“Golden Opportunities For Youth”
By O. H. BOWDEN
Vice President, Personnel/Member Relations
Gold Kist Inc.

A young man who recently visited our offices at Gold Kist headquarters in Atlanta approached me after touring the building and viewing our film, “Something Had to Happen,” and he said, “You know, Mr. Bowden, I had no idea that Gold Kist is involved in so many different things!”

Like this young visitor, many young men and women are amazed when they come to us looking for a place to begin their careers and find that Gold Kist, an agribusiness firm and one of the nation’s largest regional farmer cooperatives, is a vast organization employing more than 6,000 people in a variety of departments and divisions. Many career fields are represented in Gold Kist, particularly fields related to agriculture.

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Considering all these fields, it is obvious that Gold Kist relies on dedicated employees with an assortment of skills to get the job done.

For anyone interested in preparing for a field in agribusiness, I would advise to take aim as early as possible at a specific area, then get the necessary training that would make you qualified for a career in that area. For example, if you are interested in farm supply management, then you should strive for college level training in the area of agriculture or business, and if you are interested in sales, then you should have training in the fields of marketing, sales promotion or economics.

I would also advise students to get involved in youth organizations such as the FFA. I was active in FFA work as a youth in high school, earning a State Farmer Degree and, in later years, through retaining an interest in this great organization and its good work, was given an Honorary State Degree. I have the very highest regard for the Future Farmers of America and firmly believe it is one of the very finest youth organizations in the world.

Alabama’s FFA members are among those who are getting a head start in preparing for possible agribusiness careers by becoming acquainted with agribusiness functions and institutions while in the classroom. When these students begin searching for career positions in the agribusiness world, they will find that it is a diversified world filled with challenging and rewarding experiences.
Alabama Power Hosts Officers In Birmingham

Alabama's FFA officer team made a whirlwind visit to Birmingham as a part of their National FFA Week activities. The team represented over 25,000 youths in the state association.

The six state FFA leaders witnessed the highly efficient system of electrical operations at Alabama Power facilities in Birmingham. While there, they toured the power pool and data centers observing the electronic systems control, and enjoying immensely the hospitality of all Alabama Power personnel. Mr. James R. Edwards, Senior Agricultural Engineer—Youth and Education, directed the tour and coordinated the youth's activities.

Highlighting the Birmingham trip was a luncheon held at the city's most exclusive, The Club. Playing host, Alabama Power invited Birmingham's most influential agribusiness leaders to hear Alabama's FFA officers explain agribusiness education and FFA program objectives. State leaders attending included M. D. "Pete" Gilmer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, and H. W. Green, State Supervisor of Agribusiness Education.

Mr. S. H. Booker, Vice President—Marketing, Alabama Power Company, brought greetings to the agribusiness leaders and state FFA officers.

Alabama FFA, the second largest state association, is grateful to Alabama Power for providing opportunity for such FFA promotional activity during National FFA Week.

Andalusia FFA Establishes Garden Lab

"Good gardening for better living." That is what FFA members and agribusiness students at Andalusia High School are saying about their new school garden laboratory.

The Andalusia school garden is just one of the many vegetable gardens being planted on or nearby school campuses in the state wide thrust by the State Department of Education to promote and develop gardening skills. The garden laboratory is a natural for the agribusiness education curriculum and simply extends the walls of the ag classroom. It provides students with an opportunity to gain knowledge of plant life, observe seed germination, plant growth and the production of food. According to G. S. Williams, Andalusia FFA advisor and agribusiness instructor, one of the problems in an urban school community is providing work experiences for students who have difficulty in having home projects. "The significance of the school garden is obvious since ninety percent of the FFA members at Andalusia High School live in town and do not know how to grow a home garden," relates Williams.

O. M. Zeanah, City Superintendent of Education, is convinced of the value of the 50' X 150' garden plot and the City Board of Education is supporting the gardening movement by furnishing a chain link fence around the plot, building materials for a tool storage house, irrigation equipment and a rotary tiller. The tiller is available to any FFA member who needs the machine to work his own home garden.

Andalusia FFA, the second largest state association, is grateful to Alabama Power for providing opportunity for such FFA promotional activity during National FFA Week.

Do SOMETHING every day to make OTHER people happy, EVEN if it's only to let them alone.

MARCH-APRIL 1973
Sears-Roebuck And FFA Bull Program

Nine FFA Chapters Pick Angus Bulls

FFA members and agribusiness instructors from nine Alabama communities met at Clanton recently to select and secure young registered angus bulls transported to this central location from the Double DD Ranch in Keysville, Georgia. The bulls are to be used in a unique program designed to upgrade the beef cattle industry in the state and to provide educational opportunities for agribusiness education students, FFA members, and adult farmers in the production of high quality beef cattle.

For twenty-five years, the program has been operating. The program was initially launched in 1948 when the Vocational Agriculture Service, in cooperation with the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, purchased fifty-one high quality bulls from the Mill Iron Ranch in Texas. Bulls were placed with vocational agriculture departments in various Alabama communities.

FFA members and advisors move in to identify ear tag numbers of Angus bulls prior to loading.

"THAT ONE RIGHT THERE" seems to be what Barry McCafferty, Lexington FFA member, is telling his advisor, J. R. Hankins, left, as Paul Newton, right, looks on.

Since the start of the program in 1948, four hundred fourteen bulls have been purchased and placed with FFA chapters in Alabama. Since 1955, a majority of the bulls have come from purebred breeders within the state. Forty-eight chapters are active in the bull program today.

The Sears Roebuck Foundation has sponsored the program for the past 23 years, but will no longer continue the sponsorship. The Alabama FFA Association is now sponsoring the program.

The nine bulls purchased from the Double DD Ranch were all top bulls according to owner Dewey Davis and all near the same age. FFA chapters draw for selection by ear tag number. Prior to selection the entire program is explained and notice is given of the requirements the chapter is expected to fulfill. Foremost among the requirements is that the bull be halter broken and showed at a special livestock show specified by agribusiness education officials.

According to H. N. Lewis, livestock specialist, Agribusiness Education Service, the bull program is now largely self-supporting. Bulls are kept in the program under the control of the local agribusiness department for three years. At the end of this time the bulls are sold, preferably to a local cattlemen, and the purchase price is returned to the Alabama FFA Association for the purchase of a replacement. All bulls are not disposed of in the same year. Each year eighteen bulls are sold and eighteen new ones are purchased. Each agribusiness department, when requesting a bull, may choose the type and breed needed in the community. Bulls are purchased as yearlings and are grown out for one year. All bulls purchased the previous year are shown at a special Bull Show at the South Alabama Fair, held in Montgomery during October.

Lewis points out that the program offers a solid, tangible way for local cattlemen to improve their herds, upgrade the quality of their calf crop, learn better herd management, and thereby make more money from cattle.

Agribusiness education officials state that the FFA bull program offers agribusiness students an excellent opportunity to grow into the beef cattle business. Since the program began, many of them have purchased heifers of their own and bred them to their department's bull. This practice has allowed boys to begin small, and by saving heifers, grow into a profitable, quality herd. Because of the availability of the Sears bull in their community for several years, these herds were begun without the prohibitive initial cost of a good sire. Many successful young Alabama cattlemen owe their...
sound beginning in the beef business to
the bulls of the Sears program. Excellent educational opportunities are
provided directly because of this pro-
gram. The all-day students have responsi-
bility for the care and handling of their
department's bulls. They also have the
chance to become familiar with top qual-
ity beef sires, and to observe first hand,
the benefits of using these sires with
herds in their community.

It would be impossible to place a
monetary value on the past twenty-five
years of this fine livestock improvement
program. Many young men now in the
livestock business owe their start to the
Sears Roebuck and FFA Bull program.
The value of better calves that have been
marketed as a result of improved breed-
ing would be difficult to determine. The
entire beef cattle industry in Alabama
has benefited greatly from the program,
relates livestock specialist Lewis.

While the beef cattle industry has
benefited from the FFA bull program in
Alabama, the support and contribu-
tion by purebred breeders in the state
since 1955 has been the backbone of the
livestock improvement program. Agri-
business education officials are apprecia-
tive of their cooperation and recognize
the fact that without their support and
help the program would not be what it
is today.

GAYLESVILLE FFA chapter's bull ex-
hibited by FFA'er Jeff Burleson and agri-
business teacher Ray Herren is one of forty-
eight active bulls in state FFA bull program.

John East, a local Cherokee County breeder
produced the Hereford bull that won the
Reserve Championship in the State FFA
Bull Show in 1972.

"HE LOOKS REAL GOOD," says Ston-
ward Simmons to his father and local ad-
visor S. W. Simmons of the Notasulga FFA
chapter. The bull is one year old D. D.
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**Fairhope FFA’er Is Avid Electrical Student**

**Matches Current With Capability**

William L. Carnley, Jr., is about as quick as an electrical current when he’s working in the area of his interest, electricity. “You can’t confuse him on reverse polarities, three-way switches, and electrical blueprints, either,” says H. W. Green, State Supervisor, Agribusiness Education.

And, he’s mighty modest about it all. “I try hard,” says Carnley, “but there’s a lot about electricity that I don’t know.”

Carnley, a Fairhope FFA member, was FFA’s top state winner in Agricultural Electrification for 1972. In rating the state title, Carnley knocked down a $500 cash award provided by the Alabama Rural Electric Association, the Alabama Power Company, and the National FFA Foundation. He represented Alabama in regional competition.

Since his father is an appliance technician, young Carnley, in choosing an occupational objective in electricity, is “staying with” a field he knows something about.

In addition to enrolling in all the agribusiness instruction offered by instructor Leonard Moore at the Fairhope High School, Carnley took advantage of his opportunities to supplement his training by working with a local electrical contractor on a cooperative-type work experience program.

“Co-oping has been my proving ground,” says the Fairhope youth. “I now know for sure that I want an electrical future.”

During the time the Baldwin County youth spent on the cooperative work program, he worked over 2,000 hours, wired over 75 residences, and installed 20 complete meter services. He has done both commercial and residential wiring.

“CO-OPING” over 2,000 hours, William Carnley can wire a house from start to finish according to his work experience supervisor. Here William pulls wire for distribution panel circuits.

and is equally comfortable with both. He has built a portable power generator, done three-phase wiring in conduit, repaired electric motors, rewired an irrigation pump and service, and modernized his home wiring service.

According to Boyd M. Langley, Carnley’s work experience supervisor, Bill can wire a house from start to finish. “With time he has figured out how to do every assignment he has been given,” said Langley. “I don’t mean Bill can do everything right the first time he tries it, but he has enough stickability to see a job through.”

Young Carnley’s wide range of electrical competencies includes reading blueprints, figuring ampere capacities, and remediying voltage drop. He has installed service drops, weatherheads, and meter bases. He has repaired electric motors and changed their polarities.

“I have learned that chassis grounding a motor will help reduce damage by lightning as well as promote the safety of people that come in contact with it,” points out Alabama FFA’s star electrician.

“Another thing I have learned,” elaborates Carnley, “is not to mix aluminum and copper wires on a job; they cause each other to corrode, get hot, and eventually burn up.”

Demonstrating his knowledge of electrical safety, Carnley says he uses only Underwriters’ Approved parts and devices in his electrical work. But he’s quick to add, “Even high quality merchandise is unsafe if it is carelessly or improperly installed.”

Other state winners in the Alabama FFA Electrification program this year are Clay Murrell, Wetumpka, second; Rodney McWhorter, Millerville, third; Ned Holcomb, Section, fourth; Terry Brooks, Florala, fifth; and Curtis Ray Massey, Coffee Springs, sixth.

**Donkey What?**

A wild donkey basketball game was played by the Gardendale FFA members and the Gardendale Jugglers against the Mayor’s Gang and the City Council.

The game was held at 7:00 P.M. in the Gardendale High School Gym and was a successful fund-raising activity for the chapter this year.

Refreshments were sold during the game, and a clown, who doubled as "sanitation engineer," was also present to entertain.

A donkey ballgame is sure to be a success, especially in your area! It’s so easy, too; they supply posters, tickets, a clown suit, and the donkeys. Plan one, then write: Buckeye Donkey Ball Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1235, Columbus, Ohio.
Getting Involved in FFA

Ronald Turner, State Vice President
Alabama FFA Association

The FFA has meant much to me. In fact, you might say that I grew up under the influence of the FFA. My two older brothers were FFA members, one serving as president of the Citronelle chapter. Naturally I was quite young when first exposed to the FFA, but I had already determined in my mind to become an active member as soon as possible.

Finally, in the ninth grade, my opportunity arrived. My eyes were really opened when I became an FFA member and saw the many opportunities available. Dreams were becoming realities. Opportunities began to knock. My advisor helped me become interested in various programs of the chapter. My ambitions grew, and soon I was elected to serve as vice-president and later president of my local chapter. Certainly, becoming a state officer has been one of the highlights of this FFA member’s life.

Record Number Qualify For Highest Degree

A record number, 729, FFA members qualified for the State Farmer Degree according to H. W. Green, State Agribusiness Education Supervisor. With 162, the Northeast District had the most candidates to qualify with 162.

Jacksonville FFA Active in Community Affairs

Picnicking in Calhoun County and the city of Jacksonville should increase as a result of a recent community service project by the Jacksonville FFA chapter.

Since camping and picnicking are among the fastest growing types of recreation, agribusiness students and FFA members at Jacksonville High School are assisting the Recreation and Park Board by constructing picnic tables to improve outdoor recreation facilities at the City Park.

The project, which is financed by a Federal Grant, is part of the FFA chapter’s “Building Our American Communities” (BOAC) program. The BOAC program is designed to stimulate interest in community improvement then point out ways students can take constructive action to help their communities prepare for the future.

According to agribusiness instructors Leonard Smith and Wayne Wortham, the construction of the picnic tables is not only a service to the community, but provides students an opportunity to “learn by doing.” “They not only develop but apply shop skills learned in their agribusiness curriculum.”

The instructors point out that the use of the Jacksonville shop facilities is saving the city considerable money and at the same time netting the chapter a few dollars. The FFA chapter is constructing eighteen 12 foot tables at a cost of forty-five dollars each.

The project will have an impact on outdoor recreation in the area, and by entering the BOAC program, recognition for the student’s efforts will be possible at different levels of competition, relates the instructors.

WE COULD put one over there,” advises agribusiness instructor Wayne Wortham to FFA member Mike Broadwell as they survey the Jacksonville City Park to determine location for eighteen picnic tables built by Jacksonville FFA chapter.
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Tanner Expands Agribusiness Program

The horticulture industry, a vital part of the agribusiness industry, needs qualified employees to work in nurseries, garden centers, florist shops, landscaping firms and general horticultural businesses.

Recognizing employment opportunities in this field, Tanner High School is expanding the regular agribusiness program to include a specialized course in ornamental horticulture. The program is designed to give students work experiences in soil preparation, plant propagation, flower culture, landscaping and greenhouse management.

The horticulture program began three years ago with the construction of a 20' X 30' greenhouse to provide lab experiences for students enrolled in the agribusiness program. Recently a new 12' X 15' fiber glass propagation house was constructed by students and FFA members.

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE students Hoyt Williamson, Joe Williams, and Wilbert Woodruff are receiving practical experiences in the construction of their new greenhouse at Tanner High School. Agribusiness instructor David Cummings advises on installation of fiberglass.

The chapter's annual spring plant sale provides funds for operating and expanding the horticultural facilities. Over four thousand dollars is invested in the two greenhouse laboratories.

The 120 students involved in the agribusiness program are under the direction of advisors David Cummings and O. P. Harris.

Instructor Cummings, who heads the specialized horticulture program, states that interest by students in the vocational-education program has increased with the emphasis on horticulture in the agribusiness curriculum.

Philip Barron, a student enrolled in the horticulture program, is taking advantage of his instruction and following his career objective by establishing his own greenhouse and nursery business. The senior FFA member has built a 12' X 15' greenhouse.

Opp FFA Sells Fruit Trees

Members of the Opp FFA chapter recently placed nursery stock in sixty-six homes with orders totaling over 700 dollars during their annual fruit tree sale.

Agribusiness instructors David Asle, Frank Penston, and Rod Reynolds are advisors for the 150 member chapter at Opp High School. The instructors are quick to point out that the fruit tree sale is not a fund raising activity, but a community service project.

The sale is designed for FFA members to gain experience in selling, learn to work cooperatively and render a service to the school community by making nursery stock available to FFA members and adults at a special price.

Since horticulture is studied in the agribusiness curriculum, students take special interest in the chapter project and believe that every rural family and many folks living in town can grow some type of fruit for home use.

LOADING fruit tree orders for delivery are Opp Agribusiness students Ed Hadley, James Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Steve Reynolds. Over sixty families ordered nursery stock during the Opp FFA chapter fruit tree sale.

EXAMINING root growth of cabbage plants in Jiffey 7's, a self-contained propagation mixture, are Tanner FFA members James McLin, left, Philip Barron, center, and instructor David Cummings.

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Crandall Langley of Fairhope is an agribusiness education student at the Fairhope High School, but he does not plan to farm.

"Because our farm is so small, my four brothers and I cannot all hope to make a living on it," says Crandall. "That's why I have decided upon a new career goal — a union electrician."

And, would you believe, his modern-day course in agribusiness education is helping him prepare for an electrician's pay day.

Along with regular classroom instruction in agribusiness Crandall works with a local electrical contractor to develop skills needed on the job.

According to Crandall's work supervisor, the aspiring electrician can just about wire a house from start to finish already.

And Baldwin County has other Crandall Langleys.

In the county's agribusiness programs over 700 students are enrolled in regular high school offerings and roughly 150 participate in such agribusiness programs as power mechanics, ornamental horticulture, and building construction at the county's area vocational schools.

Superintendent Candler McGowan and the Baldwin County Board of Education employ 14 agribusiness teachers to handle agribusiness teaching responsibilities. Six of these work in the area vocational centers at Robertsdale and Bay Minette.

"Our county-wide objective in agribusiness education in Baldwin is to offer instruction in production agriculture and pre-professional agribusiness in the regular high school programs and specialized agribusiness in the area schools," says C. W. Grant, Baldwin County Vocational Director.
“We feel good about our programs,” beams Grant. “The students in our skills courses at Robertsdale and Bay Minette are either average or above the average of general education students. This speaks well of their seriousness of purpose—they’re in the programs because they want the skills the schools have to offer,” believes the county director.

The county board of education has invested $625,000 of local education money in the area vocational programs for one primary reason—to provide students with salable skills.

William Carnley of Fairhope, the top winner of the state FFA-ag-ed electrification program and $500 cash award last year, is an agribusiness education success story. Extending the walls of the ag-ed classroom, Carnley logged over 2,000 hours in practical work experiences while completing his high school studies. Today, Carnley is a full-time electrician.

Robert Meyers, who today engages in power and diesel mechanics training at Bay Minette, has a promising future in that field.

Cooperative education is popular in Baldwin County. Bay Minette High School’s agribusiness teachers Daniel Nelson and Elbert McCants with 27 co-op students have to have one of the state’s largest cooperative training programs. Leonard Moore has 15 students he supervises in cooperative work set-ups at Fairhope.

Eddie Woerner, Foley, represents the alternate route of a major in agribusiness education. Eddie stacked up numerous laurels while participating in FFA and agribusiness including the prestigious “Alabama Future Farmer of the Year” title last year. His production agriculture course of study led to his present-day full-time farming status.

Baldwin County has some younger Eddie Woerners, too.

“Since ours is a leading agricultural producing county,” says vocational director Grant, “a big task facing agribusiness education in regular high school programs is instilling interest in production agriculture and turning out replacement farmers.”

Agribusiness instructor Jack Beasley administers an outstanding swine production unit at Fairhope which means practical lessons in swine herd management for his Fairhope students.

Louis Lazzari of Robertsdale who lives on a highly prolific crop farm learns farming first-hand from his father who is a real professional. Young Lazzari gleams technical information from T. V. Bishop’s agribusiness classes.

Jeff Underwood and Chuck Rhodes, Foley agribusiness students, are particularly interested in beef production. For...
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COOPERATIVE SERVICE PROJECT: Agribusiness students at Geraldine and other DeKalb County ag departments worked cooperatively in the construction of these panels used for separating groups of animals at a local hog sale barn. Instructor Terry Sisco and FFA member Terry Johnson inspect the welding on one of the panels.

FFA SWEETHEART—Kay Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Bush of route one Eufaula, is the Bakerhill FFA Sweetheart for 1972-73. She shows off her trophy presented to her by President Mickey Mcraney. The attractive 15 year old freshman is an active member of FHA and FTA.

CREATING floral arrangements at George M. Rogers Area Vocational Center are students Lisa White, center, Pam Schnittker, right, and floriculture instructor William Armstrong. The unique agribusiness course provides instruction in basic floral design, florist shop management and flower culture for nineteen students enrolled in the program.

BOAC PROJECT—Semmes FFA members Bennie McGee, Barry Webb, Bernard Amber, Terry Robinson, and Carl Thornburg are planting azaleas along the main walk of Mary G. Montgomery High School. The landscaping project is under the supervision of advisor O. H. Green.

“DIG A LITTLE DEEPER”—Advises D. F. Halcombe as he supervises Alabama Boys Industrial School students Roger Green, left, and James Turner, center, in campus beautification project.

A REAL SHOWMAN—Sandy Wadsworth, Wetumpka FFA member, is determining the best method of handling his two angus steers in preparation for the Elmore County and State steer shows. C. S. Bazemore, FFA advisor and agribusiness instructor, is assisting Sandy with his livestock projects. A junior at Wetumpka High School, Sandy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Wadsworth of Wetumpka.

RABBIT PROJECT: Wade Roberson, Millerville FFA’er has an unusual agribusiness project—producing rabbits for profit. In partnership with his father, Wade has 50 does and plans to expand to 600 does in five years. Rabbits are sold in Atlanta for 40¢ per pound when they reach 5 pounds usually in 7 weeks. Wade’s goal is to produce an average litter of twelve.

MAKING USE OF GLASS JUGS—County Superintendent, Mr. Edward K. Wood, and Pike County Junior High Agribusiness Teacher, L. A. Robinson, observe students making beautiful table lamps from glass jugs. These students are using a round file and kerosene to bore the hole in the jug. Students involved are Varick Tucker and Brent Holmes.

FFA SWEETHEART—Lexington’s FFA Sweetheart is pretty, brown-eyed Sandra Burbank. Sandra is a junior at Lexington High School, and is active in school activities and serves as Co-Captain Varsity Cheerleader, Vice President pep club, and a member of the FHA. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hurshel Burbank of Lexington. Sandra will represent the chapter at banquets, local activities and on FFA programs.
Bank Strong Booster Of Ag-Ed And FFA

Gaylesville FFA'ers are all for "women's lib" especially since a lady banker has financed the purchase of beef steers for their livestock projects.

With the support of the Merchants Bank of Centre, the FFA chapter at Gaylesville has expanded its livestock program by providing on-campus steer projects for thirteen Cherokee County agribusiness students. The steers are being trained and fitted for fat steer exhibits in the district livestock show in Huntsville and State Steer Show in Montgomery next spring.

Through the efforts of Joyce Loveless, School Coordinator for the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and the loan department, financing has been provided for the boys to not only purchase their calves but support their feeding programs. The calves were purchased from local breeders in Cherokee County.

SOUND INVESTMENT—Joyce Loveless, School Coordinator, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Centre, and Ray Herren, agribusiness instructor are discussing progress of thirteen show steers financed by the bank for Gaylesville FFA members.

ON-CAMPUS WORK EXPERIENCE—FFA members at Gaylesville High School are training thirteen steers on the school campus for livestock shows this spring. Agribusiness instructor Ray Herren, right, is discussing "fine" points of showing animals.

For many of the students, it was their first banking experience and will not be easily forgotten especially if they do not show a profit when their fat steers are sold. Agribusiness instructor, Ray Herren points out to the students that the main objective of the steer program is not to win the "blue ribbon," but provide experiences for them and also make a "little" money. "The livestock projects also teach students responsibility," relates Herren.

The livestock program at Gaylesville is unique since facilities are available for students to have projects at school. Five and one-half acres of pasture adjacent to the school campus and a gymnasium converted into a barn provide space and housing for steer projects, and quarters for the chapter's purebred Hereford bull. The bull is used to provide educational experiences for agribusiness students and upgrade cattle in the school community. In 1972 the chapter bull won the Reserve Championship of the State FFA Bull Show in Montgomery.

The bank is not the only institution supporting the Gaylesville agribusiness program. The Cherokee Board of Education has provided building materials for fencing, and paint for the renovated livestock barn.

Future livestock plans of the Gaylesville FFA chapter includes establishing a small purebred beef herd.

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40' greenhouse and is already making plans for future expansion. Philip is a contender for the top prize in the FFA Ornamental Horticulture Proficiency Award. In 1972 a Tanner FFA'er placed second in the state contest.

According to Cummings, several adults in the Tanner community have developed interest in ornamental horticulture as a result of the school horticulture program. They have built practical greenhouses and established small horticultural enterprises. Limestone County has three large nurseries and a number of small operations that offer job opportunities for students.

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Agribusiness students are not only learning skills in gardening, but such mechanical skills as plumbing, installing 460 feet of pipe for the irrigation system, carpentry skills in building the storage house and skills in erecting the chain link fence.

Williams points out that the school garden will not only provide students with valuable hands on work experiences in gardening, but encourage them to have a good garden at home. "Our objective is for each student to have at least a 20' X 20' garden plot at home," states Williams.

The first year agribusiness students are primarily using the laboratory but other students will benefit, also. Standard vegetables are being planted and also vegetables not commonly grown such as broccoli, asparagus, cauliflower and others that can be successfully grown in Alabama to make the garden as educational and profitable as possible.

THE ALABAMA FFA REPORTER
FFA ROUNDUP

NEW SITE: Won 8th place in the Charlotte Valley Livestock Judging Contest; participated in school ground improvement projects; improved school grounds around school; laid concrete block walls and eliminated unsightly clay banks; entered Progressive Farmer sales contest and sold $450 in subscriptions; chapter sponsored vocational agriculture contests; participated in school ground beautification project; 100% membership in FFA; subscribed for 50 copies of FFA Reporter.

EAST LIMESTONE: Elected FFA sweetheart; chapter working in greenhouse; participated in community beautification; held joint FFA-FHA meeting; chapter sponsored golf tournament; 100% membership in FFA; subscribed for 50 copies of FFA Reporter.

LEXINGTON: Published four news releases; purchased $100 worth of hand tools; recognized outstanding members; elected FFA Sweetheart; five members applied for State Farmers Degree; constructed 12 wood flower pots for sale; kept concession stand at home baseball games; chose Mike Pett of White Sulphur Springs as FFA chapter president; purchased a new refrigerator at the Alabama State Fair; initiated a craft guild; attended two officer and two chapter meetings; sold 86 members; conducted an FFA fair exhibit; subscribed to 75 copies of FFA News; maintained 12 mailbox posts; appointed committees for program of work; won first place in the Alabama State Fair;

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RED BAY: Held first place on homecoming parade float; appointed committees for program of work; held box meeting; held chapter public speaking contest; held first place on homecoming parade float; held first place on homecoming parade float; held first place on homecoming parade float.

EAST LIMESTONE: Twelve chapter farmers initiated; preparing for chapter and county contests; awarded membership certificates; visitors were served breakfast; put up bulletin boards and posters in school; gathered 6,000 pine seedlings for chapter use; held officer and two chapter meetings; sold 86 members; conducted an FFA fair exhibit; subscribed to 75 copies of FFA News; maintained 12 mailbox posts; appointed committees for program of work; won first place in the Alabama State Fair;

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