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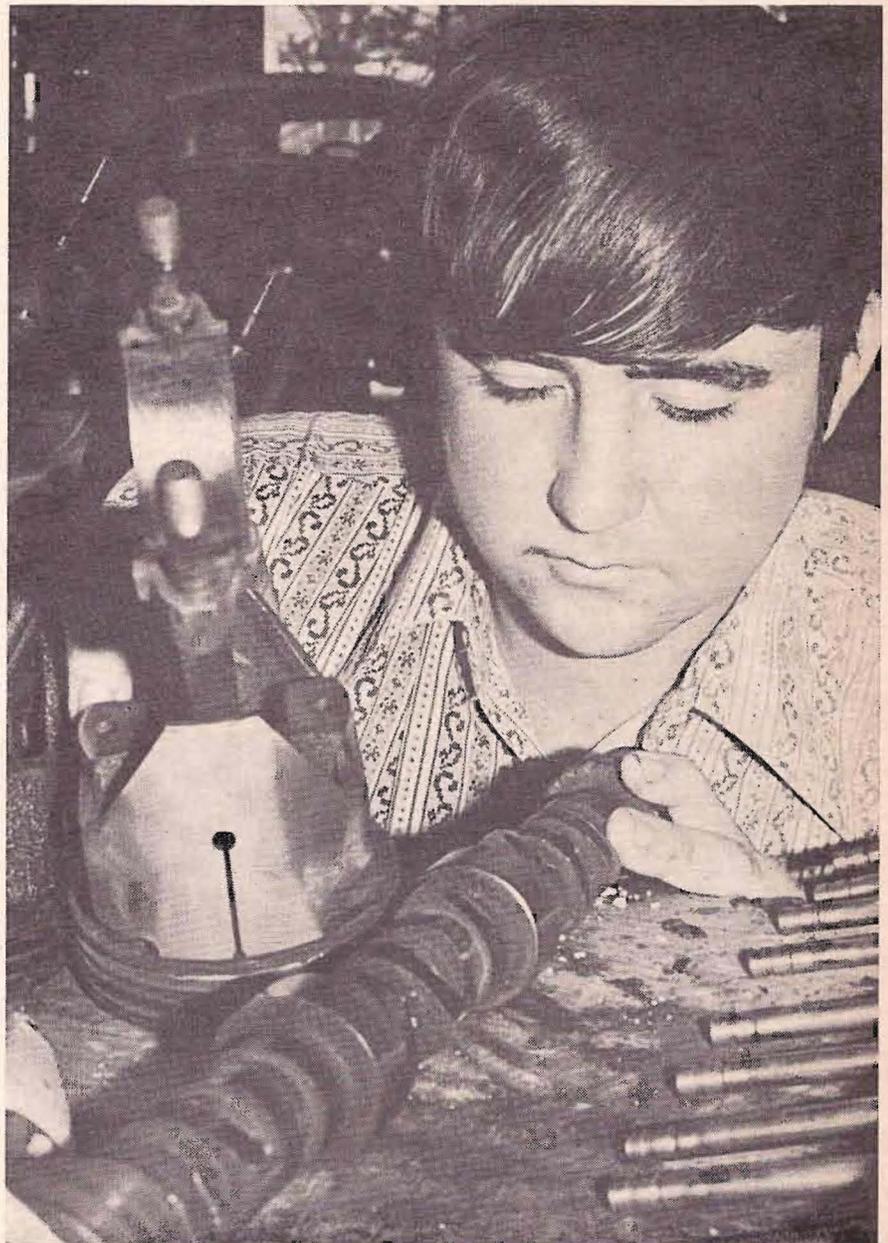
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"Golden Opportunities For Youth"

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!"

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O. H. BOWDEN

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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.

Our Cover

AGRIBUSINESS offers many young men the opportunities for a career involving agricultural equipment—service technician, salesman, partsman, shop manager, manufacturer's technician, and equipment dealer to name a few. Here Robert Meyers, a student at Bay Minette Area Vocational School inspects the cam shaft of a power unit as part of his training in power and diesel mechanics. Robert is a member of the Bay Minette FFA which is under the direction of advisor J. W. Porter.

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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.



AGRICULTURE and business leaders joined the state FFA officers in Birmingham to celebrate National FFA Week. Shown from left are Roger Page, Red Bay, Steve Fowler, Wicksburg, S. H. Booker, Vice-President—Marketing, Alabama Power, M. D. "Pete" Gilmer, State Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, Tim DeLoach, Weogufka, and Ronnie Turner, Citronelle.

— FFA —

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

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ALABAMA Power Company engineer, David Walters, left, explains to State FFA officers the operation of this giant computer in the power pool that controls production and transmission of electricity for the Southern Company System. James Edwards, right, Senior Agricultural Engineer—Youth and Education, directed the tour of Alabama Power's facilities which was part of the officers visit to Birmingham 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.

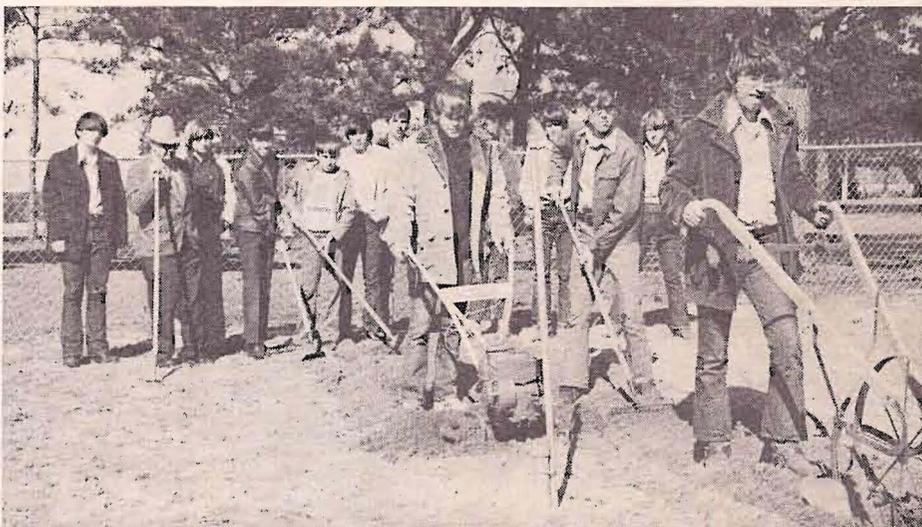
The Andalusia school garden is just one of the many vegetable gardens being planted on or nearby school campuses in the state wide thrust by the State Department of Education to promote and develop gardening skills. The garden laboratory is a natural for the agribusiness education curriculum and simply 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 in-

structor, 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.

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ANDALUSIA agribusiness students enjoy working in the school garden laboratory. Preparing the soil for planting are FFA members Jerry Little, operating rotary tiller and Bob Adkinson, using garden plow. G. S. Williams, agribusiness instructor advises students on proper land preparation methods.

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.

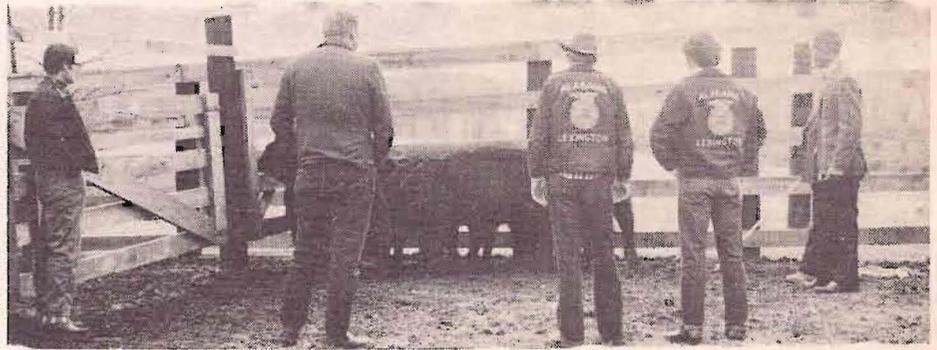


"THAT ONE RIGHT THERE" seems to be what Barry McCafferty, Lexington FFA member, is telling his advisor, J. R. Hankins, left, as Paul Newton, right, looks on.

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



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

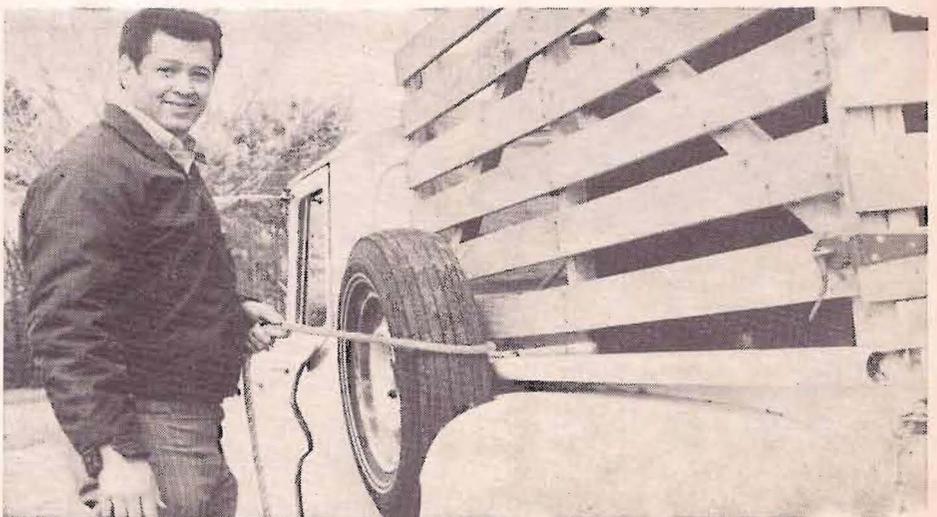
all near the same age. FFA chapters draw for selection by ear tag number. Prior to selection the entire program is explained and notice is given of the requirements the chapter is expected to fulfill. Foremost among the requirements is that the bull be halter broken and showed at a special livestock 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 cattleman, 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



J. J. GRAY, agribusiness instructor, secures Sulligent chapter's bull after loading and finds the animal will be easy to halter break and train.

sound beginning in the beef business to the bulls of the Sears program.

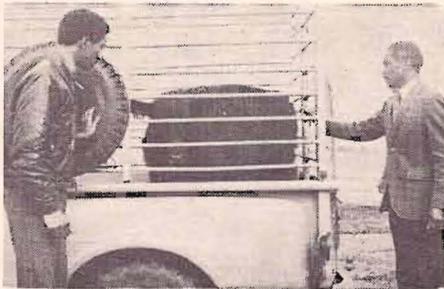
Excellent educational opportunities are provided directly because of this program. The all-day students have responsibility for the care and handling of their department's bulls. They also have the chance to become familiar with top quality beef sires, and to observe first hand, the benefits of using 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 breeding 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 contribution by purebred breeders in the state since 1955 has been the backbone of the livestock improvement program. Agribusiness education officials are appreciative 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 exhibited by FFA'er Jeff Burleson and agribusiness 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 Steward Simmons to his father and local advisor S. W. Simmons of the Notasulga FFA chapter. The bull is one year old D. D. Emulous of Keysville, Georgia.

Mr. C. W. Reed
Specialist, FFA & Information
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama 36830

Dear Mr. Reed:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend to your office for special recognition the Heflin Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

This chapter participated in a road block in Heflin, Alabama, Sunday, February 25, 1973, accepting contributions for the American Heart Fund. The boys displayed both willingness and steadfastness which is essential for a drive of this type to be successful. The boys gave unselfishly of their time and capabilities.

It is boys like these that make me very proud of our youth today. Any special recognition given them will be most deserving.

Sincerely yours,
W. Leon Nelson
Bank of Heflin

DECEPTION - A fat lady stepped on the scales, not knowing they were out of order, and put in a penny. The scales went up to 57 pounds and stopped. A newsboy standing by noticed the situation. "My Gawd?" he cried. "She's hollow!"



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EARNING TO LIVE
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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.



YOUNG William Carnley demonstrates his proficiency to agribusiness instructor Leonard Moore, left, as he installs the electrical controls for this heating-air conditioning unit.

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 remedying 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.



PARTICIPATING in the FFA's Agricultural Electrification Proficiency Program, Carnley compiled an outstanding record which won state honors in 1972. Here William installs a light circuit in one of the 75 residences he completely wired as a co-op student.

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Donkey What?

A wild donkey basketball game was played by the Gardendale FFA members and the Gardendale Joggers 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.



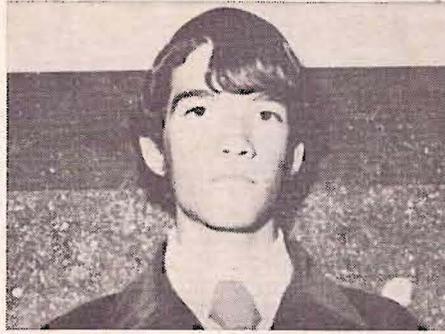
WILLIAM and electrical contractor, Boyd Langley study blueprints of residential wiring job.

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,



RONALD TURNER

becoming a state officer has been one of the highlights of this FFA member's life.

All agribusiness students and FFA members are encouraged to develop supervised practice or work experience programs at home, by using school facilities or with agricultural related businesses. My programs consisted of market hogs, beef cattle, and truck farming. Our family farm is not a big one, but it's a happy one. I have learned many things

in the life of a farm boy without the guidance of a father. Unfortunately, my father passed away when I was very young. Luckily, I had two older brothers and an uncle to help me out. Naturally, my mother and two sisters were most interested in my welfare.

One of the things I have learned is that no matter how much work is done today, there is still much to do tomorrow — if not more. This statement is true in the FFA — there is always something to do, goals to achieve which will help us in life. We, as young people, should realize this fact and strive to improve ourselves even though it does require a little work.

It may be hard to realize, but we are the leaders of tomorrow. The FFA is certainly contributing to that cause. Yes, we hope to be leaders in a generation of peace. I believe it can be, too. Although we work hard and still don't achieve all our goals, I want to at least know that we tried.



SELECTING State Farmer candidates this year was a pleasant task for State Officer Terry Johnson and District Supervisor J. C. Hollis since every student meeting minimum qualifications could be granted the degree. The Northeast District had the most candidates to qualify with 162.

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 State Farmer Degree winners this year.

District supervisors and state FFA officers charged with the gigantic task of reviewing and recommending state farmers report they had the heaviest volume of applications of any previous year, and the overall quality of the applicants was exceptional.

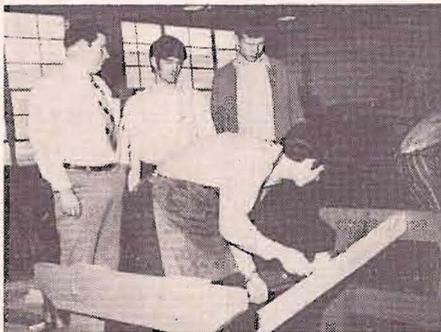
Following the Northeast District in state farmers was the West Central District with 157; the North with 118; the Southeast with 117; the East Central with 90; and the Southwest, 85.

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.

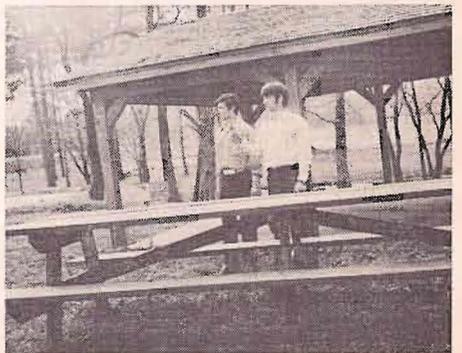


AGRIBUSINESS student Mike Broadwell is "spreading" the paint as Jacksonville City Superintendent Charles Nunn and instructors Leonard Smith and Wayne Wortham inspect one of the eighteen picnic tables built for the Recreation and Park Board. Picnic tables will be used in the Jacksonville City Park.

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

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

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 Ashe, Frank Penton, 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.

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BAY MINETTE Area Vocational students Alvin Peavy and Richard Johnson demonstrate masonry skills as B. H. Nall, left, principal, and Aubrey Weaver, instructor, observe.



POWER and diesel mechanics students Robert Cooper, left, and Dwight Agee, right, "check out" an engine for Robertsdale Area Principal Tom Underwood.

Features Multi-fold Training



CRANDALL LANGLEY wants to be an electrician. That's why he enrolled in Leonard Moore's agribusiness classes at Fairhope.

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.



LEARNING shrubbery identification from Brent Walters, center, at Robertsdale Area Vocational School are Bonnie Strazi, Pat Pate, Teresa Langhan, and Brad Morgan.



RAY ANDERSON, left, and Charles Drinkard, right, focus on a small engine quiz board used by Ag-Ed Instructor Elbert McCants at Baldwin County High School.



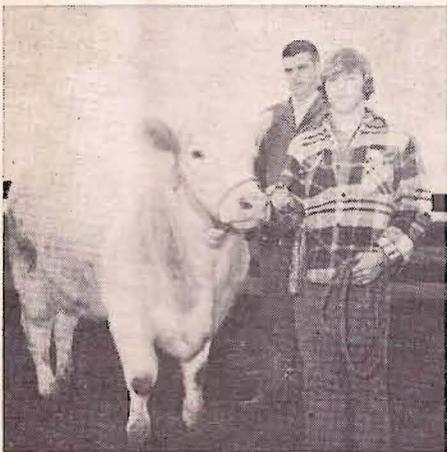
FOLLOWING J. E. Crowley's instructions on engine repair are Jay Hall, left, and Ricky Patterson, right. Robertsdale Principal Tom Underwood sees the job well done.



T. C. JACKSON, left, and his building construction enrollees "paint up" the concession stand they built at Robertsdale. Swinging the brushes are, from left, Kenneth Bishop, Mike Bishop, Kenneth Hall, and Eugene Black.



LOUIS LAZZARI shows part of his soybean crop to Robertsdale ag instructor T. V. Bishop.



JEFF UNDERWOOD, right, student of ag-ed instructor Bobby Hanks at Foley, gets practical lessons in beef cattle management as he raises beef steers to show.

"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 gleans technical information from T. V. Bishop's agribusiness classes.

Jeff Underwood and Chuck Rhodes, Foley agribusiness students, are particularly interested in beef production. For



USING a model to learn landscaping for home grounds, instructor W. M. Martin, left, helps students Audy Rider and Dale Ryland design a landscaping layout.

in-depth experiences they grow out beef steers for showing in livestock contests.

The story is unending.

With every agribusiness education lesson taught in Baldwin lives are influenced, agribusiness-related jobs take on meaning, and students prepare for productivity.

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Fairview Receives Power Train

A Ford tractor power train worth more than \$5291 was donated to Fairview High School by Ford Motor Company's Tractor and Implement Operation's — North America.

The donation, arranged by G. & W. Ford Tractor, Cullman, is part of a continuing program by the company and its dealers in support of education and agricultural development in the community.

The power train consists of a three cylinder 201 C.I.D. diesel engine, eight speed manual shift transmission, rear axles, disc brakes and complete hydraulic system.

The presentation to D. M. Eddleman, agribusiness teacher, and Fairview students was made by E. Reese Hall, Zone Manager for Ford Tractor Operations and H. C. Hare of G. & W. Ford Tractor Company.



\$5,291 GIFT—Agribusiness students at Fairview High School are receiving valuable training this year in mechanics because of a new Ford tractor power train donation to the school.

SPOTLIGHT AG-ED STATEWIDE



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.



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 C. Montgomery High School. The landscaping project is under the supervision of advisor O. H. Green.



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—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 McCraney. The attractive 15 year old freshman is an active member of FHA and FTA.



"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.



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.



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.



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.

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.



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



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.

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

REPORTER HONOR ROLL

(Commendation to local reporters doing outstanding jobs in news reporting.)

Beverly Irvin, Gardendale
Terry Kimbrell, Berry
Pat Patterson, Tanner
Bobby Allen, Section
Michael Allen, East Limestone
Tommy Glasgon, Waterloo
William Bonner, Snow Hill Institute
Larry Walls, Douglas
James Taylor, Ramer
Hulie Reynolds, Carver
Jay Woods, Red Bay
Royce Bachelor, Ft. Deposit
Rickie Dale, Fairview
Mark Barnett, Troy
Charles Price, New Site
Bruce Ashley, Greenville
Clint Austin, Heflin
Jeff Moore, Heflin
Dennis Smith, Bakerhill
Ronald Britnell, Russellville
Tom Bailey, Tuscaloosa County

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.

FFA ROUNDUP

NEW SITE: Won fifth place in the Chattahoochee Valley Livestock Judging Contest; participated in school grounds improvement projects—installed cyclone fence around divisions of playground, laid concrete block walls and eliminated unsightly clay banks; entered Progressive Farmer sales contest and sold \$450 in subscriptions; chapter conducted park beautification project; 100% membership in FFA; subscribed for 50 copies of FFA Reporter.

EAST LIMESTONE: Elected FFA sweetheart; chapter working in greenhouse; participated in county public speaking contest; published three news articles; established a FFA basketball team; promoted FFA week; cleared intersections during FFA week in East Limestone community for Community Safety project.

TANNER "A": Chapter president, Buster Williamson, won first place in the county public speaking contest; had a speaker from soil conservation service; put up bulletin boards and posters in observance of FFA week; started plants in greenhouse for spring plant sale; built 50 hurdles for track team; 100% chapter membership.

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 basketball games; chose Mr. FFA, Dwight Newton FFA president; purchased a purebred Angus bull through the Alabama FFA Association Sears-FFA Bull Program.

WATERLOO: Held special meeting in celebration of FFA week; passed out litter bags to members; program presented by Forest Ranger; activated banquet committee; published articles on Pig Chain Boar.

ROGERS: Ordered 72 subscriptions of FFA Reporter; major money making project is running a concession at basketball games; Mr. Wagnon, County Extension Agent discussed jobs in agribusiness during chapter meeting; added 43 new FFA members.

RAMER: Officers this year are: president—Stanley Taylor; vice president—John Tales; secretary—Conrad Gibson; treasurer—Larry McQueen; reporter—James Taylor; sentinel—Robert McQueen.

FORT DEPOSIT: Ordered fruit trees to be used in their Orchard Improvement Projects in the community; planted 6,000 pine seedlings in forestry improvement projects; planned program for National FFA Week; Kim Wilson—Secretary was selected on All-State Football team; working to get all the Farmers and Ranchers to test their soils this year; repairing school desks and equipment for the entire school this year to save the Board of Education money on school equipment.

EAST LIMESTONE: Twelve chapter farmers initiated; preparing for chapter and county contest; erecting traffic signs around school; helped two needy families; purchased \$75 worth of books for chapter use; held two officer and two chapter meetings; built chapter greenhouse with galvanized pipe and plastic to raise plants for chapter members gardens and yards.

ENTERPRISE "A": Elected activities program committees; executive committee set cash prizes for chapter contest winners; chapter sponsored wiener roast.

CARVER: Subscribed to 33 copies of the FFA Reporter; paid dues on 86 members; conducted training sessions for all local officers; provided all first-year students FFA manuals; initiated 46 greenhands; Samuel Davis won the chapter and county corn growing contest with 120 bushels of corn per acre; John L. Baker won the chapter public speaking contest.

RED BAY: Won first place on homecoming parade float; appointed committees for program of work; sold MOX products to raise chapter funds; bought a new oxygen-acetylene welder; had christmas party social.

FAIRVIEW: Made 23 mailbox posts; appointed program of work committees; won first place on FFA fair exhibit; subscribed to 75 copies of FFA Reporter; assembled chairs for new building; had greenhand initiation; presented membership cards and pens to 48 members; held chapter farmer ceremonies; sold candy to buy equipment for shop.

SNOW HILL INSTITUTE: Introduced new or updated guidelines to be used in promoting this year's program at chapter officer meeting—guidelines provide innovation in leadership, citizenship, service to others, to name a few; forty chapter members subscribed to the FFA Reporter.

DOUGLAS: Project records were closed out for students taking vocational agribusiness. Several members will apply for State Farmer Degrees and one will apply for the American Farmer Degree. Ronald Montgomery named chapter champion corn grower; held a joint FFA-FHA meeting; chapter had PFC Phil Jones, Army Recruiter, as their guest; "Color My World" was the theme for FFA-

FHA Valentine party; held speaking contest—first place winner was Larry Walls and second place winner was James McCullars.

TROY: Ordered 150 copies of FFA Reporter; completed FFA calendar ad sales; initiated 90 greenhands into Career Education; featured a student of the week in local paper; presented two FFA sweetheart jackets; donated food, clothing, and toys to Troy Jaycees for underprivileged children.

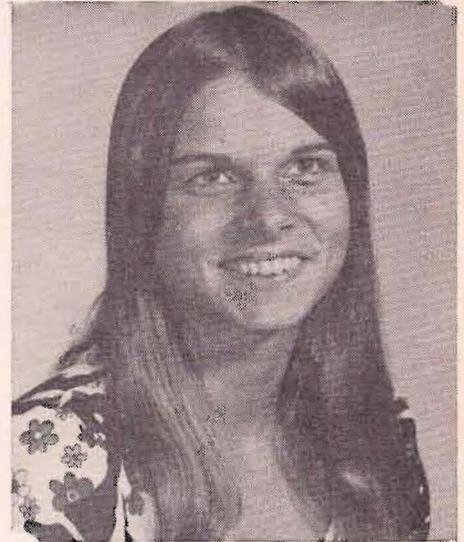
BERRY: Held annual assembly for student body of school during FFA week; awarded champion corn growers certificates; elected honorary member and presented same with honorary chapter farmer certificate; sponsored gospel concert to raise money for needed tools; rebuilt automobile engine in shop; made two new cattle truck beds and rebuilt one cattle bed; rebuilding small gasoline engines with senior I class; submitted four State Farmer Degree applications.

AUBURN: Held chapter public speaking contest during assembly of student body and faculty; Billy Allgood won first place, Joe Waters won second and Larry Dowdell won third place, judges were Dr. J. W. Gossett, Mr. M. D. Guthery and Mr. Frank Jenkins.

GARDENDALE: Held open house—county wide; artificial pine cone and nut wreaths were on display with baskets, centerpieces, door swags, and novelties that had been constructed by the vocational and adult students; visitors were served refreshments and toured the facilities; the open house provided for the sale of live red and pink poinsettias grown by the horticulture class and wrapped by the floriculture students.

SECTION: Chapter supports the use of Camp Jackson as a youth detension home; appointed safety committee; advisor visited past president of Alabama Poultry Association; Frank Rice elected student of the month; safety demonstration was presented by Mr. Dick Carroll, TVA and Mr. Hollis Bottom, Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative on the safe use of electricity; Johnny Carroll, president, is state officer candidate and winner of Jackson County Public Speaking Contest; Robin Haynes won second place in County Public Speaking Contest.

RUSSELLVILLE: During FFA week students distributed posters in downtown stores to remind people of the FFA and its activities and had spots on area radio and TV stations; officers had open house for teachers of the high school to show them the upcoming activities of the club; held public speaking contest to decide who would represent the Russellville chapter in the Franklin County Finals.



FFA SWEETHEART—Gwen Barnes, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Barnes of Route One Harvest, Alabama, is the East Limestone FFA Sweetheart this year. She is a sophomore and participates in Beta Club, is a Senior cheerleader, and officer of FHA. She enjoys most sports, listening to most kinds of music, and reading good books.

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Dadeville Leads In FFA Membership

With 219 members, the Dadeville FFA is the State's largest chapter. The top ten local FFA chapters in the State collectively enrolled almost 2,000 or 7.4 per cent of the total State membership. Latest figures indicate that Alabama FFA chapters have signed up 25,524 FFA'ers this year. This number is good enough to put Alabama No. 2 in membership nationally.

The top ten chapters in membership are:

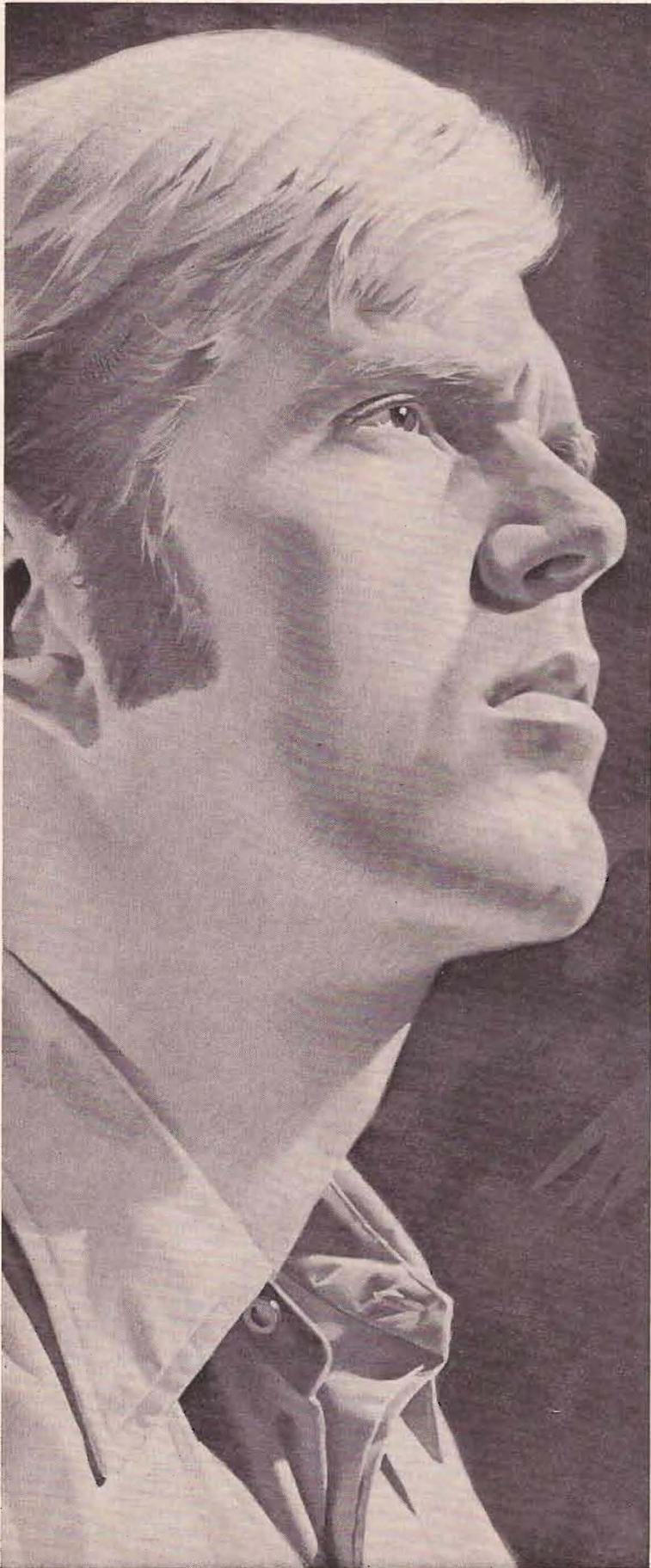
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| 2. Jacksonville Lab | 217 |
| 3. Hokes Bluff | 205 |
| 4. Centreville | 192 |
| 5. Wetumpka | 190 |
| 6. Charles Henderson | 178 |
| 7. Greensboro Public, East | 174 |
| 8. Foley | 164 |
| 9. Arab | 154 |
| 10. Fairhope | 153 |



FFA SWEETHEART—Chelsea's FFA Sweetheart for 1972-73 is attractive Jodi Davis. A junior, Jodi is a member of the FHA, secretary of Student Council and a runner-up in the Miss C.H.S. pageant. Jodi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Davis of Leeds, Alabama.

District FFA Champions, Corn Growing Contest

	(Chapter)	(District)
Fred Hayes	Billingsley	East Central
Gary Gibbs	Sparkman	North
Larry Stallings	Pleasant Home	Southeast
Neal Underwood	Foley	Southwest
Rickey Umphrey	West End	Northeast
William Hocutt	Fayette	West Central



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