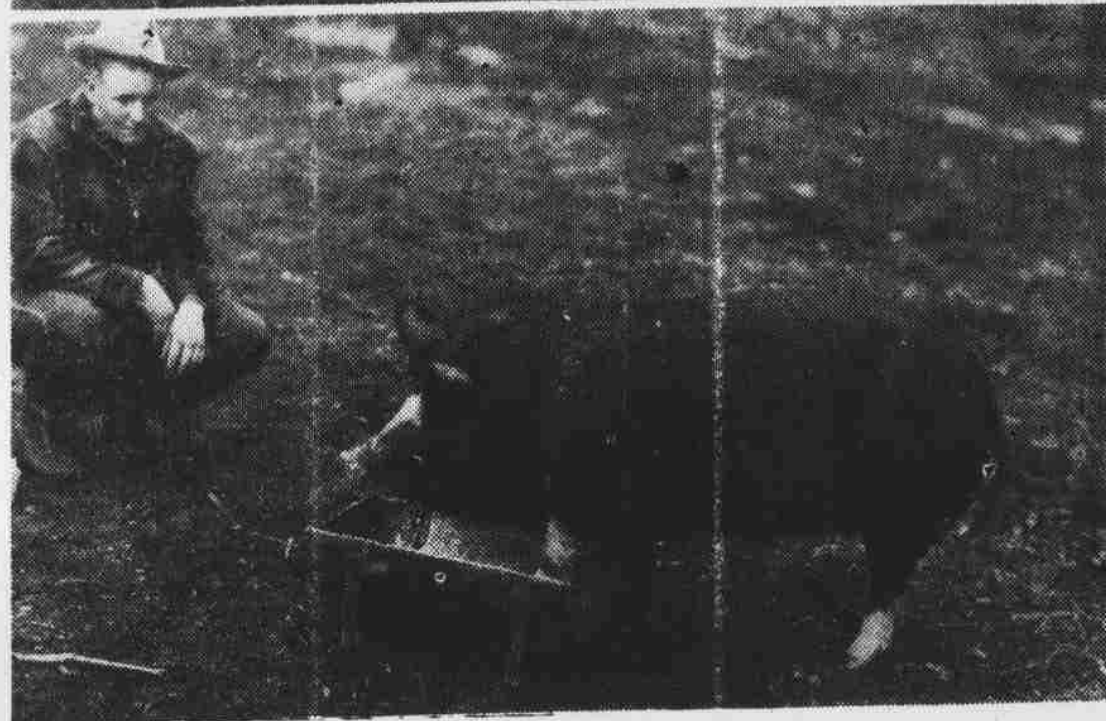
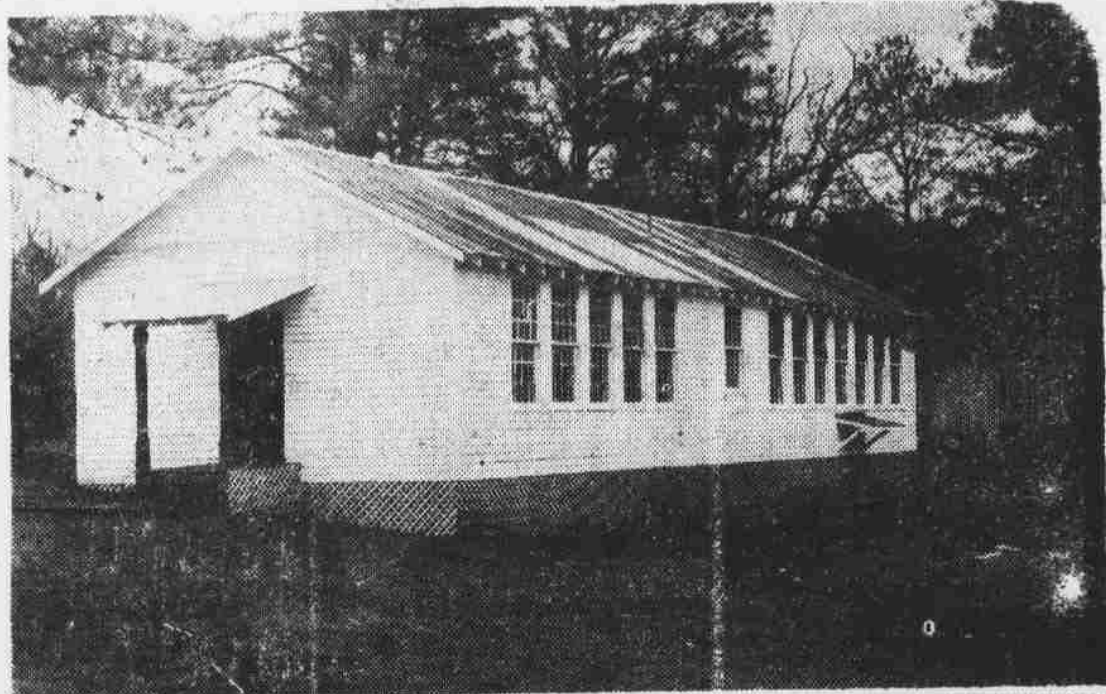


Macon FFA Group Works To Produce Food For Freedom



The Franklin High School has one of the most outstanding chapters of Future Farmers of America in the state. Pictured above, left, is the agricultural building and shop constructed of material salvaged from old school buildings removed from power dam areas. On the right is a group of eighth grade students. Below, left, a registered Poland China brood sow owned by the chapter. J. S. Cunningham is the boy in the picture. Right, are Hereford feeder calves owned by the chapter. The students in the picture are 9th graders.

Franklin Future Farmers Help Win War On Farm

Outstanding Achievement Will Be Increased For Nation's Needs

Under the leadership of E. J. Whitmire, efficient teacher of agriculture in the Franklin High School, the Macon chapter of the Future Farmers of America has one of the best records in the state for aggressive and progressive accomplishment.

The building of the agriculture building on the school grounds from material salvaged from schools in the flooded areas of the county by power dam construction has given great impetus to the work of the boys, since they now have room to better carry out their extensive program. Material from one building was moved more than 30 miles from Nantahala.

Feed lots have been built near the building where the boys care for five high quality feeder calves which the class has purchased. In addition many of the members have calf projects at their own homes. Five feeder pigs are also kept in the feed lot to utilize all waste from feeding the steers. The class also owns a registered Poland China sow. The boys feed a balanced ration to the animals and groom them for exhibition at the fair in the fall.

Chapter Rents Farm

The Franklin chapter has rented a farm of 33 acres for the coming crop year. All of the 60 students will contribute labor for cultivating the crops. This farm will be used as an arsenal to produce good seed, in addition, it will provide feed to continue the feeding experiments at the school.

Chapter Buys Cooperatively

The Franklin chapter will purchase, cooperatively, this year six thousand baby chicks, for boys home projects, to help the county reach the poultry and egg goal established by the war production board. The chapter will invest more than \$4,000 in feeds, seeds, and fertilizers—all purchased on a cooperative basis.

The building which also has a wood working shop, has more than \$1,500 worth of tools allotted by the federal government because the teacher, Mr. Whitmire has organized 13 out-of-school defense classes for youths.

The income derived this year will be used for needed equipment. The boys are buying defense stamps at the rate of \$20 a week, with a goal set for \$1,000 in bonds and stamps to be owned by the members by June 30.

Wins Honors

The Franklin chapter ranks high in competitive activities. It has won the Western district livestock judging contest and placed a boy on the team which represented North Carolina in the national contest at Kansas City. Its seed

Now Is Time To Cull Poultry Flock On Farm

This is the season of heavy egg production in farm poultry flocks. C. F. Parrish, Extension poultry specialist of N. C. State college, says now is the time to "Cull out, but don't sell out."

As general recommendations to poultry producers for the month of March, Parrish said: "As we reach the spring period of flush egg production, don't sell the flock; but just cull out the low producers and the hens that have quit laying."

This gradual culling of non-layers will help to prevent a slump in the poultry meat market. The slump in egg prices is not expected to be as severe as in years past.

As further suggestions to poultry farmers, Parrish said that the use of electric lights in the hen house, to induce heavier production by artificially lengthening the "day-light" hours, should be discontinued gradually as the days get longer. "Avoid giving the flock more than a 14-hour day if morning lights are used," he advised.

Parrish recommended that the use of wet mash be gradually reduced until the practice is discontinued entirely as the days lengthen. "Wet mash will be needed again about the last of June to help hold the flock in production through hot weather," he said.

W. C. T. C. To Offer Special 3-Year Course

CULLOWHEE, March 9.—Miss June Thompson, daughter of Mrs. H. O. Thompson, of Highlands, and Clinton Brookshire of Franklin have been selected by Western Carolina Teachers college to visit their community high schools on Monday, March 9. They will represent their college to contact any of the seniors who may be interested in attending college. Miss Thompson will visit the Highlands school and Mr. Brookshire, the Franklin high.

Western Carolina Teachers college hopes to work out a plan whereby high school graduates may begin college in June and finish their work for a degree in three years instead of four. The college hopes, by shortening the period required to take a degree, that many boys may thus be able to finish their college work before they are eligible to be drafted.

judging team has placed first in its own federation contest.

At the State fair in Raleigh the baby beef exhibit from Franklin really cleaned up. In the F. F. A. group this chapter won first place for the three best steers, first for the best lightweight steer, first for the best heavyweight steer, and first for showmanship.

NYA Has Trained For War Service

RALEIGH, March 11.—The National Youth Administration is playing an increasingly important role in civilian war activities throughout North Carolina, with 601 boys and girls participating in producing necessary articles and furnishing services for civilian war agencies and military posts, State NYA Administrator John A. Lang announced today.

For civilian defense agencies NYA projects are producing arm bands for civilian volunteer workers, air raid watching stations, surgical dressings, black-out curtains, emergency stretchers, office equipment, and other supplies needed at this time by local defense councils, rationing boards, selective service boards, and similar agencies.

NYA youths serve as clerical assistants, receptionists, messengers, and other workers for war agencies, with 42 working with local defense councils, 32 with selective service boards, 39 with ration boards, and 96 with recruiting and similar offices.

Air raid warning stations have been established on scores of NYA projects and NYA youths are serving as guards for airports, bridges, and other vital defense facilities in addition to their duties as air raid spotters.

In addition, 153 girls are receiving training as hospital attendants in government and other tax-supported hospitals for future employment in what is expected to be a highly important field in coming months.

On army posts 238 boys and girls are employed as clerical workers, library assistants, receptionists, switchboard operators, cooks, maintenance workers, and in other useful duties.

Sugar To Be Available For Home Canning Needs

There is no need for housewives to buy up extra sugar for home canning now, says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service. The War Production Board says, "every effort" is being made to have sugar available this summer for home canning.

Scores of housewives are buying more sugar than they need for normal family consumption, with the explanation that they "want to be sure to have a supply on hand to do home canning."

Such buying is not only unnecessary, but also unwise because it aggravates a situation that is already difficult. The supply of sugar for home canning may be somewhat limited this year, just as the supply for daily consumption is already limited, but the War Production Board has promised that it will be sufficient to enable housewives to can what they need.

There are several substitutes that can be used for canning, and there are a number of ways that sugar can be conserved in the home. Cut down on sugar in the least notice-

able ways at first. Experiment to see if the amount you have been putting on your breakfast cereal, or in your coffee or tea, is a matter of habit. Stir the sugar in beverages thoroughly. You will need less sugar on cereal that is topped with dried fruit.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist at State college, says

sugar can be saved by putting it in at the end of the cooking time when preparing sauces, such as apple sauce. "It will take less sugar to get the same sweetness if you don't cook the sugar so long. Most of us can get along on a lot less sugar than we have been eating—and still have nutritious meals that taste good."

RIDDLES TO SOLVE

1. What's the first thing a girl does after entering church?
2. Why is a dog's tail like the heart of a tree?
3. Why is there no danger of starving on a desert?
4. Why do little birds in their nest agree?
5. Which is right—the yolk of an egg is white or ~~are~~ white?

(Answers on page 4.)

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