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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Spruce Pine, Alabama
 June 14, 1934

Dear Fellow Workers in F.F.A.:

The time is drawing near when you will be looking to a new Executive Committee to lead you through another year. Some of you will be acting as members of that Committee. Let me urge that you accord the next leaders the genuine cooperation that you have shown the present ones, and if you see a way in which you may improve, be sure to grasp the opportunity. It has been said many times, "The strength of the Alabama Association of F.F.A. rests entirely on members of the local chapters and the type of work they do."

It has certainly been a pleasure to work with you this year, and I only trust that you have been benefited to the fullest extent by the year's work. It is certainly a shame if by any chance your present Executive Committee, or any member of it, has failed to perform any duty that has hindered one boy and caused our objectives to be trampled on. However, by your cooperation we have been able to perform what we wish to believe is a creditable year's work. Therefore, it is not pleasant to cease our duties, but we feel that from our ever increasing membership there can be selected a group that will carry on the work much better than it has been carried on during 1933-34.

Sincerely yours,

Austin Ezzell,
 President.

 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION DURING 1933-34

1. Seventeen of the 20 chapters whose charters were revoked have been reinstated.
2. An F. F. A. chapter in every vocational agriculture department in the State except three.
3. One hundred and ten active chapters in the State with 2123 members.
4. Held annual state convention in July with a majority of the chapters represented.
5. Sent two official delegates to the national convention in Kansas City.

6. One State Farmer raised to American Farmer.
7. Some of the chapters in the State established an F.F.A. camp.
8. The majority of the chapters in the State held father-son banquets.
9. The majority of the chapters have corresponded with the State Association during the year by sending in programs of work, news articles, etc.
10. Over 50 per cent of the chapters have sent in reports on accomplishments.
11. The majority of the chapters have started F.F.A. nurseries and libraries.
12. The majority of the chapters have procured necessary equipment for conducting chapter meetings as recommended in the F.F.A. manual.

A LIST OF CHAPTERS OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION THAT
HAVE SENT IN PROGRAMS OF WORK, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND
NEWS ARTICLES TO THE STATE REPORTER

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| 1. Abbeville | 15. Hackleburg | 29. Moundville |
| 2. Arley | 16. Haleyville | 30. New Market |
| 3. Bakerhill | 17. Headland | 31. Ohatchee |
| 4. Belgreen | 18. Holtville | 32. Ozark |
| 5. Blue Springs | 19. Isabella | 33. Pine Apple |
| 6. Cedar Bluff | 20. Jamison | 34. Ramer |
| 7. Columbiana | 21. Leighton | 35. Riverton |
| 8. Columbia | 22. Lexington | 36. Rogersville |
| 9. Curry | 23. Lincoln | 37. Smiths Station |
| 10. Danville | 24. Marion | 38. Sweet Water |
| 11. Evergreen | 25. McKenzie | 39. Uriah |
| 12. Foley | 26. Midland City | 40. Walnut Grove |
| 13. Gaylesville | 27. Milltown | 41. Ward |
| 14. Glencoe | 28. Millport | 42. Wetumpka |

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The annual meeting of the Alabama Association of F.F.A. will be held at Auburn again this year. The meeting will be on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of July, and will probably be the greatest meeting the Alabama Association has ever had. It will be a real get-together for the boys who attend. There will be talks that will be educational and inspirational, and in addition there will be recreation and outside entertainment, such as, track, tennis, boxing, swimming, etc. There will be no need of going hungry because we will have the watermelon cutting as we did last year.

You will be entertained with string music, probably an F.F.A. band from one of the chapters in the State. Willard Brown will tell about the trip to the National Convention held at Kansas City.

Every chapter in the State should be represented by two official delegates and as many members as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to send your 50¢ for the watermelons. Check or money order should be made payable to Willard Brown, Treasurer, and mailed to Mr. R. E. Cammack, State Adviser, State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama.

Do not forget to mail to Austin Ezzell, President, Spruce Pine, Alabama, a list of official delegates and others who will attend the annual meeting. It is imperative that all lists be in his hands by July 1.

If you have any boxing gloves and baseball equipment, bring them along with you to the convention.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CEDAR BLUFF F.F.A. CHAPTER

1. Regular chapter meetings have been held once a week.
 2. Parliamentary procedure was used and emphasized at all meetings.
 3. The school grounds have been terraced to prevent erosion.
 4. All old stumps on the school campus have been removed.
 5. Skips in the hedge have been replanted.
 6. The high school and vocational buildings were landscaped by the chapter.
 7. About 2200 cuttings are being propagated in the school laboratory area.
 8. The chapter fertilized, pruned, and worked shrubbery around the school buildings.
 9. Over 100 acres of land have been terraced for farmers.
 10. Two orchards have been pruned.
 11. An F.F.A. bulletin board was established in a down town store for the benefit of the farmers in the community.
 12. Four members entered the public speaking contest sponsored by the Arcadian Nitrate Company.
 13. Cabinets were built and sold to people in the community.
 14. A stand erected on the football field has earned about \$20.00 for the chapter.
 15. Around 20 news articles published in local and state newspapers.
 16. Sponsored a father-son banquet.
 17. Two members entered the essay contest sponsored by the Chilean Company.
 18. A pure bred Poland China pig was presented to the best all-round agricultural student.
 19. Radio program presented over station WJBY, Gadsden.
 20. A news letter published and mailed to all parents and friends.
 21. We expect to hold a two or three day summer camp in July.
 22. Four members will attend the annual meeting at Auburn this summer.
- Denmon Phillips, Reporter.

CITRONELLE F.F.A. CHAPTER PROMOTES A PIG CONTEST

Due to the fact that this agricultural department is only three years of age, the Chapter is working under a handicap compared with the older chapters in the State. Nevertheless, we are forging ahead with a program we are proud of.

At the beginning of the school term of 1932-33, a pig contest was promoted under the auspices of the business men of Citronelle. The merchants contributed to a fund to buy five pure bred Duroc Jersey gilts. By buying five gilts they were able to get them for five dollars each. The five students having the highest grades in the freshman class were to get the gilts. The students were required to give two gilts back to the agricultural department out of the first litter. These gilts were given to the ten students having the highest grades in the 1933-34 freshman class. These students were also required to return two gilts to the agricultural department. In a very few years every student taking agriculture will get a gilt. If there is a surplus of pigs they will be sold and the money put in the treasury. The people in this community think this is a fine thing for their boys.

Another thing on our program was a father-son barbecue. It had been the custom before this year to have a father-son banquet. As the banquets were not very successful we decided to have a barbecue. The barbecue was a great success. Nearly every student and father were present. Everyone enjoyed it.

Wishing to be self-sustaining, we have started a project to finance our chapter. As we have an electric hotbed and other plant raising facilities, we decided to sell vegetables. Each student took as many plants as he needed. If a student sells a dollar's worth of vegetables, he will return it to the treasury. All money earned over a dollar will be kept by the student. We hope to make enough money this way to finance the chapter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SMITHS STATION F.F.A. CHAPTER

At the beginning of the year, we were badly disorganized. Our treasury was empty; a \$10.00 penalty fee faced us for not affiliating with the state and national organizations. Our charter had been revoked; club spirit was very low; and our school term was uncertain. The job of reorganizing seemed almost impossible, but with the able leadership of our adviser, Mr. J. D. Duke, we said, "we can," and we did.

At our first meeting we elected officers, set up our program of work, and started to work. The most important objective that faced us was getting our chapter reinstated. We began to devise ways and means to raise the \$10.00 necessary to pay the penalty. We started to work and this was soon completed. The penalty, along with state and national dues, was sent to the State Treasurer. We are now in good standing with the state and national organizations.

With the aid of the CWA, we have planted shrubbery around our high school building. We sponsored jointly with the home economics club a father-son-mother-daughter banquet at which 86 people were entertained.

We sponsored a public speaking contest with the entire high school and a number of parents attending. We have initiated ten new members and have elected delegates to attend the state convention. We expect to be almost one hundred per cent present.

Along with the many other accomplishments are the parties and entertainments that have been held frequently. The next things on our program are an ice cream supper and a tour of Warm Springs, Georgia.

-- Smiths Station F.F.A. Reporter

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE WALNUT GROVE CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

By Lucien Miller, Reporter

The Walnut Grove Chapter of Future Farmers of America reports the following activities for the school year 1933-34:

1. Held a Green Hand initiation in October and took into the chapter the following new members: James Robbins, Billy Dabbs, Allen Wynn, Junior Campbell, and Wilber Lee Merriweather.
2. Gave "The Trial of a Soil Robber," a mock trial, which served as an amusement as well as a lesson at Mr. Harbor's evening school at Howelton Schoolhouse.
3. Gave a play, "The Dutch Detective," December 20, 1933, at the Walnut Grove High School. The door receipts were \$28.00.
4. Gave another Green Hand initiation in March and received the following new members into the chapter: Brice Adams, C. L. Morgan, James Whorton, and Clarence Snead.
5. We have started our F.F.A. nursery in a corner of the school campus that was not in use. We have now growing in the nursery 130 shrubs. We made 300 more cuttings which are now in sand rooting. We expect to transfer them to the nursery within a few days. The chapter has erected a sign at the nursery which reads, "F.F.A. Nursery."
6. We have put out a demonstration orchard consisting of 41 apple trees. A sign, "F.F.A. Orchard," has been erected at it. The chapter expects to prune and spray and care for the orchard in the best way.
7. We gave another play May 5, 1934. The name of the play was, "Here Comes Charlie." The door receipts were \$35.00.
8. Our chapter has secured another pure bred, registered Jersey bull calf. This makes two bulls our chapter owns.
9. We held another Green Hand initiation May 10, 1934, and received the following new members into the chapter: J. R. Hubbard, Doyle Lacks, and Willard Stanley.
10. The members last year brought back to the chapter one bushel of oototan soybean seed which they grew in their projects. We have each taken some of these seed to plant in our projects this year. We will return one-half the seed to the chapter and keep the other one-half to plant on our farms.
11. We have one member, Doyle Lacks, who has applied for the State Farmer Degree, the highest degree attainable in the State Association.
12. Our chapter entered the public speaking contest sponsored by the Barrett Company. Junior Campbell won, speaking on the subject, "Terracing as a Means of Soil Improvement." He has received a prize of 300 pounds of nitrate of soda from the Barrett Company.
13. Our chapter sponsored an essay contest in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau. Two of our boys won prizes: Keith Pruet won second prize of \$20.00, and Doyle Lacks won fourth prize of \$10.00 in the North Alabama district. The subject of the essays was, "The Importance of the Rarer Elements in Crop Production."
14. We have given two chapel program during the year.
15. We have broadcast one radio program over WJBY in Gadsden. The program consisted of the following numbers: "Hail, The F.F.A." - A piano solo by J. Francis Silvey; "Future Farmer Song" - A piano and guitar selection by Francis Silvey and Ned Mayo; "Report of Accomplishments and Program of Work" - J. P. Dodd.
16. We gave a pruning demonstration at Altoona February 7, at which three F.F.A. boys discussed and showed how to prune apple trees, young peach trees, and old peach trees.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ECLECTIC CHAPTER OF F.F.A.

1. Settled back obligations made last summer on trip to World Fair, amounting to \$55.00.
2. Attended three county-wide meetings of County F.F.A. Association.
3. Played two F.F.A. ball games with Holtville and Wetumpka.
4. Assisted in a broadcast program over WSFA.
5. Attended F.F.A. Association dance.
6. Through our chapter activities we have been able to create enough interest to raise our membership to a peak higher than ever before.
7. Our chapter will be represented in two trips to the World Fair this summer, where we were represented in only one last summer.
8. Put on chapter oratorical contest with every member taking part.
9. Had F.F.A. box supper.
10. Rooting around 1500 cuttings.
11. Purchased around \$25.00 worth of fruit trees and shrubs for farmers.
12. Landscaped five homes.
13. Pruned shrubs around eight homes.
14. Pruned 25 orchards.
15. Sprayed five orchards.
16. Terraced four hundred acres of land.
17. Culled chickens in community.
18. Sponsored live-at-home program.
19. Chapter will be represented at Auburn this summer.
20. Conducted one chapel program.

We feel that we have done a creditable year's work in view of the fact that we did not organize until the latter part of December; also, the fact that Mr. Bedingfield was new to us and to the community and could not devote the time he wanted to to the work.

-- W. B. Wingard, President.
J. P. Bedingfield, Adviser.
