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1933-34

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A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

(I WROTE TO WILLARD BROWN A FEW WEEKS AGO FOR HIS NEWS LETTER,  
 BUT HE HAS NOT SENT IT TO ME YET. UNLESS HE HAS SENT IT TO  
 YOU, YOU WILL HAVE TO USE THIS SPACE FOR SOMETHING ELSE.)

C. M. M.

ALABAMA BOYS ATTEND SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
 OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Three state officers of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America, together with one local adviser, attended the national F. F. A. convention at Kansas City, Missouri, in November. Mr. C. R. Wood, local adviser of the Belgreen Chapter; Austin Ezzell, President; Willard Brown, Treasurer; and Clifford Manning, Reporter, left Russellville, Alabama, November 19 to attend this convention.

There were 42 states represented together with Hawaii.

The boys were greatly entertained by the people of Kansas City and the national officers. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy it very much. The Alabama boys came home with a new determination that they would be recognized more at the next convention than they were at this one.

PROGRAM OF THE SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FUTURE FARMERS  
 OF AMERICA HELD IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER 19-23, 1933

Monday, November 20

8:00 A. M. - Registration. American Royal Building and Hotel  
 to Baltimore  
 6:00 P. M.  
 8:00 A. M. - Vocational livestock judging contest. Main arena.  
 9:30 A. M. - Executive session, National Advisory Council for F. F. A.,  
 Hotel Baltimore.  
 1:00 P. M. - Executive section, National Board of Trustees of  
 F. F. A., Hotel Baltimore.  
 2:00 P. M. - Vocational Meat Judging Contest. Meat exhibit.  
 2:30 P. M. - Matinee horse show. Guests of The American Royal.

- 6:00 P. M. to - Viewing the lighted city from the illuminated tower  
7:15 P.M. of the Power and Light Building.  
7:30 P. M. - National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest. Thomas A.  
Edison Hall, Power and Light Building.

Tuesday, November 21

- 9:00 A. M. - Assemble at registration booth for tour of stockyards and  
trip to view carlot exhibits. Members of the Boys' and  
Girls' Committee of the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange  
to act as guides.  
9:00 A. M. - Opening session, National Convention of F. F. A.  
Hotel Baltimore.  
11:00 A. M. - Radio broadcast of the National F. F. A. public speaking  
contest by station WDAF over N. B. C. network, Farm and  
Home Hour.  
1:30 P. M. - Second session, National Convention of F. F. A.  
2:30 P. M. - Matinee horse show. Main arena. Guests of The American  
Royal.  
4:30 P. M. - Horse and mule pulling contest. Arena.  
5:45 P. M. - All vocational students assemble. Hotel Baltimore.  
6:00 P. M. - Buffet supper, First Christian Church, 11th and Locust.  
Assemble for the arena parade.  
7:45 P. M. - Parade of all vocational agricultural students in the  
arena, American Royal Building.  
8:00 P. M. to - Announcement of winners of F. F. A. Star Farmer Contest  
8:15 P.M. - over WDAF, "The Kansas City Star," and presentation of  
prizes.  
8:15 P. M. - Evening horse show, Arena. F. F. A. delegates, public  
speaking contestants, state judging teams, railroad prize  
winners, coaches and officials will be guests of The  
American Royal.

Wednesday, November 22

- 8:00 A. M. - F. F. A. Committee work. Hotel Baltimore.  
9:00 A. M. - Leave from West entrance of Hotel Baltimore for day's trip.  
9:15 A. M. - Visiting packing plant of Armour and Company.  
12:00 M. - Lunch. Guests of Sears Roebuck and Company.  
1:30 P. M. - Third session, National Convention of F. F. A., Hotel  
Baltimore.  
2:00 P. M. - Street cars leave Sears Roebuck and Company for American  
Royal Building.  
2:30 P. M. - Matinee horse show. Arena.  
4:30 P. M. - Horse and mule pulling contest. Arena.  
6:30 P. M. - Annual vocational agricultural banquet, Hotel Baltimore.  
The F. F. A. delegates, members of judging teams, prize  
winners, public speaking contestants, railroad prize  
winners, coaches and officials will be guests of the  
Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce.  
Address by Dr. George F. Zook, United States Commissioner  
of Education.  
Awarding of prizes.

Thursday, November 23

- 9:00 A.M., 1:30  
P.M., 7:30 P.M.- Executive sessions and meeting of Boards of Trustees

NATIONAL F. F. A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST HELD DURING  
THE SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF  
AMERICA IN KANSAS CITY, NOVEMBER 20, 1933

The public speaking contest has for its main purpose the training of F. F. A. members in writing and delivering addresses on some phase of agriculture. This contest has been carried on over a period of three or four years, the final awards being made during the annual meeting of Future Farmers in Kansas City. The plan in a general way is for contestants to hold elimination contests in congressional districts in each State, then a state-wide elimination contest, then a regional elimination contest, and finally the four or five winners in the various regions compete for first, second, third, and fourth places at the national convention.

The National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years, sponsored the event and offered valuable cash prizes. For the second year now the national organization of Future Farmers of America is sponsoring this contest and offering cash prizes and medals to the winners as follows:

First Place	\$300 in cash and a solid gold F. F. A. medal.
Second Place	\$200 in cash and a silver F. F. A. medal.
Third Place	\$150 in cash and a bronze F. F. A. medal.
Fourth Place	\$100 in cash and a bronze F. F. A. medal.

Winners at the national meeting, November 1933, are as follows:

- First Winner - Albert W. Richardson, Reading Chapter of F. F. A., Reading, Mass. Subject: "Why Be a Farmer?"
- Second Winner- Raymond N. Malouf, Richfield Chapter of F. F. A., Richfield, Utah. Subject: "Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture."
- Third Winner - Joe E. Brummel, Troy Chapter of F. F. A., Troy, Missouri. Subject: "Stabilizing the Purchasing Power of Money as a Solution to the Farm Problem."
- Fourth Winner- William Guidry, Breaux Bridge Chapter of F. F. A., Breaux Bridge, La. Subject: "The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture."

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AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CONFERRED ON ALABAMA BOY

At the national convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, in November, one F. F. A. member of Alabama, Norman Crawford, Marion F. F. A. Chapter, Marion, Alabama, had the degree of American Farmer conferred upon him. He is eighteen years old, received his State Farmer degree at Auburn in July, 1931. He owns ten acres of land, fifteen hogs, one horse, and six calves. During the current year he rented nine acres of land, six acres of which were in orchard, and three acres planted to corn. He also cared for thirteen hogs, 150 beef cattle, and corn and beans. His four-year supervised practice program included cotton, hogs, corn, orchard, and oats, from which he derived a labor income of \$364.84. Norman's

## A MESSAGE FROM THE REINSTATED CORNER CHAPTER

In full keeping with the progress of a great nation, and its most able leadership, so must the F. F. A. chapters forget their past handicaps and look forward to the dawn of a new day. This was the spirit which caused the Corner Chapter of F.F.A. to again affiliate with the State organization after a period of a year in which affiliation with the Alabama Association was not maintained.

Our subject matter and class routine are so arranged that the class saw it could not derive the full benefits of vocational agriculture without an active chapter of F. F. A. Arriving upon a full realization of this finding, the members determined to organize one hundred per cent and make up for the past year, draw up a standard of objectives, and attempt to carry out the best program in the State. We have the only chapter in the county and it is our purpose by the end of the school year to have everyone in the county interested in agriculture; in schools, and in our community development, and thoroughly acquainted with the purposes of the F. F. A. organization, the program of work of our chapter, and the progress made.

Corner Chapter of F. F. A.  
Jefferson County, Alabama  
Opal Florence, Reporter

## PLAYS FOR F. F. A. PROGRAMS

The following notice has just been received announcing two short plays suitable for F. F. A. programs:

Farmers - Call the Doctor -- "A pantomime, 20 minutes; no parts to learn, two rehearsals. Reader's manuscript and stage directions. Won first place at Illinois State Fair Contest. Glorifies vocational agriculture. Simple properties. Funny, short, sure fine sketch."

Not in the Minutes -- "One Act Comedy. Built around an F.F.A. meeting right on the stage. The vocational agriculture instructor helps save the day for Bob, who, of course, gets "the girl." One boy wants everything in the minutes. One thing just "won't do" in the minutes. 20 minutes play time."

Send a dollar bill for both plays to: Ag. Plays, 1318 North Franklin Street, Danville, Illinois.

NOTES ON MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN  
BIRMINGHAM, DECEMBER 2, 1933

1. Consideration of applications for reinstatement of chapters with revoked charters.
  - a. Five chapters were approved for reinstatement. They are: Milltown, Corner, Geraldine, Goodwater, and Smiths Station.

NOTES ON MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN BIRMINGHAM,  
DECEMBER 2, 1933 (CONT'D)

2. Consideration of news letter under the following heads:
  - a. Length ----- To be 4 or 5 pages.
  - b. Contents ----- Officer's message, programs of work, current F.F.A. news, and any interesting articles on F. F. A. work.
  - c. Time to issue ----- First of each month.
  - e. Preparation of material ----- To be prepared by the state officers for distribution.
  
3. Relation of Alabama Association to chapters with revoked charters.
  - a. Shall they continue to get news letter? We shall continue to send them the news letter for three or four months, but if they do not reinstate within this time the news letter will be stopped.
  - b. Shall they continue to get other announcements and material issued by the Association? No.
  - c. Shall they be contacted any more with reference to coming back into the State Association? Yes. We shall send them any material upon request which will aid them in any way in reinstating their chapters.
  
4. Radio program and plans.
  - a. The Vice-President, Perry Clay, was appointed as chairman for getting up the radio programs. Announcements of these programs will be sent out to each chapter.
  
5. F.F.A. public speaking contest.
  - a. President Austin Ezzell was appointed chairman. Announcement of this will be found in this news letter.
  
6. Song writing contest, F.F.A. music and band.
  - a. The Treasurer, Willard Brown, was appointed chairman. Announcement of this has already been sent out.
  
7. Short report of national meeting.
  - a. A short report of the meeting will be found in this letter. It was voted by those at the Executive Committee meeting that our Adviser, Mr. R. E. Cammack, attend the next national convention.
  
8. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held during the meeting of the Alabama Education Association in Birmingham the latter part of March or the first of April.
  
9. It was decided that plans for making the program for the annual meeting at Auburn will be worked out at the next meeting of the Committee.
  
10. A canvass of all chapters in good standing was made. It was decided that the president should contact those which have not qualified thus far this year and urge them to do so at the earliest possible date.

## ALABAMA F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

On December 2 at the Executive Committee meeting of the Alabama Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America, the decision was unanimous to put on a Chapter Public Speaking Contest. Austin Ezzell, State President, was elected to the chairmanship of committee for working out plans for this contest. The committee was appointed, and a meeting held at Cardiff Hotel, Tusculumbia, Alabama, December 7, with plans worked out as herein presented.

- A. 1. Since the Barrett Company desired to offer the amount of \$400.00 in prizes to Smith-Hughes students in Alabama, the committee agrees - that this amount be equally divided between all chapters entering the public speaking contest, and first prizes of Arcadian Nitrate of Soda be offered in each chapter. (First prize will be 200 or 300 pounds soda, according to number of chapters entering.)

2. Each chapter, to be eligible to share in prizes donated by the Barrett Company, must agree to meet the requirements of this contest. Agreement blanks attached. (Other prizes may be offered locally, not to exceed value of first prize.)

## B. Rules of Contest:

1. There must be at least three members of chapter competing on final night.
2. Only members from chapters affiliated with State and National organization will be eligible to share in prizes.
3. The contest is open to any member of affiliated chapter.
4. As many members of affiliated chapters as desire may enter contest.
  - a. On final night of public speaking contest, there must be 3 and not more than 6 members competing.
  - b. Eliminations (where more than 6 enter) must be held before February 10 to determine finalists in contest.
  - c. Local chapter with principal and adviser will work out method of elimination where necessary (before Feb. 10).
5. The paper must be original.
6. Subjects must be Agricultural:
 

The following are suggestive:

  - a. Some phase of the new deal in Agriculture.
  - b. The Relation of the T.V.A. to Agriculture.
  - c. Benefits of the 1933 Cotton Acreage Reduction Campaign.
  - d. Activities of the Farm Credit Corporation.
  - e. The Importance of a Soil Improvement Program on Our Farm.
  - f. Services Rendered and Results Obtained by Farm Organization.
  - g. Agricultural Education for the Farmer:-
    1. Smith-Hughes, 2. Smith-Lever, 3. Experiment Station, 4. Land Grant Colleges.
  - h. The Importance of Living at Home and a Balanced Farm Program.
  - i. The 1934 Cotton Acreage Reduction Plan.
  - j. Soil Erosion - Reforestation or any other agricultural subject approved by local adviser.

7. Judging shall be done locally by persons appointed by the Principal of School, President of chapter, and local Adviser. (Manuscripts should be in hands of judges 48 hours before contest. No Relative of Contestant shall be eligible to serve as judge.)

a. Quotations in manuscript must give reference and quotation marks. Each judge will place all speakers, hand in placement sheet to principal of school, who will place each boy after compilation of judges' scores.

b. The Judging shall be on:

(1) Manuscript - 60%	(2) Delivery - 40%
(1200 to 2500 words)	(10-15 minutes)
(a) Originality 10%	(a) Platform manners 8%
(b) Organization 15%	(b) Voice 5%
(c) Use of English 15%	(c) Enunciation 10%
(d) Subject matter 20%	(d) Bodily action 12%
	(e) Response to question from judges 5%

(Principal, president of chapter and local adviser to be arrangement committee for selecting date of contest, getting judges, getting school auditorium, chairman for meetings, and other duties of arrangement committee.)

8. Winners in each chapter contest must agree to use Arcadian Soda in a supervised practice program, furnishing records of production to representative of Barrett Fertilizer Company. (Arcadian nitrate signs may be placed in field.)

9. Names of all boys entering chapter contest with subject selected, and the 5 to 6 in final contest must be sent to State Adviser by February 10, 1934.

10. Final winner in chapter contest, with typed copy of paper must be mailed to State Adviser and District Supervisor by March 10. (Number of people attending preliminary and final contests should be sent in.)

11. Contestants should call on local adviser for suggestions of subject, subject matter and reference material, and on the English teacher for help and criticisms on manuscript.

#### C. Suggestions:

1. Local advisers may arrange for contestants to meet groups of farmers in different communities and give the boy practice in delivery and the group agricultural information in the manuscript.

2. If desirable, county and district finals may be worked out after chapter contests are held.

3. This plan be mimeographed, a copy sent to principal of each school, each chapter president, each local adviser and published in the next news letter.



4. Final night program should be arranged: Including
  - (a) Speaking contest.
  - (b) Musical numbers.
  - (c) F. F. A. songs.
  - (d) F. F. A. program of work - objectives.
  - (e) F. F. A. Creed.
  - (f) Opportunity for visitors to express themselves on this work.
5. Judges should be furnished with score card - 7 (1) and (2) on which to place all contestants with figures for placing 1 to 6, the totals added, with smallest number winner.
  - (a) Suggestions in No. 4 should consume time while judges are making final decision.

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NATIONAL F.F.A. RADIO PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 8, 1934.  
THEME - "DEVELOPING AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP."

The following radio program will be presented by the Future Farmers of America during the N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour on January 8 (12.30 to 1.30 p.m., E.S.T.; 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., C.S.T.)

- I. The F.F.A. March by the U. S. Army Band.
- II. Talk by Bobby Jones, President of the Future Farmers of America organization. Bobby will have a message for all members of the F.F.A. organization.
- III. F.F.A. Radio Bulletin Board by H. E. Swanson, Executive Secretary.
- IV. Address by L. H. Dennis, Secretary, American Vocational Association. This will be the first opportunity that Mr. Dennis has had to address the F.F.A. since assuming his new position with the A.V.A.
- V. Music by the U. S. Army Band.

Tune in and enjoy the program

Chapters should send postal cards to Frank Mullen, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, telling how many heard the program.

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