

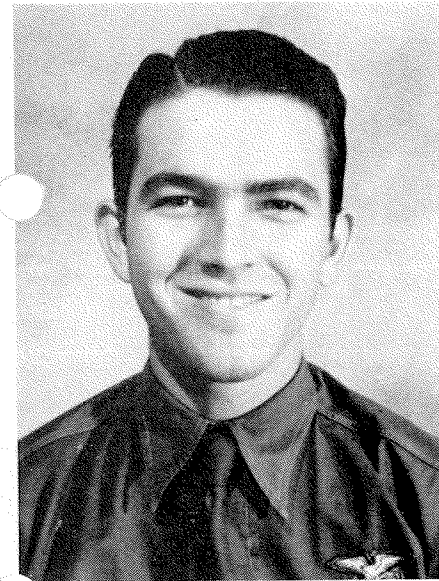
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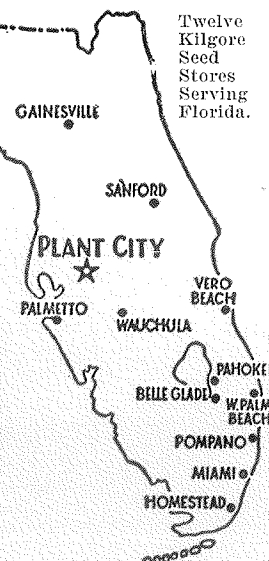
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STATE PRESIDENT URGES FUTURE FARMERS TO UNITE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

By CLAUDE JONES

President, Florida Association, F.F.A.

The freedom of every American is at stake. The privilege to worship as we please, the privilege to speak as we desire, and the privilege to farm, plant, harvest, and dispose of crops when necessary, would be a thing of the past should our land fall into the hands of dictatorial leaders.

America, more than ever, needs the full support and help of everyone, including all Future Farmers throughout the Nation. Therefore, as president of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, I am urging all officers and members of every chapter in the State Association to remember that the Future Farmers of America in our great State have a definite part in preserving our democratic way of life.

You might ask, what are some of the things that Future Farmers could and should do. I am sincerely urging all individual Future Farmers and chapters to come together as a unified association, carefully considering the following and striving to carry them out:

1. Each member study the possibilities on his home farm as to how expenses may be reduced, production increased in livestock, poultry, and essential crops, continually striving to carry out such a program.
2. The chapter should study, plan and plant a chapter garden project. Each individual should have a home garden large enough to supply the family, canning and selling the surplus.
3. Each boy should promote and help carry out canning projects in his home.
4. Start a campaign to make better use of farm machinery in the community, encouraging the farmers to take better care of machinery, to use it longer, and to pool all usable machinery not in use so that it may be used by anyone in the community.
5. Clean up around the home farm by giving all useless metal to the scrap metal collection drive and aid by collecting it from other farms.
6. Cooperate with your Farm and Civil Defense Council.
7. All chapters should purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps and sponsor their sale.
8. All chapters should carry out a continual paper saving and collecting campaign in their communities.
9. Each chapter member should cooperate in the National Health program by having a physical examination, followed by a corrective health plan.
10. Every Future Farmer should take a standard course in First Aid in case of an emergency.

I sincerely hope that you will give careful consideration to the above and will work harder and longer to help the Nation in its defense efforts.

ADVANTAGES OF AN F.F.A. CHAPTER

By W. A. ROSS

National Executive Secretary

1. The F.F.A. is a great national agricultural organization with clear-cut purposes and ideals and a program in which I may have a part.
2. It provides me additional opportunity to train myself as a farmer and a farm citizen.
3. It provides practical experience on my own level with my own problems and thus increases my chance to learn new things.
4. It provides additional opportunities for me to develop my talents and leadership ability.
5. It encourages me and assists me in habits of right living.
6. It teaches me to deal with myself and to work with others—to cooperate.
7. It rewards and encourages my best efforts and enlarges the scope of my opportunities.
8. It broadens my acquaintance and allows me to exchange ideas with the other fellows interested in the things in which I am interested.
9. It raises my value to my community as a good citizen.

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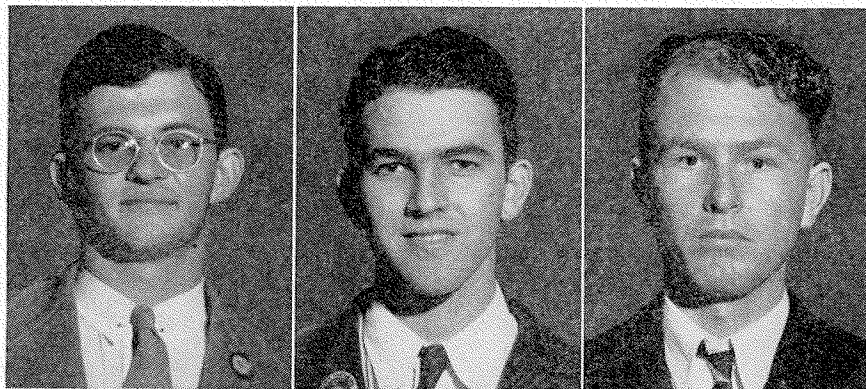
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Winners of the 1941 Florida F.F.A. Bankers' Scholarships

The Future Farmers selected to receive the three \$100 Bankers' scholarships are Claude Jones of the Pahokee Chapter; Edgar Leo Johnson of the Hawthorne Chapter and Maxwell Railey of the Vernon Chapter.

The Florida Bankers' Association provided three \$100 scholarships in the College of Agriculture, University of Florida, for use by outstanding Future Farmers. These scholarships are to be made available to the winner upon registration at the University.

In selecting the individual, emphasis was placed on the boys' supervised farming program accomplishments, the scholarship record made by him in all high school subjects, and the F.F.A. activities participated in by the applicant. The following score card was used as a basis for selecting the winners:

Score Card Basis for Rating Qualifications and Accomplishments

	Points
a. Number of years of systematic instruction and completed supervised practice in vocational agriculture.....	5
b. Scope, labor income, and self-hours of productive enterprises by years on actual long-time program up to present....	25
c. Financial statement, a complete statement of assets, liabilities, and working capital	15
d. Offices held: F.F.A., school, miscellaneous, State F.F.A. (to be determined after State Convention)	10
e. Participation in school activities: (List the local, district, and State contests participated in and prizes and honors won)	5
f. Participation in chapter activities: (List the local, district, and State contests participated in and prizes and honors won)	5
g. Cooperative activities for community improvements and development of agriculture....	5
h. Scholarship (average grade on all high school subjects up to present)	10
i. Accuracy and completeness of project record books.....	10

j. List of improvements effected on home farm as a result of agricultural training	10
Total.....	100

Claude Jones of Pahokee is now serving as President of the Florida Association, F.F.A. He was elected during the State Convention which was held in Gainesville in June, 1941. Claude is now a senior in the Pahokee High School and is conducting an extensive farming program. His supervised farming program from the beginning has been planned according to a truck type farm. This truck farm has shown a continual increase in scope. In addition to Claude's truck crop project, poultry has been added for a minor project. During 1940-41, six head of beef cattle were added to his farming program. Improvement projects such as home beautification, home garden, and home orchard were included in his supervised farming program from the first year. The home grounds were landscaped, lawn grass has been planted in the yard, and many shrubs have been planted about the house. A home orchard was started in 1939-40 and 15 fruit trees have been planted since that time. Each year Claude has been responsible for providing a home garden where fresh vegetables can be supplied for the family table. Many supplementary farm jobs have been done by Claude, also, such as budding, grafting, and setting fruit trees, repairing and making screen window frames and door frames for the home, repairing, painting, and storing farm machinery at the close of the farming season, constructing livestock equipment, replacing broken handles on farm equipment, and wiring his home for electricity.

During 1941-42 Claude's farming program consists of 25 acres of truck crops in addition to his poultry and beef cattle.

During 1940-41 Claude served as president of his local chapter, F.F.A. He has held many responsible offices in the high school such as class president and president of the student body. In 1940 he was selected by the school in Pahokee to represent them at Boys' State which was held in Tallahassee.

Edgar Leo Johnson served as president of his local chapter and is now second vice-president of the Florida Association, F.F.A. For three consecutive years he was selected to represent his chapter in the F.F.A. Livestock Judging Contest.

During his three years in Vocational Agriculture his supervised farming program was developed around livestock farming. In 1938-39 when he first enrolled in Vocational Agriculture, Edgar only had 10 head of young beef cattle and during these years they have steadily increased in inventory. All heifer calves born have remained in the herd to increase the number of breeding cows. Each year Fordhook Lima Beans were included in his program as a minor project to supply quick, cash returns. Improvement projects have been carried on continually such as home beautification, establishing permanent pasture, and constructing new fence. In addition to his supervised farming program he has gained considerable experience in grading, packing, and marketing beans by working in the packing shed at Hawthorne during the slack season on his home farm.

In 1939-40 Edgar was selected district winner in the F.F.A. public speaking contest and represented District III in the State Public Speaking Contest. He was a member of the Hawthorne Parliamentary Procedure team in 1939-40. This team won the State contest for that year. Edgar has served in many offices of his high school and community during his high school career.

Maxwell Railey of the Vernon Chapter was elected fifth vice-president of the Florida Association, F.F.A., at the 1941 State Convention.

Maxwell was enrolled in Vocational Agriculture courses for three years and cleared \$993.95 from his productive enterprise projects during those years. The first year his program consisted of early corn for market, corn and peanuts for feed, sweet potatoes and a sow for breeding on which he cleared \$82.97. Maxwell used this money to purchase two heifers, one gilt and 100 baby chicks.

The second year Maxwell's project program consisted of one registered sow for breeding, six hogs for pork, peanuts for market, a gilt for breeding, corn for market, sweet potatoes and sugar cane. From these projects Maxwell cleared \$246.13.

Determined to become better established in livestock farming Maxwell took his second year's profit and purchased more livestock. During his third year as a Vocational Agriculture student Maxwell's program consisted of a registered sow for breeding, two registered gilts for breeding, two steers for beef, 10 hogs for pork, a dairy cow, 100 chicks for meat, 100 chicks for pullets, peanuts for hogs, corn for feed, sweet potatoes for market and corn for market. For this year's work Maxwell realized a profit of \$664.85.

At the present time Maxwell has a livestock inventory of \$582.00 and a farm produce inventory of approximately \$300.00.

\$100 Prize Winner in 1941 Sea Island Cotton Contest



My Cotton Project

By JOE PELOT
Ocala Chapter

I first became interested in growing Sea Island cotton for a project when I heard Hon. Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, speak at the State Fair in Tampa last year at our Annual F.F.A. Day. He spoke of the profits to be derived from raising Sea Island cotton, and of the \$100.00 prize to be presented to the F.F.A. boy producing the best bale of Sea Island cotton in Florida.

When I returned from the fair, I talked it over with my father and persuaded him to let me plant five acres of Sea Island cotton along with his. I broke and prepared the land the earlier part of March, and I had the cotton planted by March 28th. All the work on the field was done with a tractor; including breaking land, distributing fertilizer, planting, cultivating, and dusting it three times.

The fertilizer I used was 4-8-8 at the rate of 425 pounds per acre at planting time. Later I side-dressed with 100 pounds of Nitrate of Soda per acre.

The cotton was picked in July and August, but I put it in storage hoping for a better price. I finally sold it for 38 cents per pound in November, 1941.

The total cost for producing these five acres of Sea Island cotton was \$101.90, and my total credits were \$188.48. This gave me a labor income of \$86.58 from my Sea Island cotton project. This amount added to the \$100.00 prize money that I won, which was offered by the State Department of Agriculture, gave me a total of \$186.58 profit from my project. Besides the profit and prize, I gained much valuable knowledge and experience, and I plan to plant more Sea Island cotton this year.

My Supervised Farming Program

By CLARK GRIFFIN
Anthony Chapter

Vocational Agriculture was established in Anthony High School in 1939, and this was my junior year. Like many other boys I was very much interested.

My supervised farming program for the first year consisted of one brood sow, 10 acres of corn and peanuts, and two acres of rape. I raised eight pigs from the sow and entered four of them in the fat hog show of Marion County in the fall of 1940. I won first prize on the pen of one and third prize on the pen of three, which was a total of \$12.00 in prizes. The eight hogs weighed 1,696 pounds. They sold for an average of 7½¢ per pound. They brought in a return of \$139.00, including the prizes.

The corn was harvested and used on the farm whereas the peanuts and rape were used for hog pasture.

My second year I had two brood sows, 20 acres of corn and peanuts and one bull calf, of beef type.

The two sows raised 30 pigs, of that number I received 15 as my share and the others went to my father for feed.

In the fall of 1941, 12 of the pigs were entered in the fat hog show in Marion County. I entered a pen of one, pen of three, and a pen of eight. The pen of one took first prize in the F.F.A. group and Grand Champion of the show. Total prize money was \$25.00 and the hog sold for 23¢ a pound, this made a total of \$65.60 received for one hog. The pens of three and eight won first and second prizes which were \$10.00 each. The 12 hogs were sold that day and the other three later. Total amount received for the 15 hogs was \$333.09.

The bull calf was a Polled Short Horn and at six months he was sold

for \$50.00. My corn and peanuts were used as feed on the farm.

This year I am enrolled in a part-time class of Vocational Agriculture and for my productive projects I have three brood sows, five heifers of beef type, and 40 acres of corn, velvet beans and peanuts.

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Profitable Hog Project

By CLEON MCGHIN
Jasper Chapter

Last year was my first year in Vocational Agriculture and the most profitable and interesting enterprise was my hog project. Shortly after I became an F.F.A. member, I purchased a Spotted Poland China gilt from a farmer in Hamilton County, near Jasper, Florida. After getting my gilt in good condition, I had her bred to a purebred male.

I was able to keep down the feeding cost to a minimum by obtaining garbage from a nearby cafe with the use of other mixed feeds.

My gilt farrowed seven pigs the first time—four gilts and three males. I lost only one pig out of the farrow. When the pigs were three months old I sold both of the males at \$7.50 per head. I sold one gilt at the age of four and a half months for \$10.00. I kept the sow and the three gilts and moved them out on my father's farm where they could be pastured. When I closed my records I found that this project had cleared \$100.00.

I am now in my second year of Vocational Agriculture, and I am continuing with my hogs as one of my projects. This year my sow farrowed 13 pigs, and my gilts will farrow in February.

This is only one of my projects, but it is the most interesting one. I like agriculture and plan to take another year of it.



Prize-Winning Hogs Raised by Clark Griffin as Part of His Supervised Farming Program



HON. COLIN ENGLISH
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
for
FUTURE FARMER JUDGING
CONTESTS**

February 7, 1942

General Superintendent
E. W. Garriss.

Exhibit Judging (Hay, Grain and Forage and Home-Cured Meats)—A. W. Tenney.

Exhibit Judging (Fruits and Vegetables)—W. T. Loftin.

Livestock Judging—H. E. Wood.

Livestock Judging Contest
This contest will start promptly at 9:30 a. m.

Eligibility

Any active Future Farmer whose State and National Future Farmer dues have been paid will be eligible to represent his chapter as a member of the team in judging livestock. Entry in this contest from chapters is State-wide.

The livestock judging contest will include beef cattle and dairy cattle. One team will judge both beef and dairy cattle.

Members of judging teams who won first place in past years in contests at Tampa on F.F.A. Day will not be allowed to participate in similar F.F.A. Day contests in Tampa this year.

Members of winning State judging team in contests at State Convention in Gainesville going to Kansas City to the National Convention, cannot compete in the livestock judging contest on F.F.A. Day in Tampa.

Three boys will compose a team representing a chapter and there will be no substitutions allowed.

Any boy participating in the livestock judging contest will be expected to report to Mr. H. E. Wood, at his request, for leading cattle in the beef cattle parade. Any boy who does not report will disqualify his team in the livestock judging contests.

Awards

A rotating trophy cup will be awarded to the team making the highest score in the entire contest. In addition, a total of \$250 in cash prizes will be awarded by the State Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Florida State Fair Association to the high teams in the livestock judging contest. The prizes will be awarded as follows:

Livestock—\$250	
First	\$ 15.00
Second	12.50
Third	10.00
Fourth	7.50
Teams placing fifth through forty-fifth, inclusive, each.....	5.00

F. F. A. DAY

THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR

Tampa, Florida
February 7, 1942

PROGRAM

GENERAL CHAIRMAN, J. F. WILLIAMS, Jr.
State Supervisor of Agricultural Education

- 9:00— 9:30 a. m. Registration (Grandstand) Beef and Dairy Cattle Judging Teams.
- 9:30—10:00 a. m. Registration (Grandstand) Exhibit Judging Teams.
- 9:30—10:30 a. m. Beef and Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.
- 10:00—11:00 a. m. Judging Agricultural Exhibits.
- 11:00—12:15 p. m. Visiting Commercial Exhibits.
- 12:15— 1:15 p. m. Lunch.
- 1:15— 1:30 p. m. Assemble in front of grandstand (Program in charge of Claude Jones, President of the Florida Association, F.F.A.) (Press photo of Future Farmer group.)
- 1:30— 1:35 p. m. Welcome Address—Hon. Carl D. Brorein, President Florida State Fair Association.
- 1:35— 1:40 p. m. The Future Farmers' Part in the National Defense Program—Claude Jones, President.
- 1:40— 1:45 p. m. Address—Hon. Colin English, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 1:45— 1:55 p. m. Presentation of Honorary State Planter Keys.
- 1:55— 2:00 p. m. Awarding Trophy Cup to Winners in F.F.A. Egg Show—Hon. Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 2:00— 5:00 p. m. Entertainment—Grandstand.
- 5:00— 6:00 p. m. Visiting Agricultural Exhibits.

Exhibit Judging Contest

This contest will start promptly at 10:00 a. m.

Eligibility

Any active Future Farmer whose State and National dues have been paid will be eligible to represent his chapter as a member of the team in judging exhibits.

Teams from F.F.A. Districts I, II, and III will participate in judging "Hay, Grain, and Forage" and "Home-Cured Meats."

Teams from F.F.A. Districts IV, V, and VI will participate in judging "Citrus" and "Vegetables."

Time

Each group of boys will be given a total of ten minutes for general inspection and official scoring of each of the four entries in each class.

Awards

A total of \$250 in cash prizes will be awarded by the State Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Florida State Fair Association to the high teams in the exhibit judging contest. The prizes will be awarded as follows:

Citrus and Vegetables—\$125

First	\$15.00
Second	12.50
Third	10.00
Fourth	7.50
Teams placing fifth to twentieth, inclusive	5.00

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**Hay, Grain and Forage
and
Home-Cured Meats—\$125**

First	\$15.00
Second	12.50
Third	10.00
Fourth	7.50
Teams placing fifth to twentieth, inclusive	5.00

Three boys will compose a team representing a chapter and there will be no substitutions allowed.



HON. NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

Future Farmer Egg Show

Florida State Fair, Tampa
February 3-14, 1942

The Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, will put on an egg exhibit at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. The exhibit will be made by the different Future Farmer chapters. A chapter exhibit will be composed of four dozen eggs, two dozen will be large white and two dozen large brown. Prizes will be awarded on a chapter basis. The grand prize for the chapter scoring the highest number of points on this chapter exhibit of eggs will receive a trophy cup. Cash prizes totaling \$300.00 will be awarded chapters showing eggs which are good enough to be rated "in the money." We are expecting approximately 400 dozen eggs in this show.



FUTURE FARMERS ATTENDING F. F. A. DAY, FLORIDA STATE FAIR, TAMPA

PINE PROJECT PAYS—THE BAILEYS PUT IT OVER



Roy Bailey and a two-year-old face. The tins and cups will be elevated this year in his gum farming operation to produce high yields during the coming season.

Back in 1938 when Jimmie Bailey was a member of the Greenville, Madison County, Future Farmer Chapter, he was exposed to the farm forestry teaching conducted in the Greenville school by the Florida Forest and Park Service. Jimmie's father already had their limited farm woodlands under fire control with the State service and had the timber leased to a turpentine operator. The lease was about to terminate and, prompted by Agriculture Teacher Dan Allen, Jimmie took up the gum farming of his father's woods as a farm enterprise.

The first year he and his brother Roy hung 7,500 virgin or first-year faces, 4,500 being on trees on their own farm and 3,000 on the adjoining lands of their uncle. They were financed in the purchase of their cups, gutters and tools by a gum buyer in Tallahassee with whom they arranged to market their pine gum. The cost of this financing came out of their first year's production; in spite of that, they cleared \$400.00. In 1939 and 1940, with their equipment already purchased, they cleared \$800.00 a year.

It should be noted that during these three years naval stores prices were at a low level but in spite of it the boys made a net of \$1,600.00 in the three years. Late in 1940, they leased 2,000 additional faces in a neighbor's woods and with a somewhat better price in 1941, cleared \$1,100.00 or approximately 12c per

face above all costs of tool equipment and labor. Due to the demands for turpentine and rosin for defense purposes, the price has now skyrocketed and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is calling for still increased production. With gum prices already up to \$17.00 a barrel and better prices assured during 1942, they anticipate an even greater income during the coming season.

Markets for the pine gum are to be had in Jacksonville, Tallahassee and Pensacola, Florida, and at Valdosta in south Georgia. The initial investment at this time and the necessary equipment runs about \$80.00 per thousand faces. The Farm Security Administration, Federal Land Bank, some of the gum buying plants, and bankers are all sources of capital or financing for such projects. The Bailey boys were assisted in the beginning by a naval stores specialist employed jointly by the Florida Forest and Park Service and the Naval Stores Experiment Station at Olustee. The same assistance is available today through Cooperative Agent George B. Williams who is available to Future Farmers and landowners upon request. It should be noted that such projects should be initiated before the 15th of February as the cups must be hung and the lead or first streak put on the trees at least six weeks before regular chipping is to begin so that the trees will be in condition for active operation by the end of March.



Roy Bailey "pulling" a 4-year face. Picture taken during the winter which accounts for the tilt of the clay cup to prevent freezing.



Second Annual Southeastern Fat Stock Show and Sale

By CHARLES HOWES
President, Ocala Chapter

The Annual Southeastern Fat Stock Show and Sale will be held in Ocala again in February. The Ocala Chapter of F.F.A. is planning on entering a large number of Hereford and Angus steers in the show. Members of the chapter are anticipating great success with their entries in the show, basing their hopes on the success they had with a smaller number of entries last year. Members of the Ocala Chapter of F.F.A. last year cooperatively bought and fed five purebred Hereford steers. They were distributed among the members of the chapter for feeding and training. From the five steers alone, a profit in sales and prizes netted members of the chapter \$288.32. The steer I bought, fed, and trained brought a profit of \$64.50.

In the show last year, there was not much emphasis placed on the training of the steers, but this year they are to be judged to a large extent on how well we can handle them in the ring. Naturally, the condition of the steers will be the main point in judging.

This year three F.F.A. chapters in Florida ordered 35 purebred Hereford steers from Mississippi. Of the carload, the Ocala Chapter bought cooperatively 19 steers, Reddick Chapter bought six, Newberry eight, and the remaining two were bought locally. The chapter bought one steer to feed and train as a chapter project. These steers were bought in the middle of October, 1941, and to date are looking very well, and we anticipate that the show this year will be very successful in prizes and sales. Our 19 steers were purchased for approximately \$1,500.00. In addition to these Hereford steers, there were eight Angus and Hereford steers bought locally that will be entered as native bred beef. The purchase of these native animals cost about \$500.00. Other costs, will be greatly reduced because other students and I are raising the most of the feed. The members of the Ocala Chapter hope to make a profit on the entries of about \$1,000.00 in the show and sale, basing their hopes on the present rising prices of beef. The larger entries this year will make it a greater success over last year.

1942 F.F.A. American Farmers Have New Incentive

The 1942 "crops" of American farmers in the Future Farmers of America organization can look forward to receiving an additional award in the form of a \$25.00 check to be made available to each member who is granted the degree at the coming 15th National Convention. Announcement of this generous offer, through Mr. N. A. Holmer, General Sales Manager of the Mid-States Steel and Wire company, Crawfordsville, Ind., has just been released through the National F.F.A. office.

This tangible reward comes as further recognition of the work of boys who attain the fourth and highest degree in the Future Farmers of America organization. It makes the winning of this cherished degree even more desirable than in former years. To some of the successful candidates the award will mean extra expense money for the trip to Kansas City; to others it will mean new clothes, luggage or some coveted personal possession. To most of the 1942 American farmers, however, this money will mean additional financing for an expanded farming program in harmony with the "Food for Freedom" plan in the defense of America.

Based on the figures for preceding years it appears that some 200 members may be in line for the American Farmer Degree in 1942. There were 170 of these degrees granted in 1941 and 156 in 1940. Those who expect to apply this year should plan to have their applications in final form well in advance of the May 1 date when they are due in the National Adviser's office.

"There are no strings of any kind on this offer," said Mr. Holmer in discussing it with representatives of the F.F.A. Speaking further he also said that, "the more boys who can qualify for the degree, the better we will be satisfied. Our sole object is to help and our only part will be the pleasure in making the checks available to those who, by their outstanding work, are entitled to them. It is to the 'Future Farmers' that the world will be looking when peace returns and we know that they will measure up to the faith America has in them."

No special contest is necessary in order to determine those who will receive checks since American farmers are selected through regular channels in the organization's plan of operation. The important point is that all applications be accurate, neat, legible and sent in time.

My Farm

My farm to me, is not just land
Where bare, unpainted buildings
stand.
To me my farm is nothing less
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must toil
My hands in endless, dreary toil,
But where, through seed and swelling
pod,
I've learned to walk, and talk, with
God.

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Of evil, greed, and selfishness.

My farm's not lonely—for one day
I hear my children shout at play.
And here, when age comes, free from
fears,
I'll live again, long, joyous years.

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Security and happiness.
Whate'er befalls the world outside
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And so my farm is not just land
Where bare, unpainted buildings
stand.
To me, my farm's nothing less
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Care and Repair of Farm Machinery



Homestead Chapter, F.F.A. and the Agricultural Department of the Homestead High School are cooperating with the State Association and the State and County Agricultural Defense Boards in their program to repair farm machinery. In this connection, the chapter has undertaken to acquaint the farmers of the Redland District with the need for repairing their equipment and the opportunity of getting this equipment repaired by Defense Training classes being conducted at the Homestead school.

In addition, the chapter has appointed a committee to acquire equipment that can be repaired and sold at a profit. The boys feel that such a procedure will return worn-out equipment to productive use; it will furnish training jobs for both out of school youth who are enrolled in defense training and the high school boys who are enrolled in Vocational Agriculture; and any profit made on this equipment will increase the chapter treasury from which Defense Bonds can be purchased.

The accompanying picture shows members of a Defense Training class working on a mowing machine.

Clay Chapter Swings Out

By LLOYD MOSLEY
Vice-President

The members of Clay Chapter, Future Farmers of America, built 16 playground swings for the primary grades during the month of October. Four sets of swings were constructed using a post and lintel system. The complete line of 16 swings was finished after about a week of work of almost three hours per day.

First, the rough cypress posts were sized and peeled. Then the tops were cut off level where necessary and the lintels were notched to fit on top of the posts. Eye-bolts were fastened through vertical holes drilled in the lintel and S-links were clamped to these eye-bolts. The boards for the swings were cut out of 1x12 planks with holes bored in each end to receive the chains which were then fastened to the S-links.

The materials from which these swings were built were furnished by a fund raised by a last-year entertainment especially for the purpose of providing necessary playground equipment. The treasurer of the Clay Chapter received a five dollar check from this fund in token of appreciation for the fine job which the boys turned out.

Electrical Precautions in Case of An Air Raid Alarm

Tip with white paint all switches, handles, or other things you have to reach for in the dark.

Have at least two flashlights for each member of the household, including a spare bulb for each, and spare batteries.

One of the flashlights should be small, pocket size and always with you.

One of the flashlights should always be on your bed table. Many accidents are caused when people trip as they get out of bed to go to the windows.

Have a light blue lens for your outdoor flashlight—you can "blue" it yourself by smearing glue on the lens and dusting it with ordinary household laundry bluing, or pasting colored tissue on it.

Never use an un-dimmed flashlight out-doors—it can be seen from the air.

Have all fuses in lighting cabinets checked to see that they are of the proper capacity to protect the wires on the various circuits. So that, if short circuits occur, the fuse will blow before the wires have time to overheat, and cause a serious fire.

Fallen wires outside of the home shall be treated as live wires, and should be reported immediately to the utility company.

Electrical fires are different, and are caused by an arc, from the flow of electric current. Fire is usually extinguished by the use of water, sand, acid, foam or carbon tetrachloride, each, having its peculiar advantages, should be understood.

Water is a conductor of electricity and shall never be used on or near live electrical circuits. It will float oil and shall never be used on oil or gasoline fires.

Sand is a non-conducting, smothering and cooling agent effective on electrical fires if affording a place for the sand to rest, effective also in oil, gasoline or tar fires.

As acid and foam are conductors of electricity they shall never be used on electrical fires.

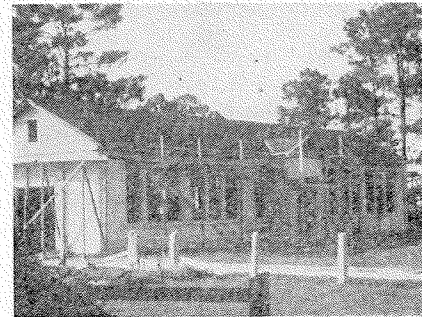
For electrical burns, cover burned surface with burn ointment, olive oil, butter, vaseline or some form of grease.

F.F.A. Boys Produce

Food for Freedom



Farm Shop Under Construction



This is the Chiefland farm shop which is now under construction. It is being built through the cooperation of the National Youth Administration and when finished will be one of the best Vocational Agriculture buildings in the State. It is of concrete block construction.

Ten Commandments of Success

By CHARLES M. SCHWAB

1. "Work hard; hard work is the best investment a man can make.
2. "Study hard; knowledge enables a man to work more efficiently and effectively.
3. "Have initiative; ruts often deepen into graves.
4. "Love your work, then you will find pleasure in mastering it.
5. "Develop a spirit of conquest, then you can overcome difficulties.
6. "Be exact; slipshod methods bring slipshod results.
7. "Cultivate personality; personality is to a man as perfume is to a flower.
8. "Help and share with others.
9. "Be democratic; unless you feel right toward your fellow man, you cannot be a successful leader of men.
10. "In all things do your best."

School Gardens

In connection with the Food for Freedom Campaign being conducted by the Defense Council, the Homestead Chapter is assisting the boys in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades to make school gardens.

It is believed that the experience and enthusiasm gained through producing a small garden plot at school will encourage these youngsters to attempt a similar project at home.

The plot of ground being used for these gardens was vacant and unsightly. It was divided into thirty small plots each of which was assigned to two boys. Three small plots and the six boys working them, were assigned to one high school student who served as adviser. In this way it has been possible for the Agricultural teacher and his class to keep some 30 boys working.

Gainesville: The Gainesville Future Farmer Chapter has recently sold 125 bushels of certified copper skinned Puerto Rican sweet potatoes at \$1.50 per bushel. The boys are now bedding 100 bushels on fire-heated beds and will have plants to plant and sell in the early spring.

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