The Executive Committee of the Alabama F. F. A. Association met at Auburn on July 14 at 8:00 P. M. There was a full attendance of the committee. Those present were: Bill Mason, President; Byron Cowart, Vice-President; Sam Price Jones, Secretary; Earnest Thornhill, Treasurer; and W. F. Owens, Reporter.

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

1. Seventeen applications for State Farmer degree were reviewed. It was agreed that fourteen of these applications be recommended to the House of Delegates for acceptance. Three were rejected because they did not meet the requirements of the Constitution as to crops carried as projects and the amount deposited in bank or productively invested.

2. It was agreed to recommend to the House of Delegates that the honorary degree of State Farmer be conferred on the following:

A. F. Harman, State Superintendent of Education
P. C. Broce, Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education
J. C. Cannon, Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education
Earle Thomas, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Isabella
J. R. Formby, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Holtville
J. M. McReynolds, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Evergreen

3. It was moved and seconded that the President with the advice of the State Adviser and the agricultural supervisory staff appoint the following committees:

Nominating Committee
Auditing Committee
Constitution Committee
Annual Program of Work Committee
Resolutions Committee
Committee to work out suitable name and cover sheet for news letter (committee to be composed of incoming secretary & reporter)

4. The Auditing Committee was appointed during the Executive Committee meeting. The books of the treasurer were balanced and found to be in good order. The Auditing Committee was composed of Byron Cowart, Sam Price Jones, and W. F. Owens.

5. The President, Bill Mason, and the Treasurer, Earnest Thornhill, were appointed as a committee to work out a budget for the year 1932-33. This was done and a budget was approved. Twenty-five hundred was set as the goal for membership for next year.
6. The matter of sending two delegates to the national meeting was discussed. It was moved and seconded that recommendation be submitted to the House of Delegates that the same policy be followed next year as has been followed in the past in selecting delegates to the national meeting.

The third annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America was called to order in Langdon Hall on Friday morning, July 15, at 8:00 o'clock. The invocation was by Rev. Bruce McGehee, Pastor of the Auburn M. E. Church. This was followed by the singing of America. The song Future Farmers of America was also sung. Paul Davis of the Cherokee Chapter acted as song leader during the entire meeting.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Bradford Knapp, President of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. A response to this address was given by W. F. Owens, State Reporter.

The seating of the House of Delegates was the first matter of business to be taken up. The following 99 chapters were officially represented:

Abbeville
Albertville
Athens
Blountsville
Evergreen
Hamilton
Jackson
Lineville
Sylacauga
Wetumpka
Bibb County High
Chambers County High
Clay County High
Colbert County High
Dale County High
Elmore County High
Escambia County High
Hale County High
Henry County High
Houston County High
Jackson County High
Lamar County High
Lauderdale County High
Lawrence Co. High
Lee County High
Marion County High
Perry County High
Pickens County High
Shelby County High
St. Clair Co. High
Wilcox County High
Akron
Alexandria
Baker Hill
Berry
Blue Springs
Beauregard
Camp Hill
Cherokee
Citronelle
Collinsville
Curry
Danville
Daviston
Dixons Mills
Doxier
Eva
Excel
Fairview
Felix
Five Points
Foley
Geraldine
Glencoe
Goodwater
Gordo
Gorgas
Haleyville
Holtville
Isabella
Jemison
Liberty
Leroy
Lyeffion
Magnolia
Marbury
McKenzie
Midland City
Millerville
Mount Hope
New Hope (Madison)
New Hope (Randolph)
Ramer
Rawls
Robertsdale
Silas
Slocomb
Straughn
Sulligent
Tanner-Williams
Uriah
Vincent
Wadley
Walnut Grove
Weogufka
West Point
White Plains
Frisco City
Smith Station

Following the seating of the House of Delegates was the annual address of the State President.
President's address

to be inserted here

See November

News Letter
Just before the 10:00 o'clock recess period, the following committees were appointed:

**Nominating Committee**
- Leon Brock, Chairman
  - Thomas Raney
  - Edward Menefee
  - R. E. Cammack

**Program of Work Committee**
- Kline Weatherford, Chairman
  - Harry Aultman
  - Red Childers
  - P. C. Brook

**Constitution Committee**
- Jack Cammack, Chairman
  - Jack Mourning
  - Hugh Lambert
  - G. T. Sargent

**Resolutions Committee**
- Edwin Moody, Chairman
  - Winston Harper
  - J. C. Clements
  - B. Q. Scruggs

After a short recess period, the group reassembled to hear an address by Dr. A. F. Harman, State Superintendent of Education. In view of the fact that Dr. Harman had another engagement on Friday, the honorary degree of State Farmer was conferred upon him immediately following his talk by Byron Cowart, Vice-President. The entire group with Dr. Harman then assembled on the steps of Langdon Hall to have a picture made.

The following chapters gave interesting reports of chapter activities and accomplishments during the past year: Weogufka, Marbury, Eva, Danville, Magnolia, Ozark, and Abbeville.

When the group reassembled after the lunch period, the state secretary and state reporter gave the following reports:

**REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY**

Your Executive Committee held a meeting on March 17, 1932, in Mr. Cammack's room at the Bankhead Hotel in Birmingham. The purpose of this meeting was to plan the program for the annual meeting which is now being held.

At this meeting, the matter of increasing our membership in the State was discussed and a goal of 2,000 members set.

On Thursday, July 14, your Executive Committee held a meeting in Mr. Cammack's room in Auburn. State Farmer degree applications were passed on; it was decided to confer six honorary State Farmer degrees; an auditing committee was appointed; the treasurer's books were audited and found to be in good order; and it was decided to recommend to the House of Delegates that a committee composed of the incoming secretary and reporter be appointed as a committee to work out plans for improving the news letter for the coming year.
REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY (CONT'D)

Chapter and membership statistics

Number of chapters chartered 1931-32 --- 11
Total number chapters 1931-32 --- 113
Total membership 1931-32 --- 2093

Annual Program and Accomplishments for 1931-32

1. To have an active F. F. A. chapter in every school in Alabama offering courses in vocational agriculture.
   (One hundred per cent of the departments of vocational agriculture in Alabama have active chapters.)

2. A state convention to be held in Auburn in July, 1932.
   (Meeting held July 15 and 16.)

3. Each chapter represented at state convention by two official delegates.
   (About 90 per cent of the chapters are represented)

4. Confer the degree of State Farmer on at least 40 members.
   (Degree conferred on 15)

5. Send two official delegates to national convention. (This was done)

6. At least 10 Alabama Farmers apply for American Farmer degree.
   (Four applied)


8. A thrift program to be promoted in every chapter.
   (Several chapters have organized thrift banks)

9. A father-son banquet to be held by each chapter.
   (From 75 to 90 per cent of the chapters held father-son banquets)

10. Each chapter reporter to report chapter activities to local paper weekly and to send articles to state reporter once a month.
    (About 50 per cent of the chapters have followed this plan)

11. Each chapter to set up a definite, written annual program of work consisting of (1) agricultural, (2) social-civic, and (3) recreational activities. (Progress has been made along this line)

12. Each chapter to make a written report of accomplishments during the year to the State Adviser by June 1, 1932. (Progress has been made along this line)

13. Each chapter to confer the degree of Future Farmer as rapidly as Green Hand members are eligible. (This has been done)
REPORT OF STATE REPORTER

During the year two news letters were issued. Both were printed by a Montgomery printer. They were in the form of a pamphlet.

The first one was published in November. It carried the minutes of the last state convention; recommendations for tours, camps, and other social activities; a message from the State Reporter; and reports from the Leighton and Cherokee chapters.

The second news letter was issued in March. It carried the pictures of Oliver Manning and Lloyd Ezell, who were elected to the degree of American Farmer from Alabama at the national convention last fall. An announcement appeared to the effect that a program would be given over the radio every second Monday. The pictures of Earnest Thornhill and Bill Mason were also carried in this issue. They were your delegates to the national convention. An article on the trip to Kansas City by Earnest Thornhill also appeared in this issue, and the following chapters were represented with news items: Eva, Ranburne, Abbeville, Glencoe, Slocomb, Isabella, Danville, New Hope, Cherokee, and McKenzie. There was also a list of the chapters in good standing and the delinquent chapters, and the usual message from the State Reporter.

I had a hard time trying to get the chapters to report to me. However, I wish to thank you for your fine cooperation during the year.

At 3:00 P.M. there were two baseball games participated in by teams representing districts 1, 2, and 3. Districts 1 and 2 played the first game, district 2 winning easily by a score of 9 to 1. District 2 then played district 3, district 2 again winning by a score of 3 to 2. This is the second consecutive year that district 2 has been successful in winning from both district 1 and district 3. In the second game it seemed for a while that district 3 had an excellent chance to win but due to the very excellent team work of district 2, the game was finally won in the seventh inning by a score of three to two.

After the ball games the crowd went to the gymnasium for a swim. After supper they reassembled to hear Earnest Thornhill give a report of his trip to the national convention, and then to attend the picture show at Tiger Theater.

On Saturday morning, July 16, 1932, at 3:00 A.M., the meeting was again called to order by the President, followed by the singing of Future Farmers of America.

The Ramer and Evergreen chapters gave the following interesting reports on their annual programs of work.
RAMER CHAPTER

REPORT ON ANNUAL PROGRAM

Objectives set up for 1931-32

1. Continue to operate school lunch room started last year.
2. Continue playground equipment construction for elementary school.
3. Cooperate with town in sponsoring clean-up days.
4. Sponsor rat eradication campaign.
5. Continue school ground beautification.
6. Sponsor the erection of two brick column posts at entrance to campus.
7. Hold annual barbecue supper for parents and friends.
8. Present two comedy agricultural plays at chapel hour.
10. Construct hot beds for purpose of propagating plants and cuttings.
11. Publish at least eighteen news articles in daily papers.
12. Present loving cup to best all-round vocational agriculture boy.
13. Hold a two or three day summer camp for F. F. A. boys.

During the past school year our chapter again operated the school lunch room that was started last year. Sandwiches, potato chips, cakes, milk, ice cream, and hot soup were sold during the year. The total profit this year after all expenses were deducted amounted to $125.00. Fifty dollars of this money was used by the chapter to help pay for the projects of the members. The remaining amount went into the school treasurer.

Last year our chapter constructed playground equipment for our elementary school valued at $300.00. This year the equipment was reworked and more equipment planned for the future. Our chapter cooperated with the town and civic clubs in sponsoring town clean-up days. Our activities included: pruning shade trees along the streets, demolishing unsightly town eye-sores, raking up and hauling off of trash along the streets.

Last fall our chapter sponsored a rat eradication campaign in the community. Eighteen farm homes cooperated in this campaign. Our boys purchased, mixed, and delivered the poison and bait, gave directions as to how to put out the poison, and checked up on results. A check showed that about 100 rats were found dead. Allowing $2.00 for the cost of one rat a year, our campaign was successful to the extent of $200.00 or more.

Although we are very proud of our now beautiful school grounds, we can always find improvement work to be done. This year our activities on the grounds included such work as: spraying, pruning, and fertilizing trees and shrubbery, keeping grass and underbrush cleared out, and keeping alive a movement to keep paper and trash off the grounds.

One of our major objectives for the year was the construction of two large brick column posts equipped with electric lights, at the entrance of our school grounds. The total cost of this project, including electric wiring, was $65.00. The posts were presented to the school as a gift from the chapter at our annual barbecue supper.

It is the policy of our chapter to hold annually a barbecue supper for our parents and friends. On these occasions the boys with the assistance of our adviser and home economics girls prepare and serve this supper. The cost seldom
runs over one dollar per boy, as much of the products are donated by the boys and those interested. This year we barbecued 100 broilers along with a small pig. With this we served camp stew, potato salad, and the other things that go with barbecue. A check showed that we had more than 175 parents and friends at our supper this year.

On two occasions during the past school year, our chapter presented plays at the school chapel hour. These plays usually cause much interest to be worked up in the school. Our chapel programs were voted to be among the best for the year by the school. This year we presented "The Trial of the Soil Robber," and "Beating the Sheriff to Farmer Brown."

Another venture of the chapter was that of organizing a F. F. A. thrift bank. We did not expect to perfect this organization in one year but planned to work it up on a safe and sound policy. Due to the present lack of cash, we have to date only about $25.00 on deposit drawing 6 per cent interest. We hope to run this total up to $300.00 by the end of this year.

A group project of our chapter that no one thought very important when discussed proved to be one of the best that we accomplished. Our boys with the assistance of our adviser planned last spring the construction of a small hot bed for the purpose of producing plants and cuttings for our personal use. The results are that we now have a 90-foot flue hot bed and a 12-foot electric hot bed that yielded over 70,000 potato draws, 15,000 tomato plants, and several hundred flower plants that were used by the boys and the surrounding communities. The plants were sold at a very reasonable price and were in great demand. The entire plant cost $37.00. Our receipts from the sale of plants will just about pay for the construction cost. We expect to continue this project again next year.

During the year just ended we have had written and published 24 news articles in reference to F. F. A. work.

It is the policy of our chapter to present annually to the best all-round vocational agriculture boy the Ramer Chapter loving cup which he holds for a period of one year. It then goes back to the chapter to be presented to the new winner. Standards have been set up by which this winner is selected. These standards are based upon scholastic work, vocational agriculture work, club work, and the vote of the chapter. This year the cup was presented to our chapter president, James Raley.

The last objective we have not yet reached but hope to do so in a few weeks when the entire membership of the chapter will go on a camping trip for two or three days. While on this trip we will set up objectives for next year and make plans for carrying out the objectives.

EVERGREEN CHAPTER - REPORT ON ANNUAL PROGRAM

Our chapter began the 1931-32 year with thirteen chapter members. Our president was unable to be with us so we moved the vice-president up and elected a new vice-president. Our year's program of work was then prepared by a committee.
The first objective was that of securing new members. To do this we planned a chicken barbecue in September. All candidates for membership were invited to be there with a chicken. While the chickens were barbecued by members of the chapter, the other fellows took a swim. We had a grand feed that was followed by a program. The editor of our town paper was the only outside visitor present. He was made an honorary member at the end of the program. Nineteen applications were received for membership. These applicants were initiated at the following meeting.

We then went to work to arrange our class room as is suggested in the F. F. A. manual. Our members at a regular meeting authorized the secretary and treasurer to order a banner. When the banner arrived the members wished the lettering "Evergreen Chapter" to be placed on it. It was returned and we now have it as desired. The money spent for this was earned by the group. We have the pictures of Washington and Jefferson which were presented by Swift Packing Company. A miniature plow was presented by the John Deere Company. On one wall we have our flag that measures 39 by 70 inches. We have our charter framed as well as the pictures of the 1931 F. F. A. convention. We do not have the stuffed owl yet, but we have the gavel, ear of corn, and six F. F. A. manuals. Our membership is proud of its class room and we work to keep it in order.

We held regular meetings at a period set aside for club work on Tuesday afternoon. The various clubs in the school were responsible for a chapel program once a week. The F. F. A. held the lead in position and we put on three programs during the year. First, we told the purposes of the F. F. A.; second, we presented "The Trial of a Soil Robber"; third, a program celebrating George Washington's 200th anniversary.

We had more students enroll in vocational agriculture this year than ever before and we are proud to say that one hundred per cent are members of the F. F. A. chapter.

The chapter organized a court for the purpose of punishing criminals among our group. The officers were elected after taking the stump in their behalf. They then went to the court house and visited the clerk, judge, and attorneys to learn more of court procedure. Some of our laws were regarding damage to lawn, shrubs, shop tools, fences, class room, and other school property. The court proved a means of impeaching an inefficient reporter during the year. The judge passed sentences of labor and punishment.

Our chapter presented "The Trial of a Soil Robber" to the Mt. Union evening school one night. We also purchased fruit trees for our home orchards cooperatively with them.

We had a basketball team that was composed of F. F. A. members who did not go out for the regular team. On Friday afternoons we played the non-ag. team. We have our baseball team but to date we have played only two inter-chapter games. Our players are scattered and the grass has had them on the go since school was out.

One of our most interesting activities was a father-mother-son banquet. We had been leaving mother out long enough and it was a real pleasure to have both parents present. We had about ninety people present including visitors.
from town. Most of the food was brought from the homes of the boys and prepared by the senior home economics girls. We made our own ice cream and the girls served the banquet. In return, the chapter financed a picture show party for these girls.

We have the front of our school grounds landscaped and are now propagating shrubs for the rear grounds. We plan to complete our landscaping this year.

Our chapter entered into the fight for the continuance of vocational education as provided in the Smith-Hughes Act. We sent a telegram from the chapter to each senator and representative, and had written 131 letters.

Each member of the F. F. A. chapter made a survey of the shop jobs at our homes that needed doing, and we worked to get the jobs done.

Our thirty-two members are carrying a total of 86 projects and one of our aims is to finish with at least 90 per cent of them completed.

During the year we have made our chapter one that the members are glad to be a part of. Also, it is an organization that the younger boys wish to belong to. We are striving to make our profession one that is honorable and self-supporting.

We plan to go to the Bay for a few days' fishing as soon as the crops are laid by.

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Following the above reports of the Ramer and Evergreen chapters, the Rev. Bruce McGehee talked to the boys for about twenty minutes.

The House of Delegates then voted to confer the State Farmer degree upon the following fourteen applicants. They were requested to take their places on the stage for the presentation of the keys, the emblem of this degree.

D. Keith Ferrell, Uriah High School
James C. Snider, Robertsdale High School
Claxton Ray, Clay County High School
Edwin Moody, Lawrence County High School
Lamar Worthington, Sulligent High School
Clyde Davis, Lamar County High School
Norman Crawford, Perry County High School
Clifford M. Manning, Isabella High School
J. T. Lucy, Collinsville High School
Perry Clay, Glencoe High School
Averette Kelley, Abbeville State Sec. Agric. School
Tillman Spear, Ramer High School
Albert Ellison, Ramer High School
Byron Cowart, Evergreen State Sec. Agric. School
The following reports were read by the committee chairmen and approved by the House of Delegates:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Resolutions, in behalf of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America, hereby resolve to extend thanks to the following individuals and organizations which have contributed greatly to the success of the third annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America.

1. To the 1931-32 State F. F. A. officers for their efforts in promoting the year's work and making adequate provisions for the meeting now in session.

2. To Dr. Knapp and his co-workers for the invitation to hold the third annual meeting at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

3. To Mr. R. E. Cammack and his supervisors, and Mr. Chesnutt, for their leadership and guidance throughout the year.

4. To the fraternities and dormitories for the wonderful hospitalities shown us during the meeting.

5. To the athletic department for the use of the pool during the hot afternoon.

6. To the Mager Theater for the consideration in reducing the price of tickets for the Future Farmer members.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1. Page 5, Section D, Article I of the Constitution which reads, "Earn and deposit in bank or productively invest at least $200.00," be amended to read "Earn and deposit in bank or productively invest at least $100.00."

2. Recommend that Section A, Article 5, No. 2, Page 7 which reads, "Each chapter shall be represented by the vocational teacher as a delegate," be eliminated from the Constitution in that each chapter will send delegates to the State Convention.

3. Page 8, Article 6, "State meeting of Future Farmers of Alabama shall be held annually. The time shall be on Saturday before the summer school of instruction." Recommend that this be amended to read "The state meeting of Future Farmers of America shall be held annually. The time shall be on Friday and Saturday before the summer school of instruction."
4. Recommend that Section A, Article 7, Page 8, which reads, "Dues shall be paid into the State Treasury by November 1," be amended to read "Dues shall be paid into the State Treasury on November 1 and April 1 of each year.

ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR 1932-33

RECOMMENDED BY PROGRAM OF WORK COMMITTEE

1. 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, 1933.

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.


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, 1933.

13. Each chapter confer the degree of Future Farmer as rapidly as Green Hand members are eligible.


15. Aid teacher in improving the supervised practice program.

16. Live-at-home program to be sponsored by each chapter.
17. Encourage cooperative projects such as:

(a) producing soy bean seed.

(b) producing plants for sale.

18. Each chapter conduct a project tour.


20. Have joint meeting each month with home economics girls.


The following state officers for the year 1932-33 were recommended by the Nominating Committee and elected by the House of Delegates:

President — Earnest Thornhill, (Holtville High School) Route 3, Wetumpka, Alabama

Vice-President — Keith Ferrell, (Uriah High School) Mount Pleasant, Alabama

Secretary — Clyde Davis (Lamar County High School) Melbourne, Alabama

Treasurer — Elbert Ellison (Ramer High School) Grady, Alabama

Reporter — Perry Clay (Glencoe High School) Route 2, Gadsden, Alabama

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATE ADVISER

1. Each member should pay his local, state, and national dues out of money made through receipts from home project work. State and national dues should be sent in to the state office before November 1.

2. Program committees for local chapters should not confine their objectives to repair and construction work about the school, but in addition to these items appearing on the chapter program each chapter should foster in a very definite way improved agricultural practices throughout the community; such as, better poultry, hogs, dairy cattle, and live stock; improved seed; a wider use of winter and summer legumes; and terracing. I do not mean to discredit the splendid work which has been done by a number of chapters in making improvements on school grounds, doing repair work about the school building, etc. I think this is fine and should be a part of each chapter's program, but in addition to items of this character there should be an increased amount of emphasis in every program in fostering better agriculture along the lines named above.
3. Each chapter should organize and carry out a thrift bank during the coming year. I would suggest that while here you talk to the delegates from the Ramer chapter in order that you may familiarize yourselves with the start they have made in a thrift bank movement. If there are other chapters which have started this movement, it would be well to talk to the delegates from these chapters also.

4. It is going to be necessary that people live at home during the coming year to the same extent that it has been necessary to do this during the past two or three years. I am, therefore, suggesting that the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America through the chapters represented here be one of the strong factors in each community in pointing the way for the people to produce as much as practicable of the feed for live stock and food for the family. In connection with this thought, each member of every chapter throughout the State of Alabama should be a committee of one to see to it that the attention of every farmer in the community is called to ways in which economy should be practiced in the live-at-home program, acreage adjustment, the feeding and care of live stock, and the maintaining of soil fertility.

5. At an early date there will be mailed to each chapter in Alabama a copy of the Future Farmer Creed. These have been furnished through the National Congress of Future Farmers of America. When school opens in the fall, each chapter should have this creed framed, and it should be appropriately displayed on the occasion of chapter meetings.

You are the future leaders in agriculture as well as in other lines of business in this State. I cannot urge upon you with too much emphasis the importance of preparing yourselves well for this responsibility which will inevitably fall upon your shoulders at no great distant date. You represent an organization that has greater possibilities for good than any organization within the confines of the State of Alabama. Mr. P. C. Brook, Assistant Supervisor of Agriculture, has been requested to work with the Executive Committee of this organization during the coming year in setting up a suggested library for each chapter. You will receive early next fall some further suggestions along this line. If we are to be prepared for the leadership that we must assume now and in the future, it is going to require constant study on our part. I, therefore, urge each of you present at this time to be even more diligent in the future in preparing yourself for intelligent leadership than you have been in the past.

The President requested the newly elected officers to come up to the front and make a few remarks to the group. Each one requested full cooperation from all members of the Association and promised to do his part to make 1932-33 a successful year in F. F. A. work.