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PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the future progress and prosperity of Alabama is dependent to a great degree upon the skills and efforts of those citizens who operate the many farms, and farm supply and farm service industries of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America organization is composed of boys who are studying Vocational Agriculture in public secondary schools as preparation for careers in production agriculture, and agriculturally related fields; and

WHEREAS, the major purposes of the Future Farmers of America organization are to develop leadership, encourage cooperation, promote good citizenship, teach sound methods of farming and inspire patriotism among the members; and

WHEREAS, Alabama now has 260 active chapters of the organization, with more than 16,000 presently active members and more than 100,000 associate members; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Future Farmers of America perform valuable community services and provide important leadership in developing our agricultural economy and in building a better State:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of February 15-22, as

ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER WEEK

and urge all citizens to take notice of the many contributions of the Future Farmers to our State and to encourage in every possible way the further growth of this splendid organization for our farm youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, done at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 4th day of February, 1964.

[Signature]

GOVERNOR
Calling All FFA Graduating Seniors

There’s A Future For You In Teaching Vocational Agriculture

By T. L. FAULKNER
State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture and FFA Advisor

Each year there are a great number of positions for new teachers of vocational agriculture in Alabama high schools. In the past almost every qualified graduate, who desired to teach vocational agriculture, has been employed. These graduates are being employed at higher salaries each year.

You are now faced with the problem of choosing your life’s work or your vocation. When you choose your life’s work, you will be looking for something that you can do well. You will be seeking an occupation that offers you a chance to help others, make you a good living, and be a member of a respected profession. In making this decision have you considered teaching vocational agriculture?

AN INTERESTING LIFE . . .

Teaching vocational agriculture is interesting. As a teacher of vocational agriculture you will enjoy a variety of activities in the classroom, in the shop, and on the farm. Few other occupations give one an opportunity to work closely with farm people on their farms. In fact, much of the work is on the farms of the members of your classes. In your teaching you deal with practical farm problems which the members of your class need to solve. In a single day an agriculture teacher may take a class on a field trip to select dairy heifers, teach another class to overhaul a grain drill, and teach another group practices in fertilizing corn that will result in higher profits. You will teach high school boys, young farmers, and adult farmers.

Another part of your work as a vocational agriculture teacher is that of serving as Advisor of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Some typical chapter activities under your direction might include a trip to the State Future Farmer Convention, training a livestock judging team, or other activities which will help boys become successful farmers, rural leaders, and good citizens.

MANY ADVANTAGES . . .

As a teacher of vocational agriculture you enjoy many advantages. It is hard to spell out all of these advantages, but experienced teachers tell us they have an unequalled opportunity to be of service to rural people. They find their work interesting, practical, and enjoyable. They receive an income which provides a comfortable living and an equally comfortable retirement.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE . . .

As a teacher in an Alabama high school you can make a real contribution to the youth of today, who hold our future in their hands. The future of our country is to be determined to a large degree by the teaching in our schools. Your work results in improving the farming of the community in which you teach. Better farming results in a more prosperous community, state and nation. You can be a leader in your community. Alabama’s modern rural schools need good teachers to provide and develop rural leadership. Teaching vocational agriculture gives you an opportunity to be creative in your work. It challenges you to put forth the best that you have.

AN ENJOYABLE CAREER . . .

You will enjoy watching the development of those whom you teach. There is a real thrill awaiting you the day your first State Farmer receives his gold key. Your
Alabama’s Future Farmer Of The Year

ABE GREEN, LINCOLN, Alabama’s Future Farmer of the Year, is very fond of his herd of 20 registered Angus brood cows that he has built during his career in FFA. He hopes to expand and improve its quality in the years ahead.

Alabama’s Future Farmer of the Year for 1963 is a young man who has in every way proved himself worthy of this honor. He started his work in vocational agriculture and FFA many years ago at Lincoln High School and since that time has compiled a record that can be envied by all of us.

His first year farming program consisted of two beef cows, one heifer, 10 acres of corn and 10 acres of cotton. His labor income that year was $708.61. He has improved and expanded his program and plans for this year a program of 30 acres corn, 125 acres of soybeans, 20 head of purebred Angus cattle, 40 market hogs, 10 acres hay crops, and 135-tree orchard. During this time he has accumulated for himself 175 acres of land, 20 head of purebred Angus brood cows, three tractors, with all equipment, and plans to purchase an additional 175 acres of land in the very near future.

At the time of graduation from high school he had also compiled a very enviable record in leadership in Lincoln High School. He had served not only the FFA in almost every capacity but he had also served as officer in his class, the Library Club, Pep Club, office staff, Science Club, annual staff, Who’s Who, and was named the Star Farmer of the Lincoln FFA chapter his senior year.

Since graduation he has continued his FFA work and in 1963 he received the highest degree awarded to Future Farmers, the American Farmer Degree, in Kansas City, Missouri at the National FFA Convention. He continues to serve the local chapter by serving on local committees and assisting the chapter in every way possible.

His community knows that he is very interested in helping in every capacity.
At present he is president of MYF, teaches a Sunday School class, is serving on several important church committees, community rat control committee, fire control, and is a member of the very important committee in his community working toward getting a water shed program under way.

Abe has truly been accepted by farmers in and around Lincoln as an adult farmer. He has proved himself worthy to be a "member of the club." Like any other progressive farmer Abe has definite plans for the future. These plans include a greatly expanded farming program, including the purchase of enough equipment to take care of his program. His first step in this expansion will include the construction of storage bins to house his soybean crop so that the beans can be marketed at a time when the price is right. This shows good thinking on the part of Abe since it is very important that farmers exercise judgment in order to realize the most returns from their crops.

Abe feels that the 175 acres he now owns combined with the additional 175 which he plans to purchase will make up the size farming operation that he would like to have.

DIVERSIFICATION is a key word in Abe Green's farming program. Land which he did not intend to cultivate otherwise has been planted in pine trees. These pines planted by Abe are now large enough to protect the soil on which they stand and at the same time grow a crop that in the future will show cash returns.

STORAGE OF machinery and equipment plays a big part in any successful farming operation. This sprayer is stored in a shed built recently by Abe Green to protect it and other equipment.

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I BELIEVE

By BARRY SINIARD
State Reporter

For years you have heard the expression that "you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." I believe you can always make him drink if you can salt him well first. The salt of interest will make an FFA member drink from this great organization.

The FFA activities arouse a feeling of need in its members because the thinking centers around real life problems of individuals. Any lesson assignment is basic.

Reports from schools and industries throughout the country show that the demands for graduates is greater than the supply. Approximately 45% of Alabama's public school's pupils leave school before graduation. Alabama ranks 49th in the nation in percentage of school dropouts. Most of the boys leave school at the ages of 16-17. This is the time when boys should be getting the most out of school. 40% of school dropouts are average in intelligence. About 12% of them are above average. They know not what to do. They can farm, but today a farmer must be intelligent. No one will hire them if they have not finished high school. Boys who finish high school make $75,000 more in a lifetime than the boys who drop out or leave school.

The FFA teaches boys how to make use of their natural impulse or to understand human nature. As they do this they also become interested in the activities of high school. I think young boys should be aware of the problems and needs in their home and community. The FFA offers many opportunities for young men who are willing to work for them. Agriculture teachers visit their students' homes to supervise the farming programs. Many problems can be solved through their visits with the students and their parents.

An achievement test should be given in the freshman and senior years. The results of this test will help the student to see where he stands, the information from this test should help the student to decide his future. If the test shows he is capable of going to college and if he has a good background in vocational agriculture he should be informed of the many job openings in the agriculture fields. He should also be informed concerning college training and how it will better prepare him for the business of farming.

If the test shows high ability in science, he might be interested in soils, agricultural chemistry or weed control. There are many agricultural fields waiting for well trained individuals.

The future is in your backyard. When you think about a career in agriculture you will naturally wonder how good a start you can make and how you can develop it. Compare yesterday with today. Then you will see the pace of progress.

Everyone can give pleasure in some way. One individual may do it by entering a room, and another by going out.
A 17-year-old FFA member from the Wetumpka chapter is the Champion Future Farmer corn grower for 1963 in Alabama.

Gwin Wood won the corn grower award with a wagon-straining, crib-crowding yield of 192.8 bushels per acre. This is just about 150 bushels per acre more than the average acre harvest in Alabama.

Gwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wood, of Wetumpka in Elmore county. Along with being a featured guest of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce at the upcoming FFA presidents' meeting, he will receive a check for $100 from Chilean Nitrate for his corn growing ability.

Instructor of vo-ag at Wetumpka High School, C. S. Bazemore, supervised Gwin's championship corn field. He saw to the application of 800 pounds of 4-16-8 fertilizer per acre at planting time, and to the construction of 26-inch rows with corn plants left standing about 8 inches apart in the row.

Gwin says that the secret to high-yield corn is really no secret at all. All that's needed, according to him, is to plant the best variety seed corn at the right time in a properly prepared seedbed, and follow through with good fertilization and side dressing when needed. "Of course you have to have good weather," said Gwin, "and my 26-inch rows made my acres about one-third bigger than they really were."

Mr. Bazemore and Gwin decided on Funk's G-703A seed for their central Alabama climate. They planted on May 4. After 35 days 950 pounds of Nitrate of Soda per acre was used in side dressing.

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Runner-up in the contest, sponsored by Chilean Nitrate, was Ronny Whitaker of the Woodville FFA chapter. Ronny harvested 159.5 bushels from his best acre to win the $50 award for his district championship. The other district winners who also got $50 Chilean Nitrate checks are Royce Martin, Grove Hill, 111.2 bushels; Troy Herron, Oakman, 131.9 bushels; Pete Lott, Brundidge, 126.7 bushels.

According to Mr. Bazemore, "Gwin is an excellent student, who is willing to apply plans and techniques learned in the vo-ag class to his field of work. He is also the president of our FFA chapter, a fine leader, and a football and basketball star here at Wetumpka High," he said.

Gwin will not be able to compete for next year's corn grower award even though his ability is increasing. Under FFA rules a state winner cannot succeed himself.

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THE PURCHASE of new equipment recently at Town Creek makes it necessary to familiarize all the students with it. Examining this saw from left left: Wade Vines, chapter president; Billy Henley, vice-president; Ray Loosier, secretary; Bill Roberson, treasurer; Jerry Berryman, reporter; Glenn Waldrep, sentinel, and Mr. John Yates, FFA advisor.

TOWN CREEK FFA continues to improve its roadside scenery with mailbox posts. This post built recently is examined by Wade Vines, chapter president and Mr. John Yates, his advisor.
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work is practical and useful. It deals with the interesting and changing science of agriculture. For example, you would enjoy driving through your community and seeing contour farming, one of the results of your teaching in adult farmer classes. Much of your time is spent out of doors in the country, working with farm people. Your work consists of many different activities. You do not have a routine which must be followed day by day.

A COMFORTABLE LIVING . . .

In Alabama, salaries of vocational agriculture teachers are good. As a teacher of agriculture, you receive travel expenses in addition to your salary. You are employed twelve months a year. Unlike most other teachers, you work during the summer. You also receive two weeks' vacation each year with pay. You have all the advantages of the Alabama teachers' retirement system as well as the Federal Social Security program. After a few years of experience, the position offers the security of tenure.

FARM EXPERIENCE NEEDED . . .

One quality which will help you become a successful teacher of vocational agriculture is having been reared on a farm. As a teacher of agriculture, you will need to know, like, and understand farm people. Your farm experience can be put to good use in teaching.

SCHOLARSHIP IMPORTANT . . .

Being a good student will help you succeed in teaching vocational agriculture. It takes a good student to successfully do the college work necessary in preparing to teach agriculture. The good student is better able to keep up to date with new agricultural practices, an essential part of his work.

PERSONALITY IMPORTANT . . .

As a prospective teacher of vocational agriculture you should be able to work cooperatively with people. A pleasing personality and a cooperative attitude will be invaluable to you in working with your students, teachers in the school and others in the community.

LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT . . .

Qualities of leadership will be helpful to you. You need to be able to lead, help, counsel, and advise boys. The ability to be a leader gains the respect of those you teach and makes your teaching more effective and enjoyable. Your preparation for teaching vocational agriculture requires a four year college course in agricultural education.

THEREFORE . . .

If you have a farm background, are a good student, possess a pleasing personality, can work well with people, and have a certain quality of leadership that is so hard to find, you can become a successful teacher of vocational agriculture in Alabama's public high schools.

SO . . .

If you are interested in going to college and studying Agricultural Education and need more information of any kind, including scholarships, part-time work, place to live, etc., write Professor H. T. Frue tt, Agricultural Education Department, Thach Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

Stoup Named FFA Foundation Chairman

Curry W. Stoup, Coldwater, Ohio, President of the New Idea Division, Avco Corporation, has been named to serve during 1964 as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The FFA Foundation is the organization which provides funds for award programs to stimulate higher achievement among vocational agriculture students throughout the nation. Some $180,000 is spent for this purpose each year. Mr. Stoup's principal responsibility as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee will be to contact potential fund donors during the coming year. He will be assisted by L. W. Moore, President of American Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois, who will be the Sponsoring Committee's Vice Chairman for 1964.

Mr. Stoup succeeds J. W. Keener of Akron, Ohio, President of the B. F. Goodrich Company.

Currently, about 400 business and industrial companies, organizations, and individuals make annual contributions to support the FFA Foundation program. Stoup's election took place during a dinner meeting of the donors, held in conjunction with the 55th Anniversary National Convention of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, Missouri.

J. WARD KEENER, president of the B. F. Goodrich Company and Chairman of the National Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America, receives an honorary American Farmer degree and citation from FFA president Kenny McMillan, during the 15th session of the organization's 1963 convention in Kansas City. Mr. Keener reported that the 1963 sponsoring committee raised more than $201,000, an all-time record in contributions from industry to the FFA Foundation.

State Farmers Selected

DURING A recent executive committee meeting in Auburn the State FFA officers screened all State Farmer applications and selected 326 FFA members throughout the State to be recommended for the State Farmer Degree. The officers are left to right: Barry Sniard, West Limestone, reporter; Mickey Humphries, Reeltown, vice-president; John Varner, Wetumpka, president; Jimmy Maxwell, Union Springs, secretary and Elwood Overstreet, Jackson, treasurer.

This year showed a bumper crop of State Farmers in Alabama. We had a total of 466 applications. Of this total the State Officers and District Supervisors had the task of selecting 326 FFA members throughout the State to be recommended for the degree. These members will receive their degree at the district eliminations this year.

The whole State can be very proud of these members and of the total program that produced them. The large number applying for the degree proves that farming is still a large part of the vocational agriculture program in the State. These boys not only had good farming programs but have also demonstrated proficiency in the leadership characteristics taught and promoted in our FFA program.

FEBRUARY-MARCH, 1964
GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE TOOK time out of his busy schedule recently to receive the State FFA Officers and to sign a proclamation making February 15-22 Future Farmers of America Week in Alabama. The officers are from left Barry Siniard, West Limestone, reporter; Mickey Humphries, Reeltown, vice-president; Elwood Overstreet, Jackson, treasurer; John Varner, Wetumpka, president; Jimmy Maxwell, Union Springs, secretary.

Alabama vocational agriculture students joined Future Farmers of America members throughout the nation in activities to focus attention on the importance of agriculture during National FFA Week, February 15-22. Governor Wallace joined with the Alabama Future Farmers and proclaimed February 15-22 Future Farmers of America Week in Alabama.

"Agriculture—Dynamic . . . Challenging" was this year's FFA Week theme. The farm boys campaigned to inform the general public about the importance of the agricultural industry to America, and of the numerous and wide variety of opportunities that exist in this field for young men who have a background of farm experience and training.

Throughout the State FFA chapters planned exhibits, skits, banquets and other activities during the week. All this was done to bring the attention of the general public to bear on the vital part in American life played by farmers.

Membership in the FFA is made up of farm boys who are students of vocational agriculture in high schools. The organization's activities are designed to help develop rural leadership and good citizenship, and to stimulate its members to better achievement in their study and work toward successful establishment in farming or other agricultural occupations.

The national Future Farmer organization has 395,812 members, with over 8,000 local chapters in the 50 states and Puerto Rico. Membership in Alabama totals more than 16,000, for the first time in history, with 265 chapters.

Future Farmers choose the week of George Washington's birthday each year for the observance of National FFA Week. Although usually recognized as a Revolutionary War General and our first President, Washington's first love was the farm. He was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotation, fertilization, and other soil conservation and improvement methods.

State Fat Stock Show To Be Held In Montgomery

Over 500 head of fat steers have been signed for the State Fat Stock Show to be held in Montgomery, March 16-18, according to H. N. Lewis, livestock specialist for vocational agricultural education, who is serving as manager of the show.

Twenty-two Alabama counties have been heard from. Several others are still to be signed for steers, and three eligible counties have not given any indication that they will have animals in the State show.

With the closing of the Birmingham Fat Stock Show last year, the Montgomery show became the State's largest, and took on statewide importance. C. E. Teague, manager of the agricultural division of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce has coordinated the show. He has said that rural youth from 25 counties throughout Alabama, 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America chapter members will show their steers in Montgomery. This will be the first statewide fat stock show in the state in many years, but it will be the 42nd annual joint FFA and 4-H show.

This event will be held to round out a full week of livestock activity at the State Coliseum. It will be held during the same time as the Southeastern World Championship Rodeo. Other events to be held during this week will be the Alabama Polled Hereford Association Blue Ribbon Show and Sale, and the annual Quarter Horse Show and Sale.

Even adult welding schools can appreciate a visit from a young lady such as this. The lady in this picture is the boss of the teacher of vocational agriculture at Union Springs. You name her.
Fayette FFA Studies Small Engines

In this day and age it is often said that everything is changing and in no place is this more true than on the farm. Only a few years ago the “put-put” of a gasoline engine in the country was almost unheard of. This picture has completely changed. On almost every farm and around almost every home gasoline engines of some size are used to make the work of the farmer and his family easier. At the same time these engines enable the farmer to grow more crops and manage a larger operation with less help. Thus, gasoline engines have established themselves as a very important part of any farming operation.

This is why the FFA boys at Fayette High School, as well as almost all vo-ag departments in Alabama, are studying the operation, maintenance and repair of small gasoline engines. In their study at Fayette they learn engine breakdown, checking, assembling, repair and operation. To accomplish this, engines were brought in by the boys themselves. The engines studied were both four and two cycle. Four different makes of engines were used. Each make used a different method of carburation. Seven engines were brought into the vocational agriculture shop. These engines were completely broken down, checked, repaired and reassembled. At the end of the course all engines operated perfectly.

The skills learned during a unit of study such as this can be carried over into every farm and home. Those completing the course under the direction of R. L. Harwell, FFA Advisor, were: Paul Gibson, Larry Hubbert, Ray Bagwell, Robert Newton, Billy Murphy, Ronald Watts, Jimmy Hollis, Jerry Webster, Sammy Cobb, Wilton Nichols, Jerry Johnson, Calvin Pinkerton, Danny Crawford, Henry Trimm, Monroe Abernathy and Riley Spain.

Don’t Forget

Spring of the year always seems to be the busiest time of all for everyone. We always get so busy we forget something that is very important. A reminder might help us to remember the dates below which are very important to the boys who are applying for awards. Please, be sure to remember these dates.

- American Farmer Degree Application: April 1
- Poultry Farming Award Report: April 1
- Soil and Water Management Report: April 1
- Chapter Contest Report: April 1
- Farm Mechanics Report: April 1
- Farm Electrification Report: April 1
- Forestry Contest Report: April 1
- Home Improvement Contest Report: April 1
- Dues and Final List of Members: May 1
- State Officer Nominations: May 1
- FFA Public Relations Report: May 1
- Farm Safety Contest Report: May 1
# Chapter Membership

(Figure in parentheses indicates number vo-ag students—last figure is FFA membership.)

West Point (175) 176
Northport (147) 126
Centerville (138) 120
B. B. Comer (130) 122
Jasper (142) 127
Atmore (112) 105
LaFayette (100) 126
Barnesville (98) 92
Hudson, Green (76) 71
Jemison (91) 91
Tuscaloosa (91) 84
Bessemer (79) 60
Pratt (78) 60
Mount Vernon (76) 56
Cullman (74) 48
Birmingham (70) 47
Fayetteville (69) 44
Huntsville (66) 46
Pike Road (68) 42
Morgan (66) 38
Huntsville (47) 35
Greensboro (42) 32
Selma (40) 30
Dothan (39) 26
Montgomery (38) 23
Fairhope (37) 22
Gadsden (36) 20
Tuscaloosa (34) 19
Anniston (33) 17
Gadsden (30) 15
Cullman (29) 14
Alexander City (28) 13
Florence (27) 12
Birmingham (26) 11
Gastienville (25) 10
Montgomery (24) 9
Huntsville (23) 7
Birmingham (22) 6
Anniston (21) 5
Gadsden (20) 4
Fayetteville (19) 3
Montgomery (18) 2
Birmingham (17) 1
Gastienville (16) 0

# SWEETHEART ROUNDUP

DOTTIE WILLIAMSON Millry
CAROLYN ROBERTSON Clio
MARY SUE BURNETTE Mobile

JAN SMITH Enterprise
SUE LEE Opp
JEANETTE HAYNES Dothan
BARBARA WRIGHT Columbus

LINDA KOCER Piggel
JOYCE CROWELL Paint Rock Valley
WILLIE NEVELS Bridgeport
JERRY GREEN Castalian Springs

BRENDA TIERCE Northside
MARTHA SMITH Chautauqua
JUDI COX Eclectic
VIRGINIA GAINES Camden

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ALABAMA HAM FOR U. S. F. S. CHIEF—Alabama’s 1963 state FFA forestry winner, Richard Irvin of Gordo, is shown above presenting a fine country ham to Chief Forester Edward P. Cliff of the United States Forest Service during a recent visit to his office in Washington, D.C., by the six state winners of the cooperative FFA forestry program sponsored annually by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company through the Alabama Department of Education. In the photograph above, left to right, are John Harry, Grover, N.C., Randy Shelton, Blountstown, Fla., Irvin, Chief Cliff, Albert Fisher, Heathsville, Va., Dan W. Evans, Jr., Santee, S.C., Thomas J. Hart, vocational agriculture teacher, Holly Hill, S.C., and Robert Lee Wright, III, Cordele, Ga. Washington was the first stop on a tour which this year included visits to Pittsburgh, Pa., Chicago, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo., for the National FFA Convention. The total forestry accomplishments of the six state winners this year included planting 279,200 seedlings, thinning 80 acres, pruning 38 acres, improvement cuts on 231 acres, hardwood control on 148 acres and the construction of 25 miles of firebreak. In addition, they harvested 452 cords of pulpwood, 112 cords of fuel wood, 81,014 bd. ft. of saw logs, 4,000 bd. ft. of veneer logs, 1,836 fence posts and ginned 710 bales.

COYCE CULVER, Sylvania FFA member presents to Mrs. Morgan, business teacher, a lighted drawing board for her use in class. She has been very helpful to the chapter in typing news articles.

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-Dynamic Challenging

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THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
LAFAYETTE—held monthly meeting; showed a film on Standard Oil Co., planned to participate in the annual county-wide FFA-FHA party; initiated new officers; sold canned goods at a fair for raising money for cattle and beef cattle.

LINDEN—held regular meeting, with refreshments served at the meeting; every member present voted for the construction of a new FFA-FHA parking area; sold paper and seedlings to raise money for chapter activities; presented chapter program for FFA Week; published new articles and pictures to local papers; held meeting to plan initiation for third year; plans to attend Pest-O-Fama and to attend FFA week at the State Fair; published 12 articles and nine pictures.

THOMASTON—held regular meeting; charged the chapter program on safety; held regular meeting; charged the chapter program on safety; had a lovely Little Princess phone in your favorite style and color, just call the telephone man.

MAIL—sent members applications for State Farmer Degree; elected Sweetheart; planning annual election of officers for FFA week activities; placed third in district judging contests; presented chapter and county corn growing award.

UNION SPRINGS—elected chapter Sweetheart; ordered a cake for her; planned assembly program for National FFA Week; received a bull sponsored by the Roebuck Foundation; two films shown on The Cottontail; FFA-FHA completed magazine drive; FFA membership cards; received and distributed new articles and pictures to local papers; held meeting to plan initiation for third year; plans to attend Pest-O-Fama and to attend FFA week at the State Fair; published 12 articles and nine pictures.

WEDOWEE—held regular monthly meeting; planned FFA week program; participated in planting; held a meeting; planned FFA week program; planned to attend Pest-O-Fama and to attend FFA week at the State Fair; published 12 articles and nine pictures.

WETUMKA—held state contest in corn production; 11 applications for State Farmer Degree; elected chapter Sweetheart; one application for American Farmer Degree; planned parent-son banquet; won county speaking contest; received oysterculture welding outfit; getting fat calves ready.

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FA ROUNDDUP

GUIN

The Guin chapter of the Future Farmers of America met Tuesday, January 14, in the Agriculture Building at Marion County High School.

After the meeting was called to order, the president, Jimmy McKay, opened the floor for discussion of new business.

Advisor T. G. Butler informed the group that Barry Siniard, the State FFA Reporter, had accepted an invitation to speak at the chapter's Father-Son banquet. Plans for this event were discussed. The chapter voted to begin the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The following committees were appointed to complete plans for our first banquet. Decorating Committee: Roger Otts, Jerry Maysel, and Jerry Gunn; Program Committee: Connie Webb and Jimmy McKay; Welcoming Committee: Bryan Stiles, Dale Guin and Harry Hardin; Ticket Committee: Kenneth May and David Mitchell; Menu Committee: Bryce Pearce, Byron Polkard, and James Hall Jones.

OHATCHEE

Ellis McDill is making good use of a portable air tank that can be filled at a filling station and carried any place needed to fill farm or other machinery tires. Many farmers and local filling stations are using these tanks made by the vocational agriculture boys in the Ohatchee vo-ag shop. The students learn pipe maintenance, plumbing and welding with a project such as this.

Wayne Stillwell, Mike Henry, and Clyde Gilmer are looking at a unique barbecue grill built in the shop. It is made from a 55 gallon drum. The grill is easily moved from place to place and...

This outdoor cooking center will provide much enjoyment for those who use it. Those examining it are Wayne Stillwell, Mike Henry and Clyde Gilmer, FFA members from Ohatchee.
rollers can be raised or lowered to a convenient height. A table welded to the side is convenient for holding barbecue accessories.

In building a project such as this, the boys get experience in cutting, welding, sheet metal, tile-laying and paint spraying. This is just another of many projects made by boys in vocational agriculture at Ohatchee.

ARAB

Steve Wilson, member of the Arab FFA chapter, did an experiment using Atrizine on part of his corn and part without Atrizine. Steve applied a 12 inch band at the time of planting and plowed all the corn twice.

The results were very evident. The third period Agriculture boys checked the experiment. They found that the grass and weeds were smaller and fewer where Atrizine was used. The yields were checked by the boys on both plots. The corn without Atrizine produced fifty bushels per acre, and the one with Atrizine produced seventy bushels per acre.

Steve lives on a farm near Allen Cross Roads. His farming program consists of a brood sow, market hogs and corn. He is a member of the Public Relations and Social committees. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Wilson, of Union Grove, Route 2.

CLIO

The Clio FFA volunteer Forest Fire Fighting crew went into action the first time this year recently to put out a field and woods fire just south of Clio. The boys under supervision of H. E. Stinson, advisor, who joined in on the fight were Chuck Baker, Bobby Floyd, Douglas Helms, Gerald Helms, George Helms, Wayne Helms, Charles Roberts, Roy Sutton, Sammy Sutton, Joe Strickland, Harold Smith, Henry Thompson and Glen Johnson.

The fire was spotted by FFA members shortly after noon on Monday, and after notifying Mr. Stinson, the boys surveyed the fire and went into action putting the fire out by using hand tools - hoes, rakes, shovels and pine tops.

The fire was slowed down by recent rains which left the earth moist, yet the fire burned vigorously over several acres of field that was covered in heavy broom straw and weed. "The fire could have caused severe damage to woodland if it had not been controlled," Mr. Stinson said.

The chapter forest fire fighters were organized early in the school year under the direction of the Barbour County Forest Ranger, Shelton Smoot, to help keep down fires in the county.

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