

Congress was talking about doing away with vocational agriculture a few years ago, every local chapter in the South wrote a letter to Washington, D. C., in behalf of the vocational schools. Farmers have always suffered from not cooperating with one another, but Future Farmers of America are learning how to cooperate not only with one another but with the whole world.

Before a person can become an F.F.A. member he must be in high school and have completed one year of vocational work. He must have twenty-five dollars in money or invested. This means that all F.F.A. members are pretty well educated and are thrifty. F.F.A. is training boys in leadership and giving them a chance to become leaders. It is teaching them to be honest but it is also teaching them to stand up for their rights and vote their convictions.

I will leave it to the reader to decide what the value of thousands of boys who have a love for beauty, who are honest, thrifty, cooperative, educated, and believe in the future of farming with a faith born not of words but of deeds is to the South and to farming.

What F.F.A. is doing for the South cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

--- Homer Morgan, Member Isabella
F.F.A. Chapter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In sending in reports to State Reporter, please make them clear, brief, complete, and typewritten if possible.

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Send your reports of radio programs to Perry Clay, Glencoe, Alabama.

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Four chapters entered the National Chapter Contest. They are: Ramer, Milltown, Columbia, and Lexington.

NATIONAL F.F.A. RADIO PROGRAM FOR APRIL 9, 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 April 9 - 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 - "Know your Community" by Estes P. Taylor, Editor and Publisher, Agricultural Leaders' Digest. (Mr. Taylor, an American Farmer, for many years has been in close contact with farming and the rural community. As Editor of the "DIGEST," he has featured the activities of the farm boy and girl, giving special emphasis to achievements in the vocational program and among the Future Farmers of America.)
- III. Talk "What Agricultural Explorers Do," by Dr. A. K. Ryerson, Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture. (Dr. Ryerson has traveled widely as a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture in the interest of American agriculture. His will be an interesting account relating some of his many experiences in a special message to the Future Farmers of America.)

- IV. F.F.A. Radio Bulletin Board by H. B. Swanson, National Executive Secretary.
- V. Skit - "Recreational and Other Activities" by officers of the "Land o' Lakes" F.F.A. State Association. (The Minnesota Association is particularly well fitted to deal with the material included in their presentation.)
- VI. Special music by the U. S. Army Band.

Tune in and enjoy the Program

Send postal cards to Frank E. Mullen, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, giving reactions to the program and telling how many heard the broadcast.

AS THE STATE ADVISER SEES IT

I had the pleasure on March 22 to attend one of the best Executive Committee meetings I have attended since F.F.A. work was organized in this State. It seemed to me to mark progress in that the business to be transacted was carried out entirely by the members of the Committee with few suggestions from the Adviser. It was conducted in a business-like manner and when completed represented the combined thinking of all five members of the Committee. I believe if all chapters in the State will conduct their business meetings of the executive committee in the manner in which the State Executive Committee conducted its last meeting, much progress would be noted in the activities of the various chapters. I am going to have more to say at Auburn this summer about this as well as program building and execution by local F.F.A. chapters.

As I write this note, there are 2106 F.F.A. members in Alabama. Seventeen of the 20 chapters which had their charters revoked last year have fully met the qualifications for reinstatement. New charters have been issued to 12 of this number. On or about April 15, charters will be issued to all of the additional ones which qualified prior to April 1. The 93 chapters which were members of the State Association at the beginning of this year have qualified one hundred per cent and are now in good standing.

Before schools close, let me urge each chapter to make definite plans for a summer camp as well as regular meetings of the chapter during the summer months. You will find it much easier to take up the matter of business and will get under way more quickly next fall when school opens if you have had regular meetings during the summer, have gone on a camp once or twice, and have attended as a body the annual meeting at Auburn. One of the surest ways for an organization to die is to stop getting together. I cannot too strongly urge all chapters to make definite plans for getting together for business and recreational activities during the summer months.

I am still hopeful that some chapter, or some two or three chapters located near one another, will organize a band in the near future.

Executive Committee

President ----- Austin Ezzell, Spruce Pine, Alabama
 Vice-President ----- Perry Clay, Glencoe, Alabama
 Secretary ----- Edd Christian, Fernbank, Alabama
 Treasurer ----- Willard Brown, Route 2, Box 75, McKenzie, Ala.
 Reporter ----- Clifford Manning, Maplesville, Alabama

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
 ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MARCH 22, 1934

The third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America was held in the private office of the manager of the Empire Hotel, Birmingham, March 22, at 2:00 p. m.

This meeting was pursuant to the call of the president and state adviser for the purpose of setting up plans for the annual convention to be held at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, July 12, 13, and 14 of this year.

After the meeting was formally opened for the transaction of business, the keynote was "sounded" by the state adviser, Mr. Cammack, and the president, Mr. Ezzell. The committee went to work and drafted the following program for the summer convention:

Thursday, July 12, 1934

7:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting - at office of Professor Chesnutt.
 1:00 p.m. Opening ceremony. A song.
 1:15-1:25 Invocation (In charge of Mr. G. T. Sargent)
 1:25-1:30 Song.
 1:30-2:00 Welcome address (In charge of President)
 2:00-2:10 Response to welcome - Perry Clay, Vice-President.
 2:10-2:40 Seating House of Delegates - Edd Christian, Secretary.
 2:40-2:50 Committee Assignments - Austin Ezzell, President.
 2:50-3:30 Chapter reports.
 3:30-7:30 Intermission.
 7:30 Picture show - In charge of Mr. J. C. Cannon.

Friday, July 13, 1934

8:00-8:05a.m. Song.
 8:05-9:00 Reports of Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter.
 9:00-12:00 Experiment Station Tour - In charge of Mr. Cannon and Mr. Sargent.
 12:00-1:30p.m. - Lunch
 1:30-4:00 Athletic events, track, tennis, boxing, etc. - Secretary in charge.

- 4:30-6:00 p.m. Watermelon cutting - State Reporter in charge.
- 7:30-7:45 Music - F. F. A. string band - In charge of Willard Brown.
- 7:45-8:00 President Ezzell's address.
- 8:00-8:30 Election of State Farmers and Honorary State Farmers.
- 8:30-9:00 Report of Nominating Committee.

Saturday, March 14, 1934

- 8:00-8:05 a.m. Song.
- 8:05-8:20 Report of trip to National Convention, Kansas City, - Willard Brown.
- 8:20-8:35 Report of radio programs - Perry Clay.
- 8:35-9:15 Reports of other committees.
- 9:15-11:00 Unfinished business and adjournment.
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DELINQUENT CHAPTERS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- I. The delinquent chapters are still out of the Association until they have met the requirements. Those that do not meet the requirements by April 1, will automatically have their charters revoked.
- II. The chapters that have their charters revoked will have to pay dues for every year they are out in order to be restored to good standing.
- III. Any chapter may regain its charter at any time it meets the requirements of the State Executive Committee.
- IV. Recommendations were made that state dues be raised 5 cents, which, if the House of Delegates approves, will take effect after the July meeting.
- V. The President was instructed to get out a letter to local advisers for recommendations for state officers and state farmer degrees at an early date.
- VI. Secretary to make requisition for blanks at office and get out letter to accompany it to each chapter. Make duplicate copies and register one to State Adviser.
- VII. Secretary to get prices and material for equipping assembly hall.
- VIII. President to write the president of the Auburn chapter to prepare and properly arrange assembly hall.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned.

PINE APPLE F. F. A. NEWS

(1934)

We had a beauty contest that ended on the night of January 27, 1934, and the winner was crowned Queen of Beauty at a box supper on this night. We made \$16.00 on the two events.

In addition to the \$16.00 we had \$6.00 that we made on shop repair jobs and small shop jobs.

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With \$21.00 of our money, we have purchased a purebred Poland China boar from the McMahan Brothers' farm, Sevierville, Tennessee. Our boar is in our F.F.A. club breeding pasture and pen that we built. -- Bob Burdethe, Reporter

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JEMISON CHAPTER

1. Agricultural:
 - a. Each member a home nursery.
2. Social and Civic:
 - a. Conduct one rat-poisoning campaign.
 - b. Conduct chapel program every six weeks.
3. Improvement of athletic building:
 - a. Built dressing room.
 - b. Built seats.
4. Improvement of school grounds:
 - a. Keep shrubbery properly trimmed.
 - b. Repair toilet.
 - c. Repair driveway.

F.F.A. BOYS, COLBERT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, LEIGHTON, ALABAMA, SPONSOR EAST END SCHOOL GROUND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS

The F. F. A. boys in the Leighton Chapter Future Farmers of America have made and are executing plans for completing the beautification programs, over a five-year period, of three junior high schools, Spring Valley, Brick and Howell and Graves; and three grade schools: Fowler, Leighton Grammar School, and Valdosta. These programs have been started since April, 1933, at which time the Colbert County High School grounds were completed.

Some interesting changes were encountered through the five-year period of beautification at the Colbert County High School. Some of the high points were: a driveway to the rear of buildings, made possible through the cooperation of the county commissioners. Gravel was hauled by removing bed from school bus. Expenses were paid by the county board. Estimated cost \$400.00. Two hundred dollars worth of shrubbery was furnished through the cooperation of the Parent-Teacher Association. Four street white way lights were erected at the entrances of the campus, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, through cooperation with The James R. Crowe Post, American Legion, Sheffield, Alabama. Four hundred feet of concrete side walk were built by R. F. C. workers, county commissioners and county board of education furnishing material worth \$400.00. The program of work as summarized above, was made possible through the F. F. A. boys getting other people interested in their program.

In carrying forward their programs for the beautification of the schools, a survey was made of the school grounds, plans made and discussed with the proper authorities, who approved and gave the R. F. C. labor that was necessary to begin the programs last April. The county board of education cooperated in furnishing any materials necessary. The program thus started, with the following work accomplished; grounds leveled and drives pulled, through cooperation of county commissioners. Concrete fence posts were erected with panels of pipe between. These were dressed and painted. Window lights were replaced where broken, and houses painted inside and out in some cases. Grounds were sodded, with parking space and playgrounds set apart.

The above work was accomplished before the beginning of this school year. Below are plans for this school year:

1. The boys are beginning a student's nursery in which they will root cuttings and give to the schools that properly carry out the beautification program. (Many of the boys will also root cuttings to carry home to beautify their home grounds.)

2. A plan now being carried out is obtaining finances through musical programs given by a string band at the various schoolhouses. After expenses of the band have been paid, the school's share is pooled along with other schools of East Colbert, and in the Spring a club order of shrubs will be bought and given to each school. The boys promise each school that takes a part an additional amount of shrubs equivalent to the amount bought. This they do by chipping off, pruning and thinning out the shrubs around the various buildings at the Colbert County High School. In this way it is thought it will be an easy task to supply all the shrubs necessary to properly plant each school. In all of the work - undertaken by the boys, they realize that practically NOTHING can be done without COOPERATION of all people in all communities, and all ORGANIZATIONS in the county.

-- I. P. Thornton, Teacher of
Vocational Agriculture

CEDAR BLUFF F. F. A. CHAPTER RAISES FUNDS

A certain amount of capital is necessary to keep any organization alive and functioning at its best. It was with this idea in mind that the Cedar Bluff Chapter advised its committee for drawing up the program of work to include certain objectives whereby some money could be raised. As a result three objectives were set up which were to act as a source of funds for carrying out other objectives.

The first of these was to build cabinets in the agricultural shop and sell to people in the community. One cabinet was built and placed in a downtown store, where chances were sold. Within a very short time, all chances were sold, and the cabinet was given to the person holding the lucky number. Two other cabinets were made and sold directly to people in the community.

Another source of income used by the chapter was the establishment of a stand on the football field, where peanuts, ice cream, and candies were sold at all home games. Materials for making these were brought from home by members, thereby making the profit greater.

A still better source of capital used was the presentation of a musical entertainment in the high school auditorium, and in two nearby communities. This also proved to be a very satisfactory source of capital, netting the chapter around \$50.00.

In all, the chapter has earned something over \$75.00, which has been used in painting the class room, landscaping the high school buildings, and in buying a new heatrola for the class room. Chairs for the class room will be bought at an early date.

-- Denman Phillips, Reporter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HOLTVILLE CHAPTER

1. A fiddlers' convention was given to help our financial standing which netted our chapter \$50.00.
2. Pigs were bought and are being raised on waste from the school cafeteria by the boys of the chapter. Each boy has helped by furnishing corn.
3. A registered boar from the college at Auburn has been introduced into our community for betterment of stock.
4. Our chapter had entrants in the public speaking contest put on by the Barrett Company. We have entered the contest put on by the Chilean Nitrate people.

5. We are carrying out a project on beautification of the school grounds.

CEDAR BLUFF AND MIDLAND CITY PUT ON RADIO PROGRAMS

On Friday afternoon, February 9, from 4:30 to 4:45, the following radio program was broadcast over station WJBY, Gadsden, Alabama, by the Cedar Bluff Chapter:

1. Get acquainted song -- Members of Chapter.
2. History and purpose of the F.F.A. - Local Adviser.
3. Chapter Objectives - President.
4. The F.F.A. Song - Members.
5. Piano Selection - Beryl James.
6. F.F.A. Creed - Secretary.
7. Chapter Accomplishments - Treasurer.
8. What F. F. A. Work Means in the High School - High School Principal.
9. Future Farmers Booster Song - Members.

The following program was given over station WHET by the Midland City Chapter:

1. Theme Song - By Members of Chapter.
2. Club History - Harold Dick, President.
3. Song - "Sweet Sue, Just You" - Miss Hilda Grace Skipper.
(This song was dedicated to Misses Marion Adcock and Agnes Spooner at the request of Messrs. DeWitt Garrett and Ted Bailey.)
4. Club Accomplishments - DeWitt Garrett.
5. Song - "He's a Colonel from Ky." - Miss Hilda Grace Skipper.
(Dedicated to Malcolm McPherson.)
6. Corn and Hog Program - Coleman Garrett.
7. Theme Song - By Members of Chapter.

Thus ended the program of March 10. Will be back on the air March 30.

VOCATIONAL BOYS BUILD VETCH PLANTERS

Drilling several thousand acres of peas and vetch in Shelby County, Alabama, has become a big farm problem with only a few farmers owning drills. The Experiment Station tells us that drilled vetch and peas grow better, and to get a drill at the right time has become almost impossible unless you own one.

This problem gave us the idea of trying to build two-row vetch and pea planters for our farms. After discussing the idea, Maurice Pearson, Dan Wolf, A. P. Merrell, and A. D. Stinson decided to try building some planters. We found cogs, chains, and drive wheels on fertilizer distributors, old binders and manure spreaders. We built a two-row planter because our farmers say three rows for a cotton middle is too much and corn middles should have four rows. The feet for our planters were made from old Georgia plowstocks. The frames of the planters were built from pieces of 2 x 4, and on top of this we mounted our seed hoppers. The agitators inside the hoppers were made from pieces of sheet metal mounted on an axle pulled by a chain running from the drive wheel. The planters will plant either vetch or peas and can be regulated to put out different amounts of seed per acre. Mr. Merrell, A. P.'s father, states that his planter works just as well as a \$36.00 drill, and the only trouble he finds with the planter is buying enough seed to use it like he should. Mr. Tom Stone used

the other planter and he says that "it does good work" and he feels that the boys' time was well spent in the shop. We hope that other boys will make planters and use them because our soils need legumes to build them in humus and nitrogen. We would be glad to show this planter to any farmer interested in building one for his own use.

-- J. W. Stone, Teacher of Vocational
Agriculture, Columbiana

FARM BULLETIN SERVICE ESTABLISHED

With the cooperation of the Elmore County Farm Bureau, the Wetumpka Chapter of Future Farmers of America has established a farm bulletin supply service in the Farm Bureau building. Approximately 65 hundred bulletins, obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture through Congressman Lamar Jeffers and from the Experiment Station and Extension Service at Auburn, have been placed for the free use of farmers of Elmore County. These bulletins give information on practically every farm and farm home problem. The Farm Bureau manager will be prepared to supply the proper material for almost any farm problem.

The Wetumpka Chapter has assumed the problem of keeping the supply of bulletins replenished from time to time. This represents only one of the things the members of the Wetumpka F. F. A. are doing as chapter activities during this year.

THE URIAH F.F.A. CHAPTER HAS DONE FIVE OUTSTANDING THINGS

1. Erected a Bulletin Board down town for the purpose of providing the farmer a place to advertise his products for sale.
2. Put on a play and are to buy books with the profit.
3. Prepared new shrub beds for rooting shrubs for the F.F.A. nursery.
4. Sold shrubs from F.F.A. nursery.
5. Entered public speaking contest sponsored by the Arcadian Nitrate Company.

WHAT F.F.A. IS DOING FOR THE SOUTH

As one journeys through the country in the South today, he finds it quite different from what it was several years ago. We gasp with astonishment at the pretty homes surrounded by beautiful shrubbery and lawns ten or fifteen miles from any town. If we should go into these homes we would find an F.F.A. member in nine out of every ten of them. What does this mean? It simply means that F.F.A. boys have been taught that "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" and they have not only studied home beautification but have applied it. The F.F.A. is beautifying the South as it has never been done before.

Alabama boasts of having the largest acreage planted to winter legumes of any State in the South. F.F.A. has more than done its part in helping Alabama obtain this large acreage in cover crops. The boys didn't stop at planting their field projects in cover crops but helped in the vetch and Austrian winter pea campaign all over the State. Happy will be the day for the South and every farmer in the South when they realize that fertile soil is the most important thing on any farm. F.F.A. boys have already realized this and are putting it into practice.

If one should go to Auburn or to any other experiment station in July, he would see how well F.F.A. members cooperate. It is at these places they gather for recreation, business and annual reports from local chapters. When