The South Dale FFA Chapter has built eighty bluebird houses to supply these birds a home in the South. We feel this is our contribution to maintaining and preserving a beautiful species. After all we should consider what the birds give us.

Phillip Dean, Reporter

The national winning FFA Forestry Judging Team from the Lineville Chapter was recently honored by the Alabama Forestry Association at their annual gathering in Mobile. The team attended the associational meetings and were recognized at a banquet that night. The next day the team attended the Senior Bowl as special guests of the Forestry Association. Recognition continues to come in for the top forestry team in the nation. Team members are Eddie Duke, David Price, Brannon McDonald, and Al Griffin, the National Forestry Management Proficiency Winner.

Lamar Dewberry, Advisor

ATTALLA FFA'ers SPONSOR BREAKFAST TO HONOR EHS FACULTY—The Attalla FFA Chapter sponsored a breakfast to honor the Etowah High School faculty members during National FFA Week. Approximately 50 teachers plus the superintendent and central office staff of Attalla City Schools attended. Plenty of “Blue and Gold” sausage and hot biscuits were served to our guests.

Jim Turner, Advisor
Here at AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGIATE FFA, we are proud of our chapter and the activities in which we're involved. The majority of our membership is made up of Vocational Agricultural Education students and College of Agriculture students. Through this year we have several activities that our members can be involved in for fun as well as experience.

During the Fall Quarter, we start our year by organizing our first meeting as a welcome to our new members and to encourage them to become involved in our many activities. We take an active part in the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, by providing Assistant Superintendents to the National Livestock Judging Contest. We also furnish our members a trip to the International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with our trips we have a social and help with state FFA hog shows.

During the Winter Quarter our biggest event is our steer show, in which we invite every high school student in the state to participate and show their steers. This show gives us, as future FFA advisors, the experience in setting up and conducting a livestock show. We also send representatives to observe and participate in the Alabama Young Farmers Convention. We hold our annual FFA Banquet during this quarter to recognize people within and outside our chapter who have contributed to our program. We also recognize members who have achieved and maintained high academic goals.

The Spring and Summer Quarters are our busiest times of the year. We hold our annual steer and lamb sale which is the main financial providing activity for our organization. We invite many different breeders to bring their show steers and lambs to sell to state FFA members who are interested in showing steers or lambs. We also take a spring trip to a neighboring university to observe their chapter and find ways that we can improve our own chapter. During both quarters we have a social to once again have an opportunity to fellowship with our members. We also travel to the State FFA Convention where we are responsible for convention sales.

The Auburn University Collegiate FFA Chapter provides any person interested in a career in agriculture an opportunity to meet fellow agriculture majors and the experience of livestock and national travel. We encourage you to come and join us and have a good time.

Lee Willis, President

CLAY COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL FFA MEMBERS RECEIVE JACKETS—An assembly was held at Clay County High School as members of the Future Farmers of American Chapter were awarded their jackets. The Ashland FFA is the second chapter in Alabama to have 100% of the membership own a FFA jacket, as all 58 members have them. Chris Cone, State FFA Reporter, was the guest speaker and did an outstanding job. Ashland FFA officers are President, Gary Cooper; Vice President, Darrell Clime; Reporter, Ronald Bryant; Treasurer, Roger Shirley; Secretary, Mark Mitchell and Sentinel, Tucker Adams.

Jerry Bennett, Advisor

The major SAE Program for the Hartford FFA Chapter is showing steers and heifers. The chapter has twenty-five students showing a total of twenty-seven steers and sixteen heifers. The students sell calendar ads in order to purchase show supplies and to pay travel expenses. Pictured are the FFA officers with one of the chapter's show steers. They are (l-r) John Highsmith, Reporter; Rebecca Birdsong, Sentinel; Jody Childs, Treasurer; Sheila Walker, Secretary; Linda Kay Birdsong, Vice-President, and Darin Moseley, President.
JACKSONVILLE "GOLD" FFA'ers SALUTE PEARL HARBOR-- On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Forty-seven years later, the Jacksonville "Gold" FFA honored those who fought and died during Pearl Harbor. The master of ceremony for the event was FFA President, Chris Young, who was handed the gavel brought in by four parachutists. The invocation was given by FFA member Morey Gaddy. The National Anthem and America the Beautiful was sung by the "Gold" FFA Quartet while JSU ROTC presented the colors. The 14th Army Band played for the crowd. Retired CSM William A. Nestor gave his personal account of what happened on that day. The 365th Transportation Company helped end this event with a twenty-one gun salute. The video that was made of this event was shown at the State and National Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association meetings.

On January 10, 1989, a press conference was held in Ft. Payne, at the ALABAMA Fan Club, to distribute funds from the June Jam. The group made a $1000 donation to the Alabama FFA Foundation in memory of Mr. E. B. Rotch, agribusiness education teacher and FFA advisor of Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry, and Jeff Cook. Shown during the presentation (l-r) Lloyd Borden, District Specialist, Northeast Alabama; Kelvin Whitaker, State FFA Officer, Kate Duncan Smith DAR Chapter; Mrs. Rotch, and Randy Owen.

THE BREWER "BLUE" FFA Chapter had a special guest during the observance of National FFA Week. Governor Guy Hunt spoke at a special assembly program at Brewer High School. The Governor urged the 1,100 students gathered in the gym not to take the easy way, but to selflessly make the tough decisions that would have a positive impact on themselves and on society. "The only way you can have the things you want in the future is to prepare for it now. Take the hard courses," he urged.

"The easy thing for George Washington to have done would have been to sit back and just let things go on as they were. He was up in years and he was wealthy. But he wasn't just thinking about himself, but about those who would come after him. We sit here today in a free country because George Washington did something for others." "Only in America," Hunt said, "could a poor farm boy grow up to be governor of a state." Hunt, a native of Holly Pond in rural Cullman County, grew up on a farm and has been involved in agriculture all his life. The governor made room in his schedule to speak to the Brewer students at the invitation of Kevin Caudle, President of the school's FFA Chapter, and a member of Hunt's congregation at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church. At the conclusion of his speech, Caudle, on behalf of the FFA, presented the governor an Honorary Chapter Farmer Award, a gold watch, and an FFA hat. Also attending and speaking at the assembly was FFA State Vice-President, Shane Black, of Clements High School.

Don Rowe, Advisor
ATTALLA FFA members have selected Tonya Crowder as their 1988-89 Sweetheart. Tonya, a senior, is also a cheerleader, member of the Honor Court for coronation and was selected 1988 Enewah High School Homecoming Queen.

FFA SWEETHEART — Stacy Ball is the Rogersville FFA Chapter Sweetheart. She is a freshman cheerleader and an active member of FBLA and Jr. Optimist Club. She serves as local 4-H vice-president and FFA secretary. She enjoys swimming and horseback riding.

Charlene Vines, of the BERRY FFA CHAPTER, was recently chosen as the 1988-89 Sweetheart. In addition to being sweetheart of the chapter, Charlene is also the secretary of her local chapter, a member of the FHA, chess club and 4-H club. She attended the State FFA Convention as a 7th grader.

H. E. Potter, Advisor

FFA SWEETHEART — Kari White, Kari is a junior at SLHS and is active in many organizations. She was elected during activities associated with FFA Week.

In other news from our chapter, we are proud of our winners for this year. Some winners are: Quarter: Leigh McAdams, Bob Tomlin, Scott Bouldin and Jerry Mordecai; State Farmers: Stacy Buch, Eric Fleming, Tim Trull, Scott Gartman, Greg Weathers; Chapter Public Speaking: Bob Tomlin; Livestock Judging: Bob Tomlin, Chad Robertson, Phillip McNeese, Stacy Bush; Land Judging: Joe Long, Greg Smith, Hal Allred, Matt Byars, John Hardin. Others will be decided later. The chapter has also applied for the Chapter Award, BOAC, and the Chapter Safety Award. The FFA officers have done a good job in chapter planning and conducting of meetings for this year. They are: Scott Vann, Bob Tomlin, Henry Allred, Tony Hannah, Robbie McCool, and Bryan Wilson.

Stanley McAdams and Frank Hunnicutt, Advisor
ATTALLA FFA MEMBERS SHARE CHRISTMAS — Members of the Attalla FFA Chapter carried Christmas presents to 209 patients of McGuffey Health Care Center in Gadsden. All the patients who were able came to the activity room where FFA members entertained them with singing and fiddle music. The patients joined in with toe tapping, hand clapping and singing of their own. After the entertainment, FFA members visited each patient in their room and presented them a present. The present contained soap, tissue paper and hand lotion. The chapter has received many thank you notes from patients and families expressing their gratitude for the visit and the presents.

ATTALLA FFA'S KIDDIE DAY-ON-THE-FARM — Each spring, during the month of May, members of the Attalla FFA sponsor an event called Kiddie-Day-on-the-Farm. The FFA members bring together 15 to 20 different kinds of farm animals and several tractors and pieces of farm equipment. Elementary school students from area school systems are invited to tour the exhibit and see and feel the animals and equipment. FFA members explain the importance of farm animals and agriculture to these youngsters. Last year 750 elementary school students from Attalla City, Etowah County and Gadsden City School Systems visited the event. A highlight of the visit was a demonstration of blacksmithing skills given by FFA member Chris Goosby. The 1989 Kiddie Day is scheduled for May 4th at Bynum's Livestock Sale Barn in Attalla.

Jim Turner, Advisor

This picture of our State President, Kim Sanders, was taken at the McADORY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. Kim spoke to our members on how much she has enjoyed being our state president. She spoke about setting goals and about motivation. She also talked about her travels with our state officer team.

Shane Stamps, Reporter

Pictured above are members of the ELBA HIGH SCHOOL FFA CHAPTER displaying some woodworking projects which were built by these advanced agribusiness students. These projects, which include an oak dining table, oak bar stools, an oak coffee table and a birch sewing machine cabinet, will make excellent home improvement projects.

Mike Harrelson, Advisor
Traditions begin as creative ideas that find a permanent place in recurring years. This is the way the Annual FFA Bar-B-Q at Brookwood High School began.

In 1982 the tradition began at Riverside Jr. High where David Cunningham was the vo-ag teacher. The idea was to expose students who live in an urban environment to the process that is followed in slaughtering and preparing a market weight hog. From the slaughter, to the cutting of the meat, to the cooking, to at last the eating, the students experienced something rarely afforded as opportunity to them.

As the tradition grew, both city and county officials were invited to take part in the process. This avenue of public involvement gained a better working relationship between the school and the city.

In 1988 Cunningham moved to the Brookwood High School in the same system and the tradition continued. A new portable grill was made by the Ag. III & Ag. IV students. This is a 4' x 10' grill mounted on a bus axle and could be used in many other places and times. That year two market weight hogs were slaughtered.

This year in Brookwood's 2nd Annual Bar-Bar-Q three market weight hogs were slaughtered. Jim Walters Resources, and Brookwood's Adopt-A-School parents took part in the bar-b-q. This year's guests to the vocational departments included many city, county and state officials. Invitations were sent to all department heads at these levels.

As in years past, the home economics department served as hostesses and servers to the officials and dignitaries. This cooperative effort enhances both departments and gives rise to the tradition that cooperation should be the model role for our schools. Officers of both departments get firsthand experience in public relations by serving in the capacity of hosts and hostesses.

This tradition will continue as long as there is a need to provide learning experiences to students. That will give them leadership, cooperation, and citizenship experiences and prepare them for the future roles they will fill.

Dave Cunningham, Advisor

Some of the officials attending the barbecue included (l-r) B. J. York, District Specialist, West Central Alabama; David Cunningham, agribusiness teacher at Brookwood; C. W. Reed, State Specialist, Agribusiness Education, and Dr. S. B. Franks, State Director, Vocational Education Services.
The students of the BRYANT AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER FFA have been very busy this year. Activities they are involved in include their ongoing BOAC project to improve their school. This project includes building new fences for the center's cattle herd, construction of an arboretum and recreational area and nature trails in the 200 acre forestry plot. One off-campus project involves the renovation of a 92 tree pecan orchard. A tree give-away was held on campus the last week of February. More than 13,000 loblolly pines and many hardwood trees were given away with the help of the local office of the Alabama Forestry Commission.

Jenny C. Clark, Advisor

Bryant AVC FFA members planning next steps in nature trail construction in the school's 200 acre forestry plot.

Bryant Center FFA'ers enjoying a break in the newly renovated recreational area on campus.

Bryant AVC FFA members clearing out logs in second phase of BOAC project on campus.

Bryant AVC FFA'er clearing debris in new arboretum area on campus.
GRAND BAY FFA has submitted 23 members for State Farmer Degrees this year. The big news is that one member, Kathy Marschat, will be the first girl to ever receive this degree from our chapter! Grand Bay FFA celebrated National FFA Week by building FFA road signs and putting them up at all city entrances. The FFA livestock program has improved through the relatively new concept of artificial insemination in swine. FFA members Bart Sessions and Walter Hudson, will exhibit several A.I. purebred hogs at the state fairs next year. Beginning FFA members were able to contribute by constructing replicas of purebred breeds of swine and cattle. The "livestock" was constructed from 1/2-inch plywood, painted the appropriate breed colors, and finished with a breed promotion sticker obtained by writing the breed registry association. Finally, FFA members are all excited about moving into the brand new agribusiness facility. Students have been without an ag building since August of 1986 and are speeding up their occupancy by helping the contractor do clean up and other odd jobs as part of our BOAC project.

Lee Tunstail, Reporter

This year our FFA chapter made toys for the children that attend our MCDC, MUNFORD Child Development Center. Most of the children that attend the school are handicapped. We made toy tanks, boats and animals. The whole chapter participated. The kids enjoyed it. I have a sister that attends, and it really made her feel good. I think all FFA chapters should do something like this. You'd be surprised at how proud you feel when you realize you make an underprivileged kid's day.

Wade Champion, Chapter President

The West Limestone FFA Chapter has been involved in many activities in the 1988-89 school year. Since we have a relatively new agribusiness department that is attached to the main high school building, our BOAC committee chose to aid the administration and maintenance department in building walkways and landscaping areas between the two buildings and around the agribusiness department.

The Chapter has received many honors this year including attending the National FFA Convention where our Safety Committee was awarded the bronze award; two members and the advisor served on the National Courtesy Corps, and received the Award of Merit, youth division from the National Safety Council. The chapter was 100% in membership and has remained active in county contests to date. In addition 37 Greenhands were added to the membership roll and 10 Chapter Farmers were inducted. Pictured above in left foreground is Channing Hinkle, BOAC Chairman and other BOAC members checking a shrub that was planted around the Agribusiness Department for insect damage.

Darwin Siniard, Advisor