

NEWS LETTER

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Be sure and tune in on some radio station broadcasting as a part of the Columbia network at 8:00 P. M. (Central time) Monday night, November 17. You will hear some very interesting things on the program of the national meeting of Future Farmers of America to be broadcasted from Kansas City, Missouri. I am suggesting that chapters in Alabama hold a chapter meeting that night. Be sure that you have some station connected with the Columbia network long enough in advance of 8:00 P. M. so that the entire group of F. F. A. members will hear the entire program.

I am suggesting that several members of each chapter write Dr. C. H. Lane, National Adviser, Future Farmers of America, Federal Board for Vocational Education, Lenox Building, 1523 L Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., the following day telling him something of how the program came in, whether your chapter assembled as a body to hear it, and how you enjoyed it.

R. E. Cammack,
State Adviser.

LETTER FROM FORMER SECRETARY

Auburn, Alabama
October 21, 1930

To Members of F. F. A. Chapters:

Since I have been in Auburn and have been a regular member of the Ag. Club here, I have seen the need of a boy getting into some good organization during his high school days. The opportunity of putting oneself into a good club and getting a training that is very valuable is gone if a boy neglects joining and trying to build higher the club that is best for him.

Last year I thought that I was doing good work in F.F.A., but now I see quite a number of improvements that I could have made. I wish that I had wanted to serve on programs more than I did-- maybe I would not have the touches of timidity and scaredness that I fear I now have. The more one talks before other boys as he does in F.F.A. programs, the less scared he is and the fewer mistakes he will make when talking to a larger crowd. Earl Solomon, State President last year, managed things very nicely last summer during our first F.F.A. convention at Auburn, because he had taken an active part when he was in his local chapter.

A boy may think that he will wait until later, or until he gets to college, to do good work in clubs. He doesn't want to fool with the boys who are his associates during high school, but, believe me, they are the ones who will listen with interest to that first ten-minutes talk; they are the ones who will personally (trying to aid you) tell you of your mistakes and show you a better way; and they are the ones who will help you to show others what an F.F.A. chapter can do.

The F.F.A. Association of Alabama this year has a good Executive Committee. They were elected during the convention by the delegates from every chapter. The organization will, as a whole, be only as good as the members of which it is composed, so you see you can play an important part in the state organization if you wish to do so. May I leave this impression with you: "Get into an F.F.A. and do not let any other boy in the chapter do more for it than you do; then the chances are that you will be fully repaid for the time that you have put into it."

Oliver Manning,
Secretary 1929-30

DANVILLE CHAPTER

Accomplishments During 1929-30

1. Set shade trees on campus.
2. Built walks leading from front entrance of school building.
3. Sent delegates to state convention held at Auburn.

Plans for This Year .

1. Start landscaping of campus, including the setting of shades and shrubs.
2. Have a father and son banquet.
3. Foster drive for installation of sanitary toilets on campus and in community.
4. Take a week's educational tour in the summer.
5. Attend annual state convention at Auburn.

URIAH CHAPTER

Local Program of Work for 1930-31

1. Make use of propagation row--also set out new shrubs.
2. Gravel and stake off driveway.
3. Set trees around campus.
4. Continue beautification program of the vocational department.
5. Keep all projects up to date.
6. Father-son banquet.
7. Joint social with home economics girls.
8. Conduct one camp or tour next summer.
9. Send two delegates to state convention, with part expenses paid.
10. Provide pins for various degrees.
11. Improve sanitary conditions of homes by screening.
12. Promote a thrift program. (Better gardens, better seed and cattle)

Rules and Regulations of the Club.

- a. Meetings.
 1. Meet every other Wednesday (9:35-10:15)
 2. Have a regular program.
 3. No profanity of any kind will be allowed in meetings.
 4. Violations of rule (3) subject to fine by executive committee.
- b. Dues.
 1. Each member shall pay an initiation fee of 25¢.
 2. Each member shall pay 20¢ dues each month.
 3. Unless excuse is accepted, no member shall get more than one month behind with dues (written excuses must be made).

WADLEY CHAPTER

Accomplishments During 1929-30

1. Improved agricultural and home economics building.
2. Established waterworks and electric pump for high school.
3. Improved football field.
4. Improved school ground.
5. Put on community fair.
6. Helped maintain news of chapter in county paper.

Plans for This Year

1. Staging plays throughout year.
2. Maintaining bulletin board for farmers.
3. Sponsoring father and son banquet.
4. More vacation tours.
5. Addition of water and sewer system to home economics building.
6. Repairing school building.
7. Sod football field.
8. Boost the department of vocational agriculture.

ISABELLA CHAPTER

Plans for This Year

1. Improve school grounds.
2. Establish shower bath.
3. Send delegates to state convention.
4. Sponsor father and son banquet.
5. Finance educational trip.
6. Maintain news of the chapter in county paper.
7. Build unit kitchens for home economics department.
8. Put on exhibit at community fair.

LEIGHTON CHAPTER

Plans for This Year

1. Planning a tour for next summer of at least 1000 miles and attending annual conference at Auburn.
 2. Establishing four white lights at front of campus.
 3. Constructing concrete walks on school grounds.
 4. Providing more parking space at the front of campus by tiling ditch and filling in.
 5. Sponsoring movement to secure two flood lights for the basketball court.
 6. Sponsoring father-son-mother-daughter banquet.
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SYLACAUGA CHAPTER

The new officers of the Sylacauga Chapter for this year are: Batson Miller, President; Aldon Rogers, Vice-President; Ballard McNeill, Secretary; DeWitt Motes, Treasurer; and James Kelley, Reporter. The members of the program committee are: Drayton Caldwell, Chairman; Woodrow Thurman, and Olive Morris.

The chapter will have a large part of the work to do in the school's agricultural exhibit at the Talladega County Fair to be held in Sylacauga from October 14 to 18.

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RAMER F.F.A. CHAPTER HELPS FINANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

The question of financing the different school projects in rural schools is one that requires much thought on the part of principals, teachers, and pupils. This year the Ramer F.F.A. Chapter is helping along this line in that they are sponsoring the operation of a school lunch room in the Ramer High School.

Seeing the need of a place where school children could buy lunches at a reasonable price, a delegation from the F. F. A. Club discussed the matter with the school principal. He immediately sanctioned the plan and helped the club arrange a suitable place in the school for the lunch room. The boys constructed all necessary equipment at a very small cost.

Through the splendid cooperation of the principal, home economics girls and teacher, and the vocational agriculture boys and their teacher, the Ramer High School now has a lunch stand that sells sweet milk, chocolate milks, hot chocolate, soup, cakes and sandwiches of all kinds. All supplies are bought wholesale, thus allowing a larger profit on sales. The home economics girls have charge of making the sandwiches and the agriculture boys bottle the milk and sell the lunches. The agriculture teacher acts as general supervisor.

Up to the present time profits on the lunches amount to \$25.00 a month. This year the money made will be used to erect two brick posts at the entrance to the school grounds, to purchase two oil stoves for the home economics department, and to take care of other worth while school needs to be decided on later. Members of the F.F.A. club hope to see the lunch room develop into a first-class cafeteria in the near future.

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Program of Ramer Chapter for 1930-31

1. Construct play ground for Ramer Elementary School.
2. Sponsor school lunch room.
3. Award loving cup to club boy with the best program of work.
4. Erect brick gate post at entrance to school grounds.
5. Cooperate with the Ramer Industrial Club in sponsoring town clean-up days.
6. Continue school ground beautification.
7. Send one delegate from club to the National F.F.A. Convention, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in November.
8. Have the regular annual barbecue supper for parents and friends.