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A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVISER

I want to congratulate the Future Farmers of Alabama on the fine work which has been done in some sections of the State this year in the organization of district F. F. A. To my way of thinking, this district idea is very fine. It is capable of bridging the gap between the local chapter and the State Association, thereby meeting a great need. I am hoping that a great deal of discussion will be had at the annual meeting this summer relative to the fine work which has been done during this year in the district organizations as well as making plans for an expansion of the activities of district organizations another year.

The membership thus far this year is highly satisfactory except in a few cases. There has been a healthy growth in F. F. A. membership from the State standpoint. However, there needs to be additional emphasis placed upon increased membership in certain chapters. I am sure this will be done during the spring months.

Allow me to call attention again to the importance of raising Green Hand members to Future Farmers as they are eligible for this advanced degree. The only way we will be able to reach our quota of State farmers and American farmers will be for the chapters to raise the Green Hands to Future Farmers as rapidly as they become eligible and then in turn have them make application for the State and American Farmer degrees. Let me also urge chapters to continue to initiate Green Hand members as it seems desirable from now until April 1 and on April 1 mail to me the dues for all those taken in since the dues were mailed in the fall. I am hopeful that we may reach the 3,000 mark in membership this year.

Information in the State F. F. A. headquarters reveals the following:

Number of chapters	-	115
Total membership	-	2530
Number of chapters that have not qualified	-	2 (Camp Hill, Glencoe)
New departments of vocational agriculture without F.F.A. chapters	-	2 (Brilliant, Grant)

## BAKER HILL FUTURE FARMERS BUY LAND

The Baker Hill Chapter of Future Farmers of America recently purchased two acres of land and presented it to the Baker Hill High School. The land will be used to enlarge the present playgrounds which have been inadequate in the past. The chapter expects to build a baseball diamond on a portion of the area this year and a football field later on.

Last year the chapter had a cooperative cotton crop with each member sharing equally in the work. This fall the boys decided that additional funds would be needed. So they conceived the idea of operating a school store. This was to stock school supplies for the students and seeds to be sold to the farmers. The boys expect to make enough money from these sources to pay for the land and have enough left over to finance their annual camp. The officers and members who have been most active in these projects are: Pat Gary, president; Hilton Lee; R. W. Watson; John I. Floyd; Edward Price; Holeman Lee. ---John I. Pursewell, Reporter.

## JEMISON F. H. A. AND F. F. A. BANQUET

The F. H. A. and F. F. A. of the Jemison High School held a banquet on the evening of January 16, honoring the fathers and mothers of the members of the organization. There were 105 members, parents, and other guests present. Frank Nelson was toastmaster for the occasion. The program was as follows:

Welcome address by Frank Nelson.  
 Introduction of parents and other guests by Frank Nelson.  
 Accordion solo by Lloyd Howard.  
 What Vocational Home Economics Means to Me by Mildred Caldwell.  
 Organization and the Purpose of the F. F. A. by Erwin Beasley.  
 Reading by Willie C. Clements.  
 History of the F. H. A. by Evelyn Martin.  
 Solo by Lloyd Howard.  
 What the F. F. A. Has Meant to Me by Erdis Atkinson.  
 What F. H. A. and F. F. A. Mean to the School by Prof. J. A. Peterson.  
 Short talks were made by J. W. Fant, Miss Pardue, Mr. Buford Lawrence, and Mr. C. E. Stapp of Selma.

--- Erwin Beasley, Reporter

## GREENS ENOUGH FOR ANYBODY

In the Fairview school garden on New Year's Day the following vegetables were growing: cabbage, collards, endine, carrots, onions, parsley, parsnips, lettuce, spinach, tender greens, mustard, and turnips.

After the garden was well prepared the cabbage and collards were planted in July. In August we planted carrots, endine, onions, parsley, tender greens, and mustard. In September we planted turnips, spinach, and lettuce. We also made a second planting of Wakefield cabbage about the middle of August. The Wakefield cabbage is a hardy plant and will withstand much cold. We made a second planting of mustard, spinach, turnips, and tender greens the first week in October. These young plants produce tender greens for winter use. The vegetables were of the best variety and well fertilized. They were cultivated by the agriculture classes of the Fairview school.

## GREENS ENOUGH FOR ANYBODY (CONT'D)

Any farm home in this section may have with small expense and very little work an excellent winter garden and therefore save much of the cost of winter foods.

-- A. W. Johnston, Jr., Reporter.

## CHAPTER NEWS

Gorgas

Our chapter gave a wiener roast early in September, having as our guests the members of the freshman class. As a result, all freshmen became F. F. A. members. Two upper-classmen also became members.

In October we sponsored a popularity contest and made \$14.

In November our chapter and the Future Homemakers presented a play "When Sally Comes to Town," with a net profit of \$12.50 to the F. F. A. club.

In January we gave a party inviting the Future Homemakers as our guests. A number of interesting games were played. Then a plate lunch was served and a social hour was enjoyed.

We installed pipes to divide unit kitchens in the home economics department.

Our chapter found and hung a picture of Mr. H. E. Cook, deceased vocational agriculture teacher, in the agriculture class room.

Due to changes in our high school building and grounds, we moved our laboratory area and furnished new posts for it.

We have twenty-five bushels of corn in storage as our part of the cooperative corn project.

We have obtained seven copies of the revised F. F. A. manual for our library.

Our chapter is sponsoring a rat control campaign to be put on in the near future.

--- Gordon Kemp, Reporter.

Wadley

The Wadley F. F. A. Chapter has given a good report of itself during the first semester and the people of this district are realizing what an organization like this means to the boys as well as to the community.

The following items were accomplished by the chapter during the first semester:

1. Sold A. W. peas, vetch, and clover to all the farmers in this district.
2. Sold winter grass for yards.
3. Sowed winter grass on twenty-two yards.
4. Sold shrubbery to landscape homes.

## CHAPTER NEWS

Wadley (Cont'd)

5. Sold fruit trees to farmers.  
(All of the above items were sold to the farmers at a great saving, but at the same time the chapter has been financed through this means.)
6. Bought the shrubbery and landscaped the new school building.
7. Put in a flagstone walk between the vocational building and the main building.
8. Bought new F. F. A. equipment.
9. Bought living out shrubbery and put in our F. F. A. nursery.
10. Propagated several hundred plants to go in the nursery.
11. Initiated eleven second degree men and nine Green Hands.
12. Held father-son-mother-daughter barbecue.
13. Helped to keep the vocational building in order.
  - (a) Being responsible for bulletins.
  - (b) Keeping floors and windows clean.
  - (c) Magazines in order.
  - (d) Tools put where they belonged.
14. Assisted in getting the correct information to the farmers about the A. A. A. and the Bankhead bill.
15. Ten boys entered the Chilean Nitrate Essay Contest.

There is greater work to be done and we expect to do our part in doing it.

-- Ray Canon, Reporter.

Atmore

The Atmore F. F. A. Chapter and the Future Homemakers of Alabama held their annual father-son-mother-daughter social Friday evening, January 4, in the form of a barbecue followed by a program of short talks and songs.

At 6:30 the barbecue was served to the parents of the boys and girls, members of the Atmore Lions Club, and several other patrons. Immediately after the meal the following program was given with Miss Louise Mooney, President of the Future Homemakers, presiding:

Song, We're Glad You're Here, By F. H. A. Girls  
 Welcome Address, Paul O'Gwynn, President F. F. A.  
 Response, E. F. Goldsmith, President Bank of Atmore  
 F. F. A. Program of Work and Accomplishments, Lee Waters  
 F. H. A. Program of Work and Accomplishments, Grace Bradley  
 Short Talks, By business men and farmers  
 Song, Hail the F. F. A., By F. F. A. boys  
 Closing Talks, R. E. Hodnette, Principal

The following are a few remarks heard from some of the guests at the father-son-mother-daughter barbecue:

Mr. E. F. Goldsmith, President Bank of Atmore, "This is a bigger thing than I ever dreamed."

Senator G. R. Swfit, after attending a regular meeting said, "This is quite a big thing. May I attend your meetings more to learn more about it?"

## CHAPTER NEWS

Atmore (Cont'd)

Mr. W. R. Maxwell, Treasurer, Bank of Atmore and farmer, who is a frequent visitor to the F. F. A. meetings, remarked, "I have been very much impressed with the splendid work the boys are doing. Had I been offered this opportunity when I was a boy I would have remained on the farm."

Mr. Fred George, President Escambia Hardware Company, said, "Our company is so impressed with the work that we are offering a prize (of the adviser's selection) to the outstanding F. F. A. member."

--- Joe Camp, Reporter.

New Brockton

On November 24, 1934, the New Brockton Chapter broadcasted the following program. This was our first appearance before the radio audience. All the boys enjoyed it very much; we considered it a great privilege.

1. Theme song.
2. History of our chapter-----By John Frank Moseley.
3. Step Waltz (Harmonica and Guitar Solo)---By Hardy Roberts
4. I Saw Stars -----By members of chapter.
5. Home Beautification-----By A. W. Wilson.
6. Baby Take a Bow -----By Peggie Jones and  
Jane Brooks.
7. F. F. A. Song -----By members of chapter.

--- John Frank Moseley, Reporter.

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GORGAS F. F. A. CHAPTER PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1934-35

1. Sponsor father-son-mother-daughter banquet.
2. Sponsor beautification of school grounds.
3. Give wiener roast.
4. Sponsor rat control campaign.
5. Raise from Green Hands to Future Farmers as soon as boys are eligible.
6. Sponsor a Who's Who contest.
7. Sponsor beautification of Windham School grounds.
8. Pruning shrubbery of Ettich School and Camp Grounds Church.
9. Present the department of agriculture with enlarged picture of Mr. Cook, deceased teacher of vocational agriculture.
10. Enlarge F. F. A. nursery.
11. Put on at least two chapel programs.
12. Put on at least one evening school program.
13. Enter public speaking contest.
14. Enter essay contest.
15. Sponsor Chilean Nitrate of Soda demonstration.
16. Sponsor basket ball team.
17. Publish at least twelve newspaper articles.
18. Landscape five homes.
19. Propagate shrubbery.

## GORGAS F. F. A. CHAPTER PROGRAM OF WORK (CONT'D)

20. Send delegates to state convention.
21. Put on program for P. F. A. meeting.
22. Build laboratory area.
23. Care for boys' toilet.
24. Arouse more interest in our chapter.
25. Strive to carry a better project program.
26. Take in fifteen new members.
27. Organize a string band in chapter.
28. Start an F. F. A. library.
29. Frame and put up F. F. A. Creed and Charter.
30. Select honorary members for the chapter.
31. Have chapter meeting once a week.
32. Have joint meeting with home economics club.
33. Cooperate with home economics club in putting on school entertainment for the purpose of raising money for the organization.
34. Present the most outstanding boy in Senior I vocational agriculture with a pure bred guilt from which he is to return two guilts to outstanding boys the following year.

-----Gordon Kemp, Reporter.

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NEW F. F. A. MANUALS NOW AVAILABLE

The new edition of the F. F. A. Manual is now available. The price remains at 15 cents per copy postpaid. Address: The Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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F. F. A. SERVICE LETTER NO. 89.

"NATIONAL F. F. A. DAY AND FATHER AND SON BANQUET  
PROGRAMS, MARCH 11, 1935

"The National F. F. A. Program of Work for 1934-35 makes provision in Item 14 for a National F. F. A. Day to feature Father and Son Banquets by local chapters and to be preceded at noon by a special F. F. A. radio program on the N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour. It will be recalled that last year this program was held in March; a similar arrangement has been worked out for this year-- the date is March 11.

"This date has been selected after careful consideration of a number of factors. To begin with, the National F. F. A. officers will be in Washington at that time for the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees. Such an arrangement makes it possible for them to participate in the radio program of that date. Assurance has also been given that Dr. J. W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, can be present to deliver a message to the Future Farmers of America throughout the nation. Then, a tribute will be paid to Captain William J. Stannard, formerly leader of the Army Band who is being retired in March after 34 years of service. Presentations, with appropriate ceremonies, will be made at that time to Captain Stannard and the Army Band. Still other features will perhaps be added later.

## F. F. A. SERVICE LETTER NO. 89 (CONTINUED)

"At this time State Associations of F. F. A. are requested to urge as many of their chapters as possible to plan Father and Son Banquets on March 11, as a part of the National F. F. A. Day celebration. In addition, it would appear that school people generally should be informed as to the program, and plans made for the entire school to participate where practical. Plans might also be worked out with farm organizations and civic groups. Service clubs, where their meeting hour coincides with the broadcast, might well be drawn into the picture. Each chapter should make its own plans for participation in line with local conditions.

"March 11 is a day for special celebration among F. F. A. members everywhere. It is hoped that a large number of chapters will make appropriate plans immediately for this day. Have as many as possible to listen in on the National Radio Program March 11, and to send postal cards to Mr. W. E. Drips, Director of Agriculture, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois."

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