

NEWS LETTER

Alabama



Association

Future Farmers of America

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, NOVEMBER, 1931.

MINUTES OF MEETING of Alabama Association Future Farmers of America

Auburn, Ala., July 16-18, 1931

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met at Auburn on July 16, at 7:00 P. M. There was a full attendance of the committee. Those present were: Julous Carnell, President; C. W. Mason, Vice-President; Harvey Milligan, Secretary; Phillip Thomas, Treasurer; Marvin M. Durbin, Reporter.

The following items of business were considered and passed upon by the committee:

1. A budget was approved for 1931-32. Mr. Cammack was given authority to change such items on the budget as found necessary to remain within the total amount.
2. Mr. Cammack was authorized to work out a plan by which delegates are to be selected to attend the national meeting.
3. Thirty-one applications for the State Farmer degree were reviewed. Twenty-nine were found eligible and recommended for the degree.
4. State program of work was adopted.
5. It was agreed that the present form of initiation would be continued.
6. It was recommended that F. F. A. symbols be properly displayed at each chapter meeting.

7. Uniforms for the F. F. A. members were considered by the committee and it was agreed that it is inadvisable to adopt a uniform at this time.

8. It was agreed that three news letters be issued during the year.

9. It was agreed that an Executive Committee meeting would be held during the meeting of the Alabama Educational Association in the spring.

10. The following persons were recommended to receive the Honorary Degree of State Farmer:

J. B. Hobdy, Director of Vocational Education, Montgomery.

G. T. Sargent, Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Auburn.

J. R. Roberson, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Rogersville.

F. A. Pittman, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Cherokee.

J. E. Morriss, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Ramer.

S. L. Chesnutt, Teacher Trainer, Auburn.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A. M. Friday, July 17, in Langdon Hall by the President, Mr. Julous Carnell. The following program was carried out:

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1931—LANGDON HALL

- 8:00 A. M. Song—AMERICA.
Invocation, Rev. Bruce McGehee, Pastor Auburn M. E. Church.
Song—ALABAMA.
Song—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.
- 8:25- 8:45 Welcome Address, Dr. Bradford Knapp.
8:45- 8:50 Response, C. W. Mason, Vice-President.
8:50- 9:20 President's Address, Julous Carnell.
9:20- 9:25 Appointment Nominating Committee.
9:25- 9:30 Appointment State Program of Work Committee.
9:30-10:00 Seating House of Delegates.
10:00-10:25 Recess.
10:30 Reassembly.
10:35 Song—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.
10:40-12:00 Reports from Chapters.
12:00- 1:45 Noon.
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- 12:25- P. M. President's Radio Address.
1:45 P. M. Reassembly.
1:50- 1:55 Song—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.
1:55- 2:25 Election of State Farmers.
2:25- 2:55 Conferring State Farmer Degrees.
2:55- 3:45 Reports: Secretary, Treasurer, Adviser, Reporter, Trip to National Meeting.
*4:00 Baseball Game, Baseball Field.

*A three game series of baseball was organized among Districts 1,

2 and 3. Districts 1 and 2 played the first game, District 2 winning. The second game was played by Districts 2 and 3 with District 2 winning again. Everyone seemed to enjoy the baseball feature of the program this year and it is anticipated that this will be a feature on the program another year with a possibility of additional athletic activities.

8:40 Picture Show, Tiger Theater.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1931—LANGDON HALL.

A. M.

8:00- 8:10 Song—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.

8:10- 8:50 Address, Dr. J. B. Hobdy, State Director of Vocational Education.

8:50- 9:30 Address, Dean Zebulon Judd, Department of Education, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

9:45-12:00 Tour: Alabama Polytechnic Institute Grounds and Experiment Station.

12:00- 1:30 P. M. Noon.

1:30 P. M. Reassembly.

Song—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Election of State Officers for 1932.

Song—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.

Adjournment.

Song Leaders: "General" Lee, "Abe" Martin.

Below are given the president's address, the annual program of work, recommendations of State Adviser, and the reports which were presented by the several state officers:

RADIO ADDRESS OF STATE PRESIDENT.

The second session of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America is now in session here at Auburn. We have met in an annual meeting to take stock of the past year's achievements, to plan for future developments, and to receive enthusiasm by associating with our fellow workers. I send greetings and good cheer to all of the Alabama chapters and chapters in other states that may be listening in. I also wish to send greetings to our friends in this state and in other states who have assisted us in our work during the past year. I wish especially to thank the vocational teachers, supervisors, and directors for the leadership, guidance, direction, and patience that they have shown us in our endeavor to carry out our programs from time to time. I realize that a great deal of the success of our organization depends on the wise counsel, encouragement, and advice which we receive from the teachers of vocational agriculture.

The object of this organization is to give training in agriculture to the "thousands of boys who are taking agriculture in the Smith-Hughes schools, who are really going to give us (for the first time in history) a full quota of men on the soil who have had a considerable degree of scientific training." A generation ago our agricultural colleges were expected to supply a host of trained farmers; now the agricultural colleges supply agricultural experts—teachers, farm agents, and other specialists. In the future the great army of trained farmers, therefore, will come largely from the Smith-Hughes agricultural high schools. It is the principal object of this organization to unify this great group of future farmers.

Every local chapter is a member of the state and the national organization. The local chapters give from time to time programs pertaining to farming in which the members receive information and instruction in regard to scientific agriculture as well as practical experience in leadership, organization, and cooperation. Teachers of agriculture are able through the local chapters to be of more service to the individual boy and the community as a whole.

I am happy to tell you that we have made some progress in the face of all the difficulties that we have had to overcome during the past year. The number of chapters in Alabama has grown from 69 in 1930 to 106 in 1931. The membership in the various chapters has grown from 1249 in 1930 to 1835 in 1931, and I am reliably informed that this growth has been as great in other states as it has been in Alabama during the past year. In fact, you will have some conception of the magnitude of our organization when I tell you that there are now approximately 100,000 members in the United States. With this great army of trained agriculturists on the farms in our country there is every reason to be optimistic, even at this time, as to the outlook of farming. Each country boy who anticipates becoming a farmer and who is fortunate enough to be a member of this organization has a great many advantages over the boy who expects to farm and is not fortunate enough to become a member of this organization.

Education is the fundamental principle underlying our organization. It is the education, however, that raises persons above their surroundings and makes them masters of themselves rather than merely being creatures of circumstance. In other words, it is the education that teaches one that it is not enough merely to know how to get a living; it is necessary to know how to live. It is not enough to know just how to live, but one should know how to live happily with others. In order to do this, there must be cooperation. And every boy in this organization has the principles of cooperation thoroughly drilled into him. As a matter of fact, if we are to continue to grow and develop, we must continue to organize and cooperate in order to overcome the obstacles and difficulties which are to confront us from time to time.

It would be too long and tedious to try to even mention in detail the things that have been accomplished by the local chapters throughout the state during the past year. One of the outstanding achievements is the fine spirit of cooperation that has existed between vocational

pupils and agricultural teachers. If nothing more had been accomplished than the promotion of this relationship between teacher and pupil, the organization would be immensely worth while. A great deal has been done through home beautification programs, fostered by local chapters. These consisted of the improvements of buildings and grounds, and the installation of home conveniences and sanitary conditions in schools and individual homes. In this work the teachers and pupils of home economics have taken leading parts, thus creating a wonderful spirit of cooperation between agricultural teachers and pupils and home economics teachers and pupils. In this way the value of vocational agriculture and vocational home economics has been very forcefully impressed upon the citizens of the various communities in which Smith-Hughes schools are located. Supervisors of vocational education are unanimous in their agreement that better projects and project reports have been the result of the establishment of local F. F. A. chapters in the different schools. This is one of the obligations which every student takes when he becomes a member of the local F. F. A. Chapter. The various local chapters have fostered such school and community activities as father and son banquets, school and community fairs, cooperative buying and selling of farm products, the use of improved methods of cultivation and fertilization, and the value of the use of pure seed and pure bred livestock in the farm program.

Last year a state program of work, consisting of eleven objectives, was outlined and adopted at our annual meeting. They were as follows:

1. To have at least 80 active chapters by the end of 1930.
2. To hold the state annual convention at Auburn in July, 1931.
3. To promote thrift programs in 40 local chapters.
4. To issue charters to local chapters.
5. To sponsor father and son banquets.
6. To promote a publicity program in local chapters.
7. To establish a permanent camp for the Future Farmers of Alabama.
8. To have each chapter set up a program of work.
9. To send three delegates to the national convention.
10. To have each chapter represented at the annual state convention.
11. To confer the degree of State Farmer upon at least ten members.

One of the bright features of our past year's work has been our ability to reach most of the above objectives and even surpass some of them; in fact, eight of the objectives have been fully accomplished, and considerable progress has been made in the accomplishment of the other three.

Farming has its difficulties and disappointments. To some the future may look dark at the present time. It is true that there will be failure. The incompetent, shiftless, and indolent will fail in any occupation, but to that great army of young men who, as members of our organization, have been taught the value of scientific agriculture, organization, cooperation, and leadership, the future is very bright.

—Julious Carnell, President.

ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR 1931-32.

1. To have an active F. F. A. chapter in every school in Alabama offering courses in vocational agriculture.
2. A state convention to be held in Auburn in July, 1932.
3. Each chapter represented at the state convention by two official delegates.
4. Confer the degree of State Farmer on at least 40 members.
5. Send two official delegates to National Convention.
6. At least 10 Alabama Farmers apply for American Farmer degree.
7. Continue work toward establishing permanent F. F. A. camp.
8. A thrift program to be promoted in every chapter.
9. A father-son banquet to be held by each chapter.
10. Each chapter reporter to report chapter activities to local paper weekly and to send articles to state reporter once a month.
11. Each chapter to set up a definite, written annual program of work consisting of (1) agricultural, (2) social-civic, and (3) recreational activities.
12. Each chapter to make a written report of accomplishments during year to the State Adviser by June 1, 1932.
13. Each chapter confer the degree of Future Farmer as rapidly as Greenhand members are eligible.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATE ADVISER.

1. Each department of agriculture with a chartered chapter in good standing.
2. Each member of F. F. A. chapter to pay dues from proceeds of projects. Dues should be paid promptly, at least by November 1.
3. Each chapter to set up a program of objectives for the year. It should be made in duplicate, one copy sent to the state adviser at the time membership list and dues are submitted.
4. Each chapter should elect the following officers: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter. Let me urge that each reporter keep in touch with the state reporter, submitting to him copies of all chapter news and clippings from local papers.
5. It is suggested that each chapter conform to the recommended practice in opening and closing chapter meetings, conferring degrees, and carrying on programs.
6. Each chapter should be provided with a minimum of six copies of the F. F. A. Manual.
7. It is hoped that a year from now we may have our own band at the annual meeting. To do this it is going to be necessary that some chapters concentrate on the organization of a band. This will add a great deal to our annual meeting, for it will make it possible to have a parade during the meeting as well as furnish music throughout the meeting. It is further advised that as many of the chapters as possible organize quartets

and inform the clerical secretary of this fact, giving names of members of the quartet.

8. There are too few members holding the Future Farmer degree. I hope that during the present year more Green Hands will qualify for the Future Farmer degree and that at the annual meeting a year hence we will have a large group of Future Farmers raised to the State Farmer degree. This will enable Alabama to submit more applications for the American Farmer degree. At present we have only one person who has had the American Farmer degree conferred upon him. I am hoping that within the next year or two we may increase this number very materially.
9. I am giving you a list of important urges sent me by one of the national vice-presidents. They are:
 - A. Have one or more delegations sent to national convention.
 - B. Send state F. F. A. exhibits to Kansas City.
 1. Correspond with Mr. L. F. Hall, Superintendent of Vocational Exhibits, Manhattan, Kansas.
 - C. Try and carry out objective 14, National Program of Work 1930-31 and urge flower gardens and farm home conveniences for mothers of Future Farmers.
 - D. Urge payment of dues NOW (before August 1) because number of possible American Farmer degree candidates is determined by payment of dues; the national organization has bills to pay.
 - E. Have State Associations to make their dues year conform to the national organization dues year (July 1-June 30).
 - F. Have State Association to put on local radio program and to send in suggestions for the national program.

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

Receipts for 1930-31 (including balance on hand July 1, 1930,
and amount received from boys for State Farmer keys) \$891.46
Expenditures 647.36
Balance on hand July 1, 1931 127.10

Remarks: I would suggest that those sending in checks for dues be sure that the check be accepted at the bank. I had quite a little trouble sending checks back. Many Advisers sent in the checks. Why not give the local Treasurer the job that really belongs to him? Send in dues promptly. This will cause members to have a greater interest and, therefore, strengthen our organization.

Philip Thomas, State Treasurer.

REPORT OF STATE REPORTER.

Three news letters were issued during 1930-31. They were all mimeographed by the Clerical Secretary except the February issue, which was printed. The first letter was issued in September. It contained

the minutes and activities of the first annual meeting held at Auburn July 11 and 12, 1930.

The second news letter was issued in November. It contained a letter of encouragement from Oliver Manning, secretary during 1929-30, who is a member of the Isabella Chapter. It also contained an interesting article from the Ramer Chapter telling how they had established a lunch room for the school. Plans for the year from Danville, Uriah, Wadley, Leighton, Ramer, Sylacauga, and Isabella chapters were very interesting.

The February letter, which was the third, contained notes from Smith and Milligan of the Ramer Chapter concerning the national convention held at Kansas City, Missouri. Flat Rock, Beauregard, Abbeville, Frisco City, Ramer, Cherokee, Blountsville, Brundidge, Pineapple, and Ohat-
chee chapters all published short writings.

Marvin M. Durbin, State Reporter.

REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY.

Serving as your State Secretary during the past year, I have the following report to make on the activities of the Future Farmers of Alabama.

During the year beginning in July 1930 and ending in July 1931, 37 new chapters were organized and granted charters. This brings our total number of chapters up to 106.

The total enrollment of the Alabama Association has increased from 1249 members in 1930 to a total of 1835 members in July 1931. This means an increase in our membership of 586 members.

Our Association was represented for the first time this year at the National Congress of Future Farmers of America, held in Kansas City, Missouri. Our representatives at the congress were your secretary and Leon Smith, both members of the Ramer chapter. Expenses for the trip were made possible by the L. & N. railroad, and the local F. F. A. chapter at Ramer. The local adviser of the Ramer chapter made the trip as chaperon, paying his own expenses.

During the year we have had one member of our Association to receive the highest degree offered by our National Association. The American Farmer Degree was conferred upon our past president, Earl Solomon of the Uriah Chapter.

In March of this year the Executive Committee composed of Julous Carnell, Harvey Milligan, Bill Mason, and Philip Thomas, met in the Bankhead Hotel at Birmingham for the purpose of planning a program for the summer meeting. You are now enjoying the program planned at this meeting.

The committee voted for the Executive Committee to make out a State program for next year due to the fact that it would be rather inconvenient for a special committee to be called together. However, it was decided that the President should appoint a State program of work committee at this annual meeting for 1932.

The committee voted one hundred per cent to require all applications for State Farmer degrees to be sent in to the State Adviser by the local adviser, and no application will be considered unless the fee of \$2.50 is mailed in with the application. The committee felt that this was necessary in order to hold our standards up.

The committee urged all chapters to use the opening and closing exercises for F. F. A. chapters as given in the official F. F. A. Manual.
Harvey Milligan, State Secretary.

The following Future Farmers were awarded the State Farmer degree and presented with State Farmer keys:

Ernest Thornhill, Holtville; Roland Cooper, Robertsdale; James Snyder, Robertsdale; Clerman Cash, Millport; Henry McNutt, Haleyville; Newton Haraway, Rogersville; Wilbur Kelly, Evergreen; K. K. Cooper, Robertsdale; C. W. Mason, Cherokee; Gwinn Shelton, Moulton; A. W. Johnson, Vernon; Philip Thomas, Athens; Claude Hardy, Evergreen; Homer Hart, Evergreen; W. F. Owens, Abbeville; Milton Johnson, Athens; Clarence Oliver, Millport; Herschel Terrell, Walnut Grove; Howard Romland, Vernon; Paul Jackson, Vernon; Calvin Arant, McKenzie; Leon Smith, Ramer; Ben Spear, Ramer; Harvey Milligan, Ramer; Stewart Hiley, Marion; E. T. Aultman, Marion; O. W. Burford, Marion; Julous Carnell, Blountsville; Delor Culp, Isabella; J. H. Jones, Collinsville; Houston Loden, Hamilton.

It is to be regretted that space will not permit the publishing of the splendid reports given by a number of chapters at the annual meeting. This was considered by many as one of the outstanding features of the annual program this year. Local chapter reporters should keep this in mind during the year and have prepared a short report summarizing the outstanding accomplishments of the chapter during the year, for in all probability some of the chapters will be asked to give this type of report at the next annual meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON F. F. A. TOURS, CAMPS, AND FISHING TRIPS.

1. If tour ends in Auburn at State Convention, a maximum of two days on the road prior to meeting.
2. The maximum days for any tour shall be five, and the maximum number of miles five hundred.
3. For camps or fishing trips, a maximum of three days. Combine, if possible, two or three schools, with a maximum of seventy-five boys attending camp or trip.
4. Camp program should be recreational and educational, with boys taking part. Do not forget to invite the county superintendent, the principal, and business men. It should be understood with any person appearing on program what he is to discuss, and the territory he is to cover.

5. Exceptions to these recommendations are to be made only after conference between local and state advisers.

(Recommended and passed by the entire group of teachers of vocational agriculture, Auburn, Alabama, August 7, 1931.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REPORTER

Most of the chapters did not send in reports for this news letter. It is very essential for you to send in a report from your chapter not later than the fifth of each month. I positively cannot make an ample report to the State Adviser with such few reports.

Fellow F. F. A. members, remember the old word that is used every day, "Cooperation." We must have it before we can prosper in our F. F. A. work.

Remember the Future Farmer song:

Pull off your coat and collar,
Get to work and holler,
And we'll put Future Farmers on the top.
Every booster boosting,
Not a rooster roosting,
We will never, never stop.

I am looking for a report from your chapter next month. If you can't send a report, write me a letter in order that we will know you are not dead.

—W. Frank Owens, State Reporter
Abbeville, Alabama.

Below are given two of the six chapter reports made to the State Reporter. The plans are the next news letter shall be devoted very largely to chapter activities. It is hoped that local reporters will keep in close touch with the State Reporter concerning interesting happenings in their chapters.

LEIGHTON CHAPTER

We have a paid membership of fourteen thus far. We sponsored a Tennessee Valley String Band Contest November 7, 1931. This was to raise funds to carry out the following projects:

1. To make an educational tour sometime next summer.
2. To have a good delegation at Auburn next summer.
3. To protect our school property and keep same in good repair.
4. To make a special effort to make the Colbert County High School grounds as beautiful as possible.
5. To sponsor annual father-son-mother-daughter banquet.

—John Keys, Reporter.

CHEROKEE CHAPTER

The Cherokee Chapter has started a one hundred per cent year by fostering a one hundred per cent four-year supervised practice program.

The Executive Committee met and finished the list of objectives for the year.

1. Foster collection of school incidentals.
2. Care and management of school property.
3. Foster a real Arbor Day program.
4. Make a one hundred per cent score card for an active F. F. A. chapter.
5. Reporter publish in a weekly newspaper at least one article a month.
6. Foster a one hundred per cent supervised practice program.
7. A definite outlined program for each chapter meeting.
8. To care and maintain school beautification.
9. Furnish material for and construct sanitary toilet.
10. Encourage a thrift program within the members.
11. To attend the next annual meeting at Auburn.

STATE OFFICERS FOR 1931-32

President.....C. W. Mason, Margerum, Alabama
(Cherokee Vocational High School)

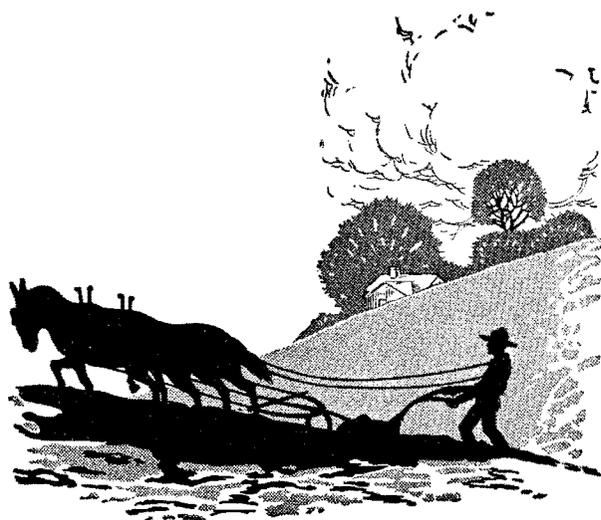
Vice-President.....Byron Cowart, Owassa, Alabama
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Secretary.....Sam Price Jones, McKenzie, Alabama
(McKenzie High School)

Treasurer.....Earnest Thornhill, Route 3, Wetumpka, Alabama
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