



ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

REPORT OF ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ON ACTIVITIES FOR 1933-34

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Out of 114 departments of vocational agriculture in the State, we have 111 chartered chapters of F. F. A. with a total ^{active} membership of 2,123. During the fiscal year 1933-34, 748 members were added to our Association. This is a little over 54 per cent increase. Excluding the new members who have joined since June 30, 1934, we now have 1,393 boys holding the Green Hand Degree, together with 686 Future Farmers, 38 State Farmers, and 6 American Farmers. There are 262 local associate members and 239 honorary members, making a grand total of 2,624 members.

There were 25 objectives set up in our program of work and we can report an excellent accomplishment on the majority of them. I only wish to cite a few as illustrations.

We had 53 chapters which held father-son banquets; 34 chapters worked toward the establishment of county F. F. A. camps; and 24 chapters held quarterly meetings with home economics clubs.

Sixty-four chapters have established F. F. A. libraries with at least eight books, and many chapters have well equipped libraries with many more books than were called for on our program of work.

"Beautiful Alabama" may soon be a south-wide slogan because 81 chapters have started F. F. A. nurseries and are using products from these nurseries to beautify the homes of the F. F. A. members in those chapters.

It is probably not the greatest of our accomplishments but we hope it will be the loudest - we have launched into the huge task of organizing a state F. F. A. band. We may still be far from being heard naturally over the State but we are at least heard scientifically by means of the radio.

In one section of the State a regular weekly schedule has been followed by some twelve or fifteen chapters alternating in the use of the Dothan Broadcasting Station. Other stations over the State have been used frequently with great response from the people in general.

Two contests, one in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau and the other in cooperation with the Arcadian Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau, have been held with such gratifying results that it has been decided to continue them.

About half of our chapters have prepared newspaper articles regularly and approximately one-fourth have issued newsletters. We issue a state newsletter the 15th of every month and send mimeographed copies to all chapters and to each member of the Executive Committee.

With the great interest shown by the Government in reforestation recently, I could hardly afford to leave off the fact that 79 of our chapters have included a conservation of natural resource item in their program of work.

You may not agree with me, even after hearing our accomplishments, but I actually believe that we have just ended the most successful year of Alabama's F. F. A. history with the wheels rolling merrily toward even greater success for this year.