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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

There are several things that I believe every F. F. A. member should be thinking about in behalf of his chapter.

He should be making a great effort to get new members, especially if his chapter membership is small. I do not mean by this statement that he should unduly induce students to become members of the chapter. I believe we sometimes fail in our duty to make F.F.A. work attractive to the boys in vocational agriculture work who would make creditable members. This includes members and local advisers. The reason I am stressing the need of soliciting new members is because of the fact that the Alabama Association decreased last year in membership from about twenty-two hundred to a little less than fourteen hundred. This simply means that F.F.A. work in Alabama was two-thirds as strong in 1932-33 as it was in 1931-32. We should not and will not be satisfied until our membership is two thousand or more at the end of 1933-34. I should like for the vice-president of every chapter to give this especial attention, for he is chairman of the membership committee.

Is your chapter familiar with the local program of work, the state program of work, and the national program of work? Your local chapter secretary should be keeping an accurate and complete record of all the objectives that your chapter accomplishes. This will enable him to make an accurate report of accomplishments to the state adviser at the end of the year.

Another thing I believe will be of interest and help to our F.F.A. work is our radio program. I should like for every chapter in the State to have some part in putting on a radio program or at least listen in on the national radio program. The national radio program is broadcast over the N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour every second Monday in the month except when the National Convention of F.F.A. is held, November 17-24 at Kansas City. The November date of F. F. A. broadcast has been changed from November 13 to November 21. The program for this date will come from Kansas City entirely and at that time the members will be able to hear the boys who are competing for honors in the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest. I hope that every F.F.A. member will be able to turn on his radio or that of a friend and hear the program on November 21.

-- Perry Clay, Vice-President.

LAMAR JEFFERS HONORED AT VOCATIONAL BANQUET AT WETUMPKA

At a father-son-mother-daughter banquet given jointly by the Wetumpka Chapter of Future Farmers of America and the department of vocational home economics at the State Secondary Agricultural School at Wetumpka on Friday night, October 20, Honorable Lamar Jeffers, Representative in Congress from the Fourth Alabama District, was presented a key signifying election to the degree of "State Farmer" by the Executive Committee of the state organization of Future Farmers of America. The key, presented by Earnest Thornhill, past president of the State Association, represents the highest honor that the state organization can bestow in recognition of Mr. Jeffers' outstanding work in Congress in fighting for vocational work when efforts were being made to withdraw Federal funds for this type of training.

In his talk to the group of about seventy boys and girls in vocational home economics and agriculture and about fifty fathers and mothers and other guests, Mr. Jeffers stressed the importance of boys and girls taking up early in life the challenge of the future. He further stated his great faith in vocational training for boys and girls.

The banquet was presided over by Vivian Wade, a student in vocational home economics at Wetumpka. The program included, besides the address by Mr. Jeffers, an outline of the activities of the F. F. A. and some of the accomplishments of the Wetumpka Chapter last year, by Charles Owsley, past president; this year's activities, by E. L. Thompson, president for the coming year; the reading of the prize-winning essay in home economics by Julia Ellen Bass; the programs of vocational home economics and agriculture at Wetumpka, by Miss Sarah Stevenson, teacher of vocational home economics, and T. H. LeCroy, teacher of vocational agriculture; and music and stunts by members of the student group.

This banquet was the second annual father-son-mother-daughter banquet to be given jointly by the department of home economics and the F.F.A. at Wetumpka, and represents only one of the many activities sponsored by those groups of wide-awake boys and girls.

F.F.A. PROGRAM GIVEN OVER RADIO STATION W.J.B.Y.
THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 7:15 O'CLOCK AT
GADSDEN BY THE GLENCOE CHAPTER.

1. Alabama Swing, by F.F.A. string band, accompanied by Mrs. Jene Braddy.
2. Future Farmers of America Song. (Chorus)
3. Short history of F. F. A.
4. Whistle and Blow Your Blues Away -- By the String Band.
5. Glencoe Chapter Program of Work -- By Perry Clay, President.
6. Hail the F.F.A., song - (Chorus)
7. Maple Leaf Rag -- Piano Solo by Mrs. Jene Braddy.
8. All American Girl -- The Band.

- - -ATTENTION REPORTERS- - -

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BELGREEN F. F. A. HAS PICNIC AND OTHER EVENTS

The Belgreen F. F. A. Chapter sponsored a picnic and fiddlers' contest last Saturday, with a ball game in the afternoon between the Belgreen and Spruce Pine teams. Spruce Pine won, 17 to 12, the game going eleven innings.

In the fiddlers' contest winners were: Ollie Terry, first; Ed Rickard, second. Guitar: Collicott, first; Ed Rickard, second. Banjo, Benton Smith; Harmonica, Eddie Collier.

After noon, a good crowd gathered at the school building where talks were made by Professor Wood, teacher of vocational agriculture; Austin Ezzell, president of the Belgreen Chapter, also president of the state organization of Future Farmers of America; Dan Duncan and M. S. Hansbrough.

The Belgreen Chapter has 28 members and is very active. The youths are training for rural leadership and are making good progress. Jack Bragwell is **reporter** for the organization.

The people of the Belgreen community are giving encouragement to the F. F. A., rightfully believing it can accomplish much good through its activities.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE STATE ADVISER

Plans are under way for the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America to be represented at the annual meeting in Kansas City, November 17-24, by two delegates.

In connection with the annual meeting, let me urge each chapter in the State to listen in on the broadcast which will be given during the convention. In another place in this news letter announcement is made relative to the broadcast. It would be well, I think, for as many of the chapters as possible to arrange to hold a chapter meeting for the purpose of listening in on the broadcast. I think it would be very interesting, instructive, and inspiring.

So far as I know, only three chapters have responded to the request made by the State President in the last news letter that each chapter send to the State Treasurer 50¢ to help defray expenses of the delegates to the national meeting. This 50¢ may be included in check for dues. Make mention of this fact in transmitting check covering dues. In **any** case all checks covering dues or donation for the trip to Kansas City should be made payable to Willard Brown, Treasurer, and mailed to me in order that we may make record and forward them to the State Treasurer.

Credit goes to the Glencoe Chapter, the Evergreen Chapter, and Hackleburg Chapter for being the first ones to send in the 50¢ requested by the President in the last news letter.

I cannot allow this news letter to go out without again urging local advisers and chapter officers to act at once, not tomorrow but today,

in getting the chapter organized and functioning. There is much work to be done and such a little time in which to do it. Get your officers elected and functioning, get your program of work committee appointed and functioning, call on your local adviser and let him function, call on your state officers and let them function. When a program has been outlined, let all members fall in line and do their duty. Let's make this a banner year in F. F. A. work.

The Alabama Farmer is a publication by the students in agriculture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. This is a well written and well edited magazine and should be in the library of every Future Farmer Chapter in this State. You will be interested to know that Earl Solomon, the first president of the Future Farmers of Alabama, is the business manager of this magazine. I am urging each chapter to subscribe for this very much worth while farm magazine and have it come regularly to your library. The subscription price, as I understand it, is \$1.00 for the year. By subscribing now you can get all copies for this year.

REPORT FROM STATE TREASURER

In each news letter commencing with this one we shall list the chapters that have submitted dues, membership lists, and programs of work up to the time each letter is issued. We are pleased to announce at this time that 36 chapters have already submitted dues and membership lists. These are listed below.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No. Members</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No. Members</u>
Athens	12	Hackleburg	15
Evergreen	33	Haleyville	14
Hamilton	12	Isabella	11
Milltown	11	Jemison	16
Moundville	11	Leroy	22
Headland	17	Lexington	18
Columbia	13	Liberty	26
Rogersville	41	McKenzie	5
Marion	29	Marbury	9
Odenville	14	Millerville	17
Akron	15	New Brockton	6
Bakerhill	12	Ohatchee	27
Belgreen	29	Pine Apple	23
Felix	9	Riverton	24
Five Points	20	Uriah	30
Foley	22	Wadley	19
Gaylesville	21	Walnut Grove	13
Glencoe	19	Dixons Mills	28

The State Treasurer desires to congratulate the chapters listed above for the promptness with which they have organized their chapters, set up programs of work, and collected dues. It is the feeling of the Executive Committee that chapters that have gone about their work in the way in which

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these chapters have are off to a good start and will accomplish a great deal in F.F.A. work this year. How many will we have to report in the November issue of The Alabama Future Farmer?

Willard Brown, Treasurer.

PROGRAM OF WORK OF THE ISABELLA CHAPTER FOR 1933-34

1. Have an active F. F. A. chapter with not less than four members holding the State Farmer Degree by the end of the state convention in July 1934.
2. Have at least five members to attend the state convention at Auburn, two of which will be delegates.
3. Hold annual father-son-mother-daughter banquet.
4. Keep in touch with state organization by sending in annual program of work accomplishments before June 1, 1934.
5. Confer the degree of Future Farmer as rapidly as Green Hand members are eligible.
6. Start F. F. A. library in agricultural building or school.
7. Aid our local adviser in supervised practice program by (a) helping to make project standards for various types of programs and (b) promoting the keeping of accurate project records.
8. Sponsor live-at-home program by making a five-year plan to suit the need of the community.
9. Start some cooperative projects for the surrounding communities' benefit, such as: (1) community hot-beds, (2) rat killing campaign.
10. Start F. F. A. nursery for beautifying school campus, homes and community buildings.
11. Each F. F. A. member take home beautification project.
12. Have two or more joint meetings with home economics club during school year.
13. Each F. F. A. member help local adviser in at least one night school.
14. Have at least three social entertainments during the year.
15. Construct dressing room and shower for the athletic department of the school.
16. Each member pay chapter dues out of profit from this year's project before October 20, 1933.
17. Procure necessary equipment for conducting chapter meetings and conduct meetings as recommended in the F. F. A. manual.
18. Help to uphold the state organization by sending in suggestions for the improvement of same.
19. At least the officers of the chapter own an F. F. A. manual.
20. Establish F. F. A. bulletin board.

MILLTOWN CHAPTER MEETS REQUIREMENTS FOR
REINSTATEMENT IN THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Special congratulations are due the Milltown Chapter of F. F. A. This is one of the chapters that was unfortunate in having its charter revoked. The Executive Committee recognizes that it was not altogether the fault of the chapter that this charter was revoked. The F. F. A. boys at Milltown said from the very first that they would not allow their chapter to be in bad standing and started out immediately following the annual meeting to reorganize and

place their chapter in good standing. This is the kind of spirit that wins. The Executive Committee desires again to congratulate this chapter and to wish for it a most successful year's work.

MEETING OF GLENCOE CHAPTER

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The Glencoe Chapter of Future Farmers of America met at its regular meeting time Wednesday night, October 4. A thorough discussion of the program of work was the main item of business transacted.

Each item in the program of work was headed by some boy in the chapter. The boy being the chairman of a committee, he will be held responsible for the success or failure of that particular item. This will give each boy a specific responsibility to perform. By doing so the weak places in the chapter may be strengthened by the aid of the adviser.

--- J. P. Phillips, Reporter.

WHAT IS YOUR CHAPTER DOING?

Is your chapter -

- Increasing its membership?
- Arranging a father and son banquet?
- Preparing a candidate for the American Farmer Degree?
- Preparing to pay its state and national dues this month?
- Holding regular meetings?
- Trying to attain a definite goal in its program of work?
- Going to send in news for the next issue of the news letter?
- Acquainting leading citizens of your community, such as, school board members, judges of probate, county commissioners, members of the Legislature, members of Congress, and others, with what is being done in F. F. A.?
- The outstanding organization in your community--if not, why not?

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CHAPTER

1. Rat killing campaign.
2. Seed corn selection practice.
3. Tour to visit projects so that fall and spring observations can be compared when spring tour is made.
4. Put on one or more assembly programs.
5. Cull flocks, making a small charge for the service.
6. Send in news for the monthly news letter.
7. Hold an F. F. A. banquet.
8. Establish a thrift organization.
9. Have a pruning demonstration in your community, and encourage members to care for and begin a renovation program in their home orchards.
10. Have a joint party with the home economics girls.
11. Have the leading adults in the county attend the banquet. Arrange a type program which will sell F. F. A. to them. Have them appear on the program.