Economics and Vocational Agriculture classes on proper home lighting. Mr. Adair is a representative of the Central Alabama Electric Co-op, and an expert in lighting. The classes particularly enjoyed the slides depicting a home perfectly lighted.

HARTFORD

The winner of the Hartford FFA corn producing contest was selected recently. The winner was William Floyd, with an average yield of 76.66 bushels on two acres. He fertilized with 400 lbs. of 4-12-12 fertilizer per acre and 150 lbs. of ammonium nitrate. The corn was planted 16 inches in the drill.

In addition to winning the corn growing award, William also had a very successful hog project. He sold 14 market hogs from one sow during the year. His projects of corn and market hogs brought him a net profit of $180.

William is a very active member of the FFA, serving on several committees. He also serves as Sentinel.

SULLIGENT

Future Farmer of America members at Sulligent are now planning their projects for the year so that they will be ready when time rolls around for them to begin. Many of the projects are already in operation and are continued and expanded from year to year, says their advisor, Mr. S. J. Gibbs. Some of the students build up farming assets by the time they finish school that will pay for a year or two in college or see them established in farming.

DADEVILLE

The Dadeville FFA chapter took two first place and one second place title in the Tallapoosa County FFA contests recently. The Dadeville FFA quartet, composed of Lynn Brasell, Jimmy Freeman, Doug Patterson and Johnny Pearson and accompanied by Miss Annette Harris, won over quartets from Hackneyville and New Site.

Miss Sara Beth Seay, Dadeville FFA chapter sweetheart, was selected as the Tallapoosa County FFA sweetheart. Miss Seay was selected from a field of six girls representing the six high schools in the county that have FFA chapters.

Bill Farrington of the Dadeville chapter placed second in the public speaking contest.

WINTERBORO

Eight members of the Winterboro FFA chapter have each planted 1,000 pine seedlings on their farms recently. The seedlings were given to the FFA members by Coosa River Newsprint, Kimberly-Clark Corporation of Coosa Pines, Ala. The Winterboro chapter carries on an active program in forestry. The members not only study good forest management in the classroom, they prac-
tice it in their 12 acres chapter forest and on their home farms. The school forest consists of 12 acres leased to the school by Coosa River Newsprint in 1960.

Boys who planted 1,000 seedlings on their farms are Buddy Milam, Jimmy Luker, Jim Germany, Chris Brownlow, Tommy Smith, Jerry Goodson, Ronnie McGrady and Gary Pruitt.

ISABELLA

Officers for the Isabella Future Farmers of America have been elected and installed for the coming year. President of the organization is Marvin Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Baker. He is a sophomore in school and is a second year agriculture student. Other officers are Ronald Littleton, vice-president, son of Mr. and Mrs. Audis Littleton; Robert Hayes, secretary, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hayes; Larry Smitherman, treasurer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smitherman; Troy Mims, reporter, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mims; Billy Joe Williams, sentinel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams.

CARROLLTON

Officers for the Carrollton FFA chapter took over their respective jobs at the first chapter meeting for the school year, held recently at Carrollton. President of the organization is Larry Porter. He is a senior in high school and a fourth year vocational agriculture student.

Other officers are: vice-president, David Wilkins; secretary, Jimmy Jones; treasurer, Buddy Cabiness; reporter, Winston Ferguson; sentinel, Jimmy Harless; parliamentarian, Benny Colvin.

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