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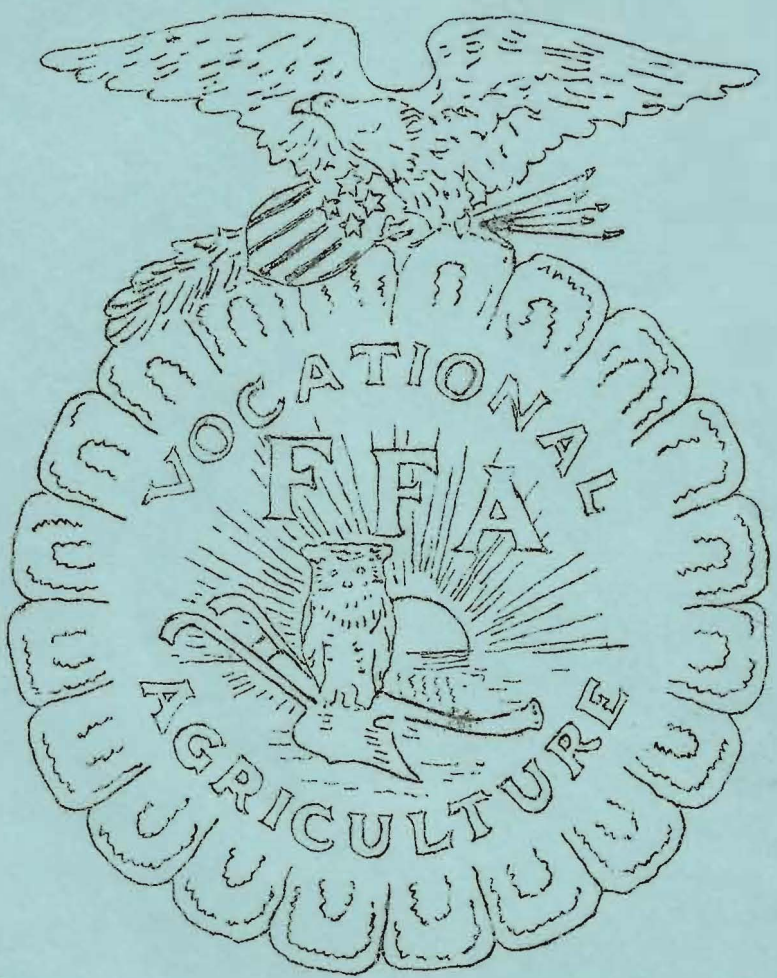

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A MESSAGE TO F. F. A. CHAPTER MEMBERS

By Earnest Thornhill, Pres.

I sincerely believe that F. F. A. work is undergoing the most trying period that it has gone through since it was organized in Alabama. I do not make this statement with the object of casting a reflection upon its efficiency. I make it because I have the supreme interest of the Future Farmers of Alabama and the nation at heart. We can make this seeming crisis mean more to F. F. A. than anything that has ever happened to it. What we make of it depends upon us as members. If we are weak enough the discouragement might mean disaster. If we roll up our sleeves and meet the situation with grit in our teeth and fire in our eyes determined to win, the victory will be sure to come. It takes discouragement to strengthen our courage and trying moments to give us the experience that it takes to meet real situations. When sacrifice pays the price, the value is dear to the ones who make the sacrifice. Let us say with Lincoln, "I will prepare myself and maybe my time will come." Surely our membership in F. F. A. is helping us to prepare ourselves for the tasks, which are many, that lie before us.

There is a challenge for every Future Farmer of Alabama and the nation. It is our duty to find what that challenge is. The world is challenging some of us to be the ones who will put agriculture upon the level that it should be on. Some may be challenged to assume part of the responsibility of controlling the government of our state and nation.

As teen age boys we should begin to realize our duties and responsibilities as well as our golden opportunities. Maybe you haven't thought of it in this way, but do you realize that many of us will be among the citizens who will elect the next president? These responsibilities are gradually coming on without our realizing it. In fact, the Future Farmers of America will be the agricultural leaders of tomorrow. Let me ask you conscientiously and with all manner of seriousness, ARE YOU PREPARING YOURSELF FOR SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY? The success that we are making now does not depend upon the things that we are doing to directly change the situation that now exists. Our success depends largely upon the habits that we are forming and the principles that we are instilling in our lives. We have an opportunity to form good habits or bad habits. We have an opportunity to instill in our lives principles that will guide us through life. Most of all we have an opportunity to plant seeds in our minds that will germinate and grow and bear fruit in later life. There is no limit to our opportunity.

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REPORT OF STATE DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF F.F.A. AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The state delegates accompanied by Professor and Mrs. J. R. Formby of the Holtville High School, left Holtville Friday, November 11, driving across country to attend the Fifth Annual Convention of Future Farmers of America, held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 11 to 18. After two days hard driving, crossing the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, and a large portion of Missouri, we reached Kansas City Sunday night. Many interesting things were noticed on the trip. Among those of most interest to the party were the farm lay outs, the large fields of shocked corn, the snow, and the low fences along the highway which, after some inquiries, we learned were snow rafts that are used to protect the highways from snow drifts.

After registering as delegates from Alabama Monday morning, we spent a greater part of the day at the American Royal Stock Show. At the show we saw the different breeds of live stock and poultry, and the F. F. A. livestock judging teams in action. Thirty-one states had F.F.A. judging teams represented. Tennessee won the honors.

Monday night we attended the Fifth Annual F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest, held at the Ararat Shrine Temple. The first prize of $400.00 in cash was won by William B. Searson of South Carolina, his subject being "Give Them a Chance."

The convention opened officially Tuesday morning in the ballroom of the Baltimore Hotel. Music was furnished at this and other meetings by the official F. F. A. band from the State of Texas. After the opening exercises, the state delegates were seated, Alabama delegates leading the list. At this meeting nominations for the degree of "American Farmer" were made by Dr. C. H. Lane, National Adviser, and three minute reports were heard from each state. Earnest Thornhill gave the report from Alabama. The outstanding events of the afternoon session were the reports of the executive secretary and the treasurer, and the election and raising of candidates to the degree of "American Farmer." Alabama had three boys in this group: Harvey Milligan, Grady, Alabama, from the Ramer Chapter; Earnest Thornhill, Wetumpka, Alabama, Holtville Chapter; and Marvin Durbin, Clanton, Alabama, Isabella Chapter.

At six o'clock Tuesday night, we attended a buffet supper given by the Chamber of Commerce in the Shrine Temple. It was a great sight to see all of the delegates in one group at the supper. After the meal we were all transported to the American Royal arena where the entire group paraded in the arena before a huge crowd of spectators. The award of the honor of "Star American Farmer" was made at this meeting, the honors going to Clarence Goldsberry, of Houston, Texas. A purse of $1000.00 was given to him by representatives of the Kansas City Star paper.

REPORT OF STATE DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF F. F. A.(Cont'd)

The important happenings Wednesday were the election of officers for 1932-33, and the F. F. A. banquet at 6:30 P. M. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Vernon Howell, Guymon, Oklahoma, President; Leo Paulson, Concordia, Kansas, Student Secretary; Loverne Newton, Iowa Falls, Iowa, First Vice-President; Dr. C. H. Lane, Washington, D. C., Adviser; Henry C. Groseclose, Treasurer; and W. A. Ross, Executive Secretary.

At the banquet Wednesday night, Dr. B. O. Skinner, Director of Education of Ohio, made the main address. Prizes were awarded to the winners by Dr. C. H. Lane. After a very good time the meeting was ended.

Thursday we headed our official "Alabama Delegate" car in the direction of the great old State, arriving back home Sunday night. It was a great experience that will linger long in the minds of all who made the trip. We appreciate the opportunity afforded us to make the trip and to represent the F. F. A. chapters in Alabama at the national conference. Our only regret is that all F. F. A. members in Alabama could not be there with us.

Report submitted by -
Albert Ellison, State Treasurer
and one of the official delegates.

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TO F. F. A. REPORTERS OF ALABAMA:

As State Reporter I wish to thank and congratulate each chapter for its fine cooperative spirit in sending in reports to make the F. F. A. publications a success.

I have not received any reports from some chapters. If you are in this list, I hope it is carelessness instead of a dead chapter, and that this will remind you of your duty to the State Reporter in the future. A small contribution from each chapter makes a better news letter for state and national chapters to read. I hope when you read the news letter you will not feel hurt at yourself for not making your part of the contributions, but that you will cooperate better with the next State Reporter. The success of the news letter depends on the reports submitted by the various chapters of the State.

I have a list of every chapter in the State and as you report to me the name of your chapter is checked. The chapter sending in the most reports will get recognition at the convention at Auburn next summer.

TO F. F. A. REPORTERS OF ALABAMA: (Cont'd)

Below is a list of the chapters that have submitted reports together with the number of reports submitted up to March 1, 1933.

Evergreen	1	Foley	1
Ashland	1	Vernon	1
Belgreen	3	Milltown	1
Curry	1	Dixons Mills	1
Danville	1	Holtville	1
Glencoe	5	Ranburne	1
New Market	1	Elmore Co. Organization	1

If the name of your chapter does not appear in the above list, have you a good reason why it does not?

From now until the middle of July, at which time the annual meeting will be held, you have an opportunity to add the name of your chapter to the above list and also to increase very materially your standing by sending a report to the State Reporter once a month. I hope you will do this.

--- Perry Clay, State Reporter.

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RANBURNE F. F. A. HAS FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Last Thursday night is an occasion which will be long remembered by a large number of men and boys in the Ranburne community community as well as those who were visiting. This get-together was sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Chapter at Ranburne. Each boy invited his father, and the chapter as a whole invited the county superintendent of education, members of the county board of education, the evening class at Ranburne, and a few others who were unable to be with us. The total present was one hundred and sixteen in spite of the extremely unfavorable weather conditions. Two pigs averaging 80 pounds were barbecued and served along with Brunswick stew, potato pie, apples, coffee and cigars.

The vocational class room was used for the reception room where there was a display of articles made in the shop by the vocational boys. Some of them displayed were singletrees, different kinds of plowstock hitches, butcher knives, kitchen sink (made from T model Ford housing), picture frames, and a device for cutting iron in the blacksmith shop. The material for all of these articles was brought from home and everything was hand-made. The wood shop was used for the dining hall and for the rendering of the program. The room was beautifully decorated with crepe paper bearing the colors of the F. F. A. A stream of hairy vetch and Austrian peas was in the center of each table. The three letters F F A were cut from a large piece of cardboard and covered with green vetch and placed on the blackboard in the room.

Mr. P. C. Brook of Auburn was speaker of the evening. He told the crowd some of the things that are being done by the F. F. A. organization

RAINBURNE F. F. A. HAS FATHER AND SON BANQUET (Cont'd)

locally, statewide and nationally. He complimented the local chapter very highly for the fine work that it is doing and the good spirit of cooperation shown. Loyd Hansom and Hoyt Townsley gave a few guitar and banjo selections while William Beck did a real job of buck dancing. The history and achievements of the chapter were given by Gordon Mobley, secretary. A number of piano selections were rendered by Mr. O. C. Fincher of Wedowee, which added much pep and life to the program. Superintendent J. H. Pirkle made an interesting talk that was enjoyed by all. Others making encouraging talks were Mr. Newell and Mr. Sewell, county board members; Mr. H. L. Shelby, Principal; Mr. Roy Williams, Coach. Each vocational student was asked to stand and was introduced. Something of unusual interest was given about each boy. The father of each boy was also asked to stand. Another interesting item on the program was the hog calling contest by the evening class, of which Mr. J. E. Whitman was winner. He was presented a whistle and advised to train his hogs to answer to it as we saw he could not call hogs. J. Emmit Thomason, Jr., the president, served as toast master and did a good job. Everyone went home well fed and after a friendly association with one another.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS

Dixons Mills

In our annual program of work, the Dixons Mills Chapter decided to pay our annual dues by raising and selling plants, by having a shop repair campaign, by handling seeds and plants, and by other cooperative activities. We have handled to date, February 20, 60,000 cabbage and onion plants. We plan to grow tomato and sweet potato plants later.

We are now repairing and equipping a set of plows for a good farmer and board member in our district, whose barn and equipment burned.

In carrying on our program of work, we are giving each member charge of one item. He will direct the work of carrying out plans for this particular piece of work.

The chapter is sponsoring school ground improvement. We have planted lawn mixture, repaired fences and buildings, and planted shrubbery.

In our shop program, we have instituted a plan of giving a bonus of 5 to 10 points on semester grades to each boy who will figure out a serviceable article that can be made in the shop from available materials. We have already figured out a number of articles that are of good practical value that can be made from automobile springs, axles, shafts and other discarded pieces of machinery. We will be glad to give any of our ideas to other chapters that are interested, and to get some of the new kinks that have been worked out in other programs. --- Luther Vick, Reporter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS (Cont'd)

Milltown

On February 6, 1935, the chapter met and elected new officers.

On February 13, the F. F. A. boys met in the club room. We discussed the problem as to what we would do if schools closed. We agreed to meet every other Tuesday in the regular club room.

Some of the achievements are: we have ordered plants, both cabbage and onion, for the community; we have agreed to be of all the benefit possible to the school campus.

How we paid our dues as Greenhands and Future Farmers - The Greenhands paid 23¢ from their pockets; the rest came from the treasury. The dues of the Future Farmers were paid from the treasury. The money was received from the proceeds of a "Negro Minstrel" two years ago.

-- Theo Baird, Reporter.

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Foley

The Foley Chapter of F. F. A. paid its state and national dues by each member paying his share.

We have two regular meetings each month, on the first and third Wednesday nights. The president has the power to call a special meeting whenever he sees the need of one.

We have an F. F. A. basketball team but have not been so successful with it. We have lost most of the games but still have high hopes of redeeming our bad season.

We are now planning to get up a negro minstrel. We have the books and will start practicing at once.

We had an oyster supper for the members only at the home economics department and it was a great success. We also went to Bon Secour one Saturday afternoon, spent the night, and came home Sunday morning.

-- Oscar B. Rich, Reporter.

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Curry

The Curry F. F. A. Chapter has been busy on the objectives set up in late September. One of the outstanding accomplishments was a father and son banquet which proved to be a great success. All the boys enrolled in vocational agriculture, their fathers, and several visitors were present.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS (Cont'd)

Curry (Cont'd)

The program was put on by the chapter.

The chapter sponsored a rat poison campaign in the community. The boys purchased a mixed poison with bait and delivered to the farmers with directions as to how to put out the bait. Sixty farm homes entered into the campaign. After a close check-up it was found that around $450.00 was saved by poisoning the rats.

I should like to mention about the camp we are building six miles from Curry on a river. We have started building a club house 25' x 40'. We have also a baseball field. This has aroused lots of interest in our F. F. A. chapter. This camp is deep in the forest. The land and timber to build were donated to the chapter. -- Braxton Munnally, Reporter.

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New Market

We organized this year with twenty-two members, paid our dues, and obtained our charter. We initiated fourteen new members. The plans for the year include a play which we have given once. We are going to give it again. Proceeds will go to the school.

Some shrubs have already been planted at the school. We also plan to plant shrubs at the churches. We are going to terrace our school grounds.

We plan to give a father and son banquet in April.

We are going on an inspection tour of Muscle Shoals this spring.

Several socials and informal get-togethers have already been given. We plan to give a banquet in honor of the home economics girls for the splendid cooperation they have given us this year. -- Billie Mitchell, Reporter.

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Belgreen

The Future Farmers of America of Belgreen hold their regular meetings on Wednesday night, but have call meetings at other times. We have a much better and larger chapter than we had last year. We have twenty-eight members this year, compared with nine members last year.

A meeting was held Wednesday night, January 4, which was well attended. The program follows:

A duet by Glen Rickard and Billie Richardson.
"Country Boy's Creed" by Curtis Richardson.
A talk on "A Camping Trip to Kenlock" by Nelson Richardson.
Riddles by Lloyd Rickard.

At the meeting held January 11, Talton Jones and Zollie Graham were made full-fledged Future Farmers and we heard a nice talk from each one of these boys. --- Jack Bragwell, Reporter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS (Cont'd)

Ashland

The following is a summary of the work done by the Ashland Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, during the month of January:

1. Every member paid his state and national dues.
2. Initiated nine new members.
3. Planned banquet to be given February 10.
4. Started an F. F. A. nursery in which 650 plants of a large assortment were set, plants being lining-out-stock secured from a nursery. -- C. A. Brogden, Reporter.

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Glencoe

The following is a record of all we have done this year:

1. Doubled membership.
2. We have one State Farmer.
3. Paid state and national dues.
4. Some members are eligible for State Farmer degree this summer.
5. We have started an F. F. A. library.
6. We have maintained a bulletin board.
7. We have followed program of work in every way possible.
8. We had one chapel program during the first semester.
9. Had a debate between members.
10. Started F. F. A. nursery.
11. We are handling Certified O-Too-Tan Soybean seed for farmers.

--- Alton Alford, Reporter.

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Ramer

Due to the uncertainty of our schools this year we have not accomplished as many things to date as we had planned but we have made some progress.

This year our chapter is again running the school lunch room. We sell sandwiches, soup, drinks, ice cream, and candy. To date we have cleared about $65.00.

Four picket gates made to imitate iron gates were made by our chapter last fall and hung at the two main gate entrances to our school grounds. The material and paint cost the chapter $15.00.

Our chapter is cooperating with the other community civic clubs in beautifying the local cemetery. F.F.A. boys have transplanted roses and arborvitaes and assisted in laying out the drives and walkways in the cemetery.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS (Cont'd)

Ramer (Cont'd)

All shrubbery on the school grounds has been pruned and we have 6000 cuttings of shrubbery made. We expect to fertilize the shrubbery and trees later on.

Our F. F. A. hot bed is being reworked and cleaned out so that it will be ready for potatoes and tomatoes. We plan to produce 100,000 certified potato plants and 20,000 tomato and pepper plants, to be used by the boys and the surplus to be sold. We have just completed a new electric hot bed that we are experimenting with this year. If the bed proves to be practical we hope to increase its size next year. --- Byron Reddoch, Reporter.

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Elmore County F. F. A. Organization

The Elmore County F. F. A. Organization was organized last summer. The three chapters of the county were holding their annual camp at Camp Rotary. The three chapters in Elmore County that make up the Elmore County Organization are Eclectic, Wetumpka, and Holtville. At this camp the members enjoyed swimming, camping, baseball, and many other pleasures that such a trip affords. We also acquired a relationship among each other that will long be remembered.

We arranged a program for Wednesday night. Some of the things on the program were F. F. A. songs and yells. Earnest Thornhill, who was chairman at that time, gave the purpose of the County Organization and some of the things that it was capable of doing. Reports were given by the presidents of the three different chapters. We were very fortunate in having with us Mr. Cammack, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, and Mr. Cannon, District Supervisor. They gave talks that were inspirational and encouraging as well as instructive.

At another session we elected officers for the coming year and made definite plans for a successful year. We also set up a county program of work and the chairman appointed the necessary committees. We have definite plans for meetings and socials to be held in the future. It is our plan to let each chapter entertain each of the other chapters once during the year. Each chapter has a sports manager, who makes arrangements for basketball and baseball games.

We are very proud of our County Organization and hope to make it very instrumental in the development of our members. -- Sayers Peeples, Chairman.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS (Cont'd)

Holtville

The Holtville F. F. A. Chapter has done a great deal toward carrying out its program of work. We are giving below some of the most important activities that have been accomplished.

We have cooperated with the "H" Club in sodding the athletic field. This project has not been completed but it is well under way.

We have carried on a very successful rat killing campaign in our community. At least 75 farmers of our community cooperated with us in this campaign and were provided with poison bait.

We believe the most creditable thing that we have done is the organization of a thrift bank. The purpose of this bank is to provide a means by which the members can save their extra change. We are striving to make every member a depositor of the bank. The bank is operated on a strictly business policy just as large banks are. We have a president, a cashier, and a board of directors. The bank has been in operation for one month. There are six members who have made deposits in the bank totaling $5.90. We plan to use this money for entertainments and to help cover expenses to the state convention at Auburn.

Our chapter has a basketball team that has played several games including games with other chapters in the county.

We plan to carry out our local program of work and to cooperate with the State Association and the National Organization in carrying out the state program of work and the national program of work. --Andrew Curlee, Jr.,
Reporter.

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STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

The chapters listed below have not sent in their program of work, list of members, and state and national dues up to this time, March 23:

Blountsville
Cuba
Lineville
Milltown
Atmore
Columbia
Scottsboro
Moulton
Auburn
Notasulga
Guin
Reform
Brundidge
Columbiana
Beauregard
Berry
Camp Hill
Citronelle
Corner
Daviston
Fairview
Falkville
Geraldine
Goodwater
Gordo
Lyeffion
Midland City
Phil Campbell
Pine Apple
Rawls
Sulligent
Vincent
Winfield
Smiths Station

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT (Cont'd)

The goal set for membership this year was 2200 boys. Up to the present time we have only 1200, just a little over half of our objective. If we are to bring this membership up we must act at once. I realize that money is a scarce article now and we are all feeling the depression, but at the same time I feel that members of the above chapters should be just as thrifty and make just as good a showing in proportion as did the other 1200 farm boys who are members. We are all farm boys and we all carry home projects. Why not sell a bushel or corn, a gallon of syrup or other farm products and pay your dues before April 1.

I want to urge you to act at once, as April 1 is the dead line. If we are to put F. F. A. work over in this State we will have to pull together. State officers are dependent upon the local chapters to cooperate in making F. F. A. work and our State Association what they should be.

Let me again ask that you act at once and send in your dues, program of work, and membership list. --- Albert Ellison, State Treasurer.

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ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK

DANVILLE CHAPTER

1. Stress better project work, and improve projects by financing boys through chapter.
2. Buy a three-row drill for use of chapter members and farmers in community.
3. Handle vetch seed, slag, and spray material for chapter members and farmers in community.
4. Start nursery area in laboratory area.
5. Visit Union Stockyards in Nashville, and other points of interest in city.
6. Operate hotbed to produce plants for use in community.
7. Carry a chapter project, four acres of cotton, to raise money for the chapter treasury.
8. Make some more plantings on the campus.
9. Hold regular meetings and have chapter programs.
10. Make annual F. F. A. camp at Kenlock.
11. Entertain the home economics club girls once during the year.
12. Sponsor trade day, and operate a list of exchange once a month from now until crop time.
13. Send delegate to the annual convention at Auburn.

ANNUAL PROGRAM, DANVILLE CHAPTER (CON'T'D)

14. Conduct a project tour.

15. Cooperate with Women's Study Club in putting water to main school building.

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ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK

Holtville Chapter

1. Entire chapter attend state convention.
2. At least two members get State Farmer Degree.
3. At least one member get American Farmer Degree.
4. Look forward to state F. F. A.camp.
5. Establish thrift bank.
6. Hold father and son banquet.
7. Reporter report to state reporter every two weeks.
8. Make a written report of accomplishments to the State Adviser at the end of the year.
9. Hold an initiation for each degree held by members.
10. Establish F. F. A. library.
11. Each member carry out a home beautification program.
12. Each member carry out a creditable project program.
13. See that at least five pure bred brood sows are introduced into the community.
14. Organize a bull circle.
15. Introduce at least five pure bred dairy cows into the community.
16. Cooperate with patrons of school in working on school grounds.
17. Hold recreational meeting once a month.
18. Put on at least two good agricultural programs during the year.
19. Give entertainment for purpose of increasing funds.
20. Encourage development among agriculture students.
21. Increase the membership of the chapter.
22. Assist in county F. F. A. meetings.
23. Organize baseball team.
24. Encourage public speaking among F. F. A. members.
25. Each local officer perform his duties efficiently.
26. Invite state F. F. A. officials to county F. F. A. meetings.
27. Each member use his influence in advancing improved and progressive methods on the farm.
28. Invite farmers to educational program held by F. F. A. members.
29. Each member learn history of organization.
30. Put local program into practice.

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A FEW REMINDERS TO LOCAL CHAPTERS

By Earnest Thornhill, Pres.

I am very much interested in our state program of work. I hope that each chapter is thoroughly familiar with this program and the national program as well. The extent to which these programs are carried out depends upon the local chapters. If your chapter has its activities directed so that the objectives of the local, state, and national programs of work are being carried out, you have a well-rounded year's work. I hope that your chapter is progressing with its work and having a great success.

Your chapter secretary should be keeping an accurate and complete record of all the accomplishments of your chapter. If he is keeping this record he will be in position to make a report of accomplishments to the State Adviser in June.

The father and son banquet should be an annual affair of the chapter, surely it should not be overlooked without due consideration. While you are giving your father and son banquet is a good time to invite state F. F. A. officers to take part on your program. When they are invited, you should make it a point to notify them at least ten days or two weeks in advance so that they will have sufficient time to make arrangements to attend. For the past few years I have had the pleasure of attending the Columbiana Chapter banquet. I hitch-hiked to these banquets and enjoyed them very much. I am sure that any of the state officers would be glad to make a sacrifice to attend your banquet and take a part on the program.

There is another thing that I should like to say in regard to the father and son banquet. This is an ideal time to acquaint influential men of your community and county with some of the things that you are doing in F. F. A. You should not restrict these invitations to banquets alone but ask them to sit in on your business meetings, attend your programs, and go on fishing trips, camps, and outings with you. Some of the men that you should consider extending an invitation to are: the probate judge, the county superintendent of education, members of the county board of education, members of the faculty, county commissioners, prominent merchants, business men, and other outstanding individuals from other professions. This relation serves a two-fold purpose. These men should know about the things that you are doing and something about the organization, and your chapter needs the influence that these men can give you.

Your chapter should be making plans to carry a large delegation to the state convention to be held at Auburn next summer. Your state officers are working hard on this program and we believe that it is going to be the best that we have ever had.

There are a great many things that a wide-awake chapter can find to do around the school and community. The influence that your chapter has in the school and community depends largely upon the initiative that it takes in carrying successful projects that are not only beneficial but that demonstrate your willingness to cooperate and do what you can. Wouldn't it be fine for your chapter to handle the advertising of your school plays? You might also be helpful in the sale of tickets and in handling door receipts. Your chapter can also help with playground improvements and the beautification of the campus. You should let your school and county officials know that you are ready

A FEW REMINDERS TO LOCAL CHAPTERS (CONT'D)

to cooperate with them and that all they have to do is to let you know what they want done. There are many other community and school projects that your chapter can conduct. Your chapter should be wide-awake and should be finding things to do. There is no limit to the things that your chapter can find to do. I hope that every chapter in the State is carrying out a worth while program and really finding things to do that are of some help to the school and community.

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EVERGREEN CHAPTER ENJOYS CHICKEN BARBECUE

Continuing a custom begun last year, members of the F. F. A. chapter of the Evergreen State Secondary Agricultural School gathered at Stevens Pond Friday evening for a chicken barbecue and all-round outing. Swimming was enjoyed in the late afternoon after which the boys gathered around the barbecue pit to prepare the feast for the evening. Each boy carried a fryer to barbecue and it is said for a fact that there was none to waste.

Among that group of young men may be found some of the most expert barbecue artists in these whereabouts. Older heads, who pride themselves on their ability in this art, would no doubt have their pride humbled to the dust should they have occasion to match their ability against these young fellows.

After supper the group gathered on the dam of the pond and carried out a well planned program. Byron Cowart, president of the chapter, presided. Cowart, by the way, is one of the 17 Future Farmers in Alabama who received the degree of State Farmer at the annual meeting last summer.

The closing event of the evening was an old time hog calling contest, in which every one present took part. First prize, a pocket knife donated by Professor P. L. Wright, teacher of the class, was awarded to Jack Harper.

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EVERGREEN CHAPTER VISITS EXPERIMENT FARM

The vocational agricultural class of the Evergreen State Secondary Agricultural School obtained much valuable information while visiting the Brewton Experiment field Monday, September 26. Mr. J. J. Richardson, who is supervisor of the field, conducted the tour. He explained the purpose of each experiment and also gave results to date. The most efficient fertilizer for cotton for an average of three years has been the Auburn Maximum, which is made by mixing 400 pounds superphosphate, 200 pounds nitrate of soda, and 50 pounds muriate of potash. The fertilizer test also showed that nitrogen is the most important fertilizer for corn.

The plot receiving only 200 pounds of nitrate of soda made 44 bushels per acre, while the plot that received 400 pounds of superphosphate and 50 pounds of muriate of potash in addition to the 200 pounds of nitrate of soda produced 48 bushels per acre. It is quite evident that four bushels of corn will not pay for 400 pounds of super-phosphate and 50 pounds of muriate of potash. Forty-seven bushels more were produced on an adjoining plot that

EVERGREEN CHAPTER VISITS EXPERIMENT FARM (Cont'd)

had no fertilizer applied to the corn but had grown a winter legume crop that was plowed under.

Variety tests show that Whatley's Prolific is the highest producing corn variety for this section and Hasting's Prolific ranked second. Results show that Cook's 307, which is sometimes called Cook's Wilt Resistant is the best variety of cotton.

O-Too-Tan and Laredo are both high yielding varieties of soybeans. Mr. Richardson explained the purpose of the experiments as well as many other interesting features about the farm. After a refreshing pause at the farm well, the class, which was accompanied by its teacher, Professor P. L. Wright, returned to the school to continue work.

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Note: The Evergreen Chapter, in addition to the above material, submitted a most excellent program of work consisting of 39 worthy objectives. We regret that space will not permit the printing of this entire program.

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VERNON CHAPTER SPONSORS COUNTY-WIDE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In response to the letter mailed out by our State Treasurer, showing the state-wide slump in numbers of F. F. A. paid up members, for the year 1932-33, the Vernon Chapter decided to hold a Union meeting of the three chapters in the county. This meeting was in the form of a county-wide social. The two visiting clubs were to compete in membership for an F. F. A. banner purchased by the local chapter. The chapter having the greatest number of paid members at the entertainment at this group social, was to receive the banner. The membership of the local club jumped from seven paid members to twenty in two weeks. Each boy was allowed to bring a girl friend along to the social. The pennant was awarded the Millport Chapter.

It was decided to make these socials permanent, and to switch them from one chapter to another, letting them alternate. The next night is to be at Millport. We are expecting eight or ten more members by the time we make this trip to the Millport Chapter. Interest is growing every day, with each of the three clubs in the county. We are planning a permanent summer camp as one of our objectives. Sulligent is the other chapter in the county. We believe there will be at least sixty paid members in the county in another week where there were only seven a month ago.

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DATES OF NATIONAL F. F. A. RADIO BROADCASTS

We are listing here the dates for the national F. F. A. broadcasts for the remainder of the year.

DATES OF NATIONAL F. F. A. RADIO BROADCASTS (CONT'D)

April 10	July 10	October 9
May 8	August 14	November 13
June 12	September 11	December 11

There is some question on the part of the National Broadcasting Company as to the number of people being reached by this broadcast. The only way they have of knowing the number reached and over what territory the programs are heard is through communications from individuals who listen in on the program. It is suggested, therefore, that chapter reporters arm themselves with a supply of penny postal cards and make it their business to see that these postal cards are sent following each National F. F. A. Radio Broadcast to:

Frank E. Mullen
National Broadcasting Company
Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois

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SONG, "HAIL THE F.F.A." NOW AVAILABLE

This song is the result of the 1931 Song Writing Contest conducted by the Future Farmers of America organization. It is now available and may be ordered from the French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland. Price, 15¢ a copy.

It would be a fine thing if some of the talented members of our F. F. A. Association in Alabama would participate in this F. F. A. Song Writing Contest. Anyone who would like to participate for another year should write to Earnest Thornhill, President, Alabama F. F. A. Association.

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SOME QUESTIONS THAT YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF

AS AN F. F. A. MEMBER

1. Am I taking part in all the chapter activities?
2. Am I making progress as an individual member? It is possible for me to have a higher degree conferred upon me each year. Am I stepping up each year in this respect?
3. Have I paid my state, local, and national dues?
4. Is my chapter reporter reporting to the state reporter as he should?
5. Is my chapter carrying out a good wholesome social program?
6. Does my chapter have an F. F. A. library? If not, why?
7. Is every member of our chapter carrying out a home beautification program?

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