

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Auburn, Alabama  
July 13, 1933

The meeting was called to order by Earnest Thornhill, President, at 8:00 a.m. in Langdon Hall. The first number on the program was the singing of the F. F. A. song. Then followed the opening ceremony carried out according to the F. F. A. Manual.

Rev. Bruce McGehee, Pastor of the Auburn M. E. Church, conducted the devotional exercises and made a short talk to the Association, emphasizing the importance of F. F. A. activities in raising standards of rural life.

Dr. L. N. Duncan of Auburn delivered the welcome address. In his remarks he assured the delegates that Auburn was glad to have them as its guests and he invited them to use the facilities of the institution for their pleasure and profit. Among other things he emphasized the importance of F. F. A. members training for leadership responsibility and used the present situation relative to price levels in agricultural commodities as an example of the necessity for farmers being trained in social and civic activities and agricultural economics.

Keith Ferrell, Vice-President, gave the following response to the welcome address:

"We the members of the F. F. F. of Alabama are greatly indebted to the authorities of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute for the privilege of holding our fourth annual Association meeting at Auburn. We feel that Auburn is rightly the center of progressive agriculture in our State and that we will receive the greatest amount of good by meeting here.

"During the past year we have encountered many difficulties in keeping our organization functioning as it should. We have also met many problems on the farm, and in these trials we have received great help through the work of Auburn and our local and state advisers.

"Our hopes for a return of prosperity to the South have been raised during past months. Prices are rising on the products we produce on the farm, which means farmers can again advance in their chosen fields. Since agriculture is basic to our national welfare we can see a better day for the farm people. A greater interest will be taken by boys enrolled in F. F. A. work; agriculture will progress; and farming will again take the lead in returning contentment and prosperity to the South.

"Before farming can be advanced to its maximum service, and before it can be called progressive occupation we as farmers must be trained. But trained how? By theory or by practice? The latter by all means, for training received in this manner is far better than the other, because ideas derived in this way remain planted in our minds and are useful throughout our lives.

"The F. F. A. is aiding in promoting such practical agriculture not only in Alabama but in other states in the Union as well.

"It is a well known fact that no organization can progress unless it has leaders of brilliance and talent. We now have such leaders of the F. F. A., but the question is who will be the leaders of tomorrow in F. F. A. work? Doubtless the future leaders will come from the ranks of our present members. Are we, the members of F. F. A., preparing ourselves to fill the positions our present leaders are now holding? Are we now through the aid of our leaders and advisers laying the foundation for our future success or failure? What we shall be depends largely upon our initiative and ability to follow the guidance of our advisers as they offer their much needed assistance. In other words, the future success of our organization depends on how we prepare ourselves now to become its future leaders.

"Again, to those who have made this meeting of our State Association possible, we wish to express most sincerely our gratitude, thanks and appreciation for this interest manifested in us."

On a roll call of chapters by the Secretary, the following delegates from chapters present were seated:

Evergreen	- Willard Brown, Clinton Johns
Lineville	- Braxton Ingram, Joel Thompson
Sylacauga	- Roy Terrell, Barnard Stripling
Wetumpka	- Howard Hendrix, Raymond Prater
Ashland	- Redford McMath, Claxton Ray
Leighton	- James Myhan, Frank Keys
Eclectic	- Wallace Webster
Headland	- French Sconyers, Jack Carr
Vernon	- Clyde Davis
Rogersville	- Virgil Briggs, Lonice Trousdale
Auburn	- Ted Pennington
Marion	- Bill Lester, Fred England
Columbiana	- Leon Templin, Malcolm Ray
Odenville	- Sam Turner, Ed Hill
Lincoln	- Elvie Holms, Harry Shaddix
Bakerhill	- David Smith, John Wise
Belgreen	- Austin Ezzell, Jack Sandlin
Blue Springs	- John Scarborough, Howard Heath
Curry	- Grady Myers
Danville	- Hubert Lee
Eva	- Byron Vann, Edron Childers
Five Points	- Cary Smith, Jeff Wheeler
Foley	- Oscar Rich, John Haupt
Frisco City	- Merrill Beard, Turner Murphy
Glencoe	- Lansing Williams, Latha Lay
Holtville	- Andrew Curlee, Harvey Jackson, Jr.
Isabella	- R. C. Veazey, Clifford Manning
Jemison	- Alton Cobb, J. T. Cobb
Lexington	- Clifton Wright, Clyde Hammond
Marbury	- Mack Dennis, Jack Graves
Millerville	- Ellis Martin, Kiffin Browning
Millport	- J. T. Billingsley, Ed Christian
Pine Apple	- Billy Feagin, Marcus Stallworth, Jr.

Ramer - W. D. Smilie, Earnest Reynolds  
Uriah - Edwin Emfinger, Joe Frank Mims  
Wadley - Walter Shivers, Albert Keylor  
Walnut Grove - Lucian Miller, Dennis Walker  
Weogufka - Howard Hendrix, Raymond Prater  
Daviston -  
Magnolia -  
White Plains -  
Centerville -

After the seating of the House of Delegates, the president then appointed the following committees:

1. Nominating Committee  
Branard Strickland, Wetumpka  
W. D. Smilie, Ramer  
Clyde Hammond, Lexington (Chairman)
2. Constitution Committee  
J. P. Dodd, Walnut Grove  
Ed Christian, Millport  
Keith Ferrell, Uriah (Chairman)
3. Resolutions Committee  
Clifford Manning, Isabella  
Grady Myers, Curry  
Andrew Curlee, Holtville (Chairman)
4. Committee on New Activities  
Jeff Wheeler, Five Points  
Ted Pennington, Auburn  
Virgil Briggs, Rogersville  
Jake Graves, Marbury  
Albert Ellison, Ramer (Chairman)
5. Program of Work Committee  
R. C. Veazey, Isabella  
Edwin Emfinger, Uriah  
Perry Clay, Glencoe (Chairman)

The following chapters gave reports on their chapter activities: Uriah, Glencoe, Millport, Marbury, Curry, Weogufka, Belgreen, Walnut Grove, and Lexington. Copies of these reports were turned over to the Secretary for use by the judges appointed by the President to select the chapters winning the two prizes in the contest on chapter reports. The members of the committee appointed to judge the reports were: J. P. Montgomery, Jemison; J. D. Tucker, Gaylesville; E. L. Stewart, Milltown.

A thorough explanation of the Experiment Station tour was made by the Committee on Arrangements, copy of which follows:

SCHEDULE EXPERIMENT STATION TOUR- THURSDAY JULY 13th.

MEET IN LANGDON HALL 1:30 P.M.

FIELD MEETING PLACES:

1. POULTRY- Near barn at poultry plant.
2. HORTICULTURE Forestry Plots
3. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY Smoke House, near old dairy barn.
4. Agri. Engineering Erosion Plots on road to new dairy barn.
5. AGRONOMY Spacing Tests, road to new dairy barn.

FIELD SCHEDULE:

	TIME	2:30	2:55	3:20	3:45	4:10
		2:55	3:20	3:45	4:10	4:35
POULTRY		1	2	3	4	5
HORTICULTURE		2	3	4	5	1
ANIMAL HUSB.		3	4	5	1	2
AGRI. ENGI.		4	5	1	2	3
AGRONOMY		5	1	2	3	4

GROUP LEADERS:

- Group 1. R.E. Cammack
2. Ernest Thorhill-J.R. Formby
3. H.F. Gibson
4. G.T. Sargent
5. J.C. Cannon

## PLAN FOR ESSAY CONTEST

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### Subject

My Impression of the Experiment Station at Auburn.

### Eligibility

Every paid up member of F. F. A. attending state convention at Auburn.

### Plans

1. Essay not to be more than 250 words and must be original. Papers should be typed or written in ink.
2. Chapter winners are to be selected by a committee appointed by chapter adviser.
3. County winner to be selected by a committee appointed by chapter advisers in county.
4. Paper of county winner to be sent to district supervisors in Auburn not later than August 10, 1933. Essays received after that date will not be considered. Papers will not be returned. Chapter and county winners should keep duplicate copies for use in local newspapers.
5. State judges of county winners will be appointed by Director Funchess and State Adviser Cannack.
6. Chapter and county winners should be published in local newspapers. As many other essays should be published as the editor will accept.
7. County and chapter prizes may be offered at the discretion of the county and chapter organizations.
8. State prizes:
  - (1) Registered Jersey Bull calf donated by Animal Husbandry Department to chapter submitting winning essay.
  - (2) Registered Boar pig donated by Animal Husbandry Department to chapter submitting second best essay. (Choice of Poland China or Duroc, to be out of fall litters on Station.)
  - (3) Three hundred Black Locust Seedlings to each member of chapter ranking third donated by Horticulture and Forestry Department, provided members agree to plant according to instructions.
9. State winners will be announced on or before September 1, 1933.

At 12:00 o'clock the Association adjourned for lunch. On re-assembling at 1:30 p. m. the program was turned over by the President to Dean M. J. Funchess, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, who, with his associates, consumed an hour in explaining the workings of the Experiment Station and the projects to be visited later in the afternoon. The tour was carried out in detail according to the plans given.

Following this tour, the Association assembled and enjoyed a water melon cutting.

At 7:30 p.m. the group again assembled in Langdon Hall and heard the report of the trip to Washington and to Monticello, Virginia, for the purpose of dedicating a room in the home of Thomas Jefferson to the ideals of F. F. A. This report was given by Harvey Jackson, Jr., of the Holtville chapter.

An entertainment feature of this evening session was the giving of some sleight-of-hand tricks by Tommie Atkins, of Auburn.

#### Friday, July 14, 1933

The meeting on Friday, July 14, was called to order at 8:00 a. m. by the president and after the singing of several songs, reports were made by the secretary, treasurer, and reporter as follows:

#### REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY

There are 115 chartered F. F. A. chapters in Alabama with a total active membership of 1375. The total amount of national dues paid for the year ending June 30, 1933, was \$137.50. During the year there was no increase in local chapters and no increase in membership.

During the year there was a total of 663 boys initiated Green Hands, 241 raised to the Future Farmer degree, 14 raised to the State Farmer degree, and 3 who received the degree of American Farmer.

The present active membership is as follows: 924 Green Hands, 418 Future Farmers, 27 State Farmers, and 6 American Farmers, making a total of 1375, active membership. There are 259 local associate members, 229 local honorary members, and 14 honorary State members, making a grand total membership for the year 1932-33 of 1877.

There are 18 chapters that possess full meeting equipment as listed on page 18 of the F. F. A. Manual; 269 members own a copy of the F. F. A. Manual; and five chapters own radio sets. Ten chapters listened in regularly to the National F. F. A. radio programs; five chapters prepared and gave one or more radio programs.

Fifteen chapters issued news letters or news sheets during the year. Thirty-eight chapters engaged in cooperative buying and selling of farm commodities.

Ten chapters have thrift bank organizations.

REPORT OF STATE REPORTER

One of the objectives in our program of work this past year was for every chapter to report once each month. My job was to get these reports. I have fallen far short of my duty for some cause or other. However, some chapters have responded very nicely.

The following is a list of chapters that have reported to the State Reporter this year:

Evergreen	1	Holtville	1
Ashland	1	Ranburne	1
Belgreen	5	Elmore County	1
Curry	1	Walnut Grove	2
Danville	1	Cherokee	1
Glencoe	6	Moundville	1
New Market	1	Columbia	1
Foley	1	Ramer	1
Vernon	1	Sweet Water	1
Milltown	1	Uriah	2
Dixons Mills	1	Columbiana	1

During the year, we published two news letters, one being sent to each chapter in November and the other in March. The letters contained reports from state officers of last year, state program of work, chapter reports, reports from the national convention, and other items of interest.

I wish to thank each chapter for the cooperation given in making the news letters a success and urge more cooperation from all chapters to the incoming state reporter.

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

Due to the depressed conditions over the State, our treasury did not fare as well as we had expected when the budget was made here last July.

As treasurer of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America I have the following report to make:

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward from last year . . . . .	\$104.07
Total receipts for F. F. A. keys . . . . .	30.00
Total receipts for state and national dues . . . . .	<u>481.25</u>
	\$615.32

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for clerical secretary . . . . .	\$220.00	
News Letters . . . . .	71.23	
F. F. A. charters . . . . .	1.02	
Stamps . . . . .	12.00	
Expense of Executive Committee at A.E.A. . . . .	17.50	
F. F. A. banner . . . . .	7.52	
Lumber and material used in preparing for convention	8.42	
National dues . . . . .	137.50	
Expense of Executive Committee annual meeting . . .	<u>50.00</u>	\$525.19

Balance on hand July 14 (approximately) . . . . . \$90.13

There are several checks that were returned to me marked insufficient funds. I have redeposited these checks and the final balance depends on whether or not these checks go through.

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The following chapters then gave reports on their activities for the year, and turned copies of their reports over to the secretary for the use of the Committee appointed to judge the reports in the contest: Ramer, Vernon, Holtville, Lincoln, Eva, Ashland, Blue Springs.

Following these reports the judges retired and brought back a report that the Ramer chapter won first place on reports on general activities and the Eva chapter won second place. The Lexington chapter was awarded first prize on reports on special accomplishments. The prizes were books for the F. F. A. libraries of the chapters.

The winning reports are given below.

#### REPORT OF THE RAMER CHAPTER

During the school year 1932-33 the following objectives were reached by the Ramer Chapter of Future Farmers of America:

1. In the fall of 1932 four gates were constructed and hung at the two main entrances to the school grounds. The total cost of this project, including material and paint, was \$15.00.

2. Pruned and sprayed all trees and shrubbery on the school grounds where needed.

3. This spring the chapter started a nursery for the purpose of growing out shrubs and plants to be used by the boys in beautifying their homes, and selling the surplus plants to the community people. Six thousand cuttings were put out, and \$7.00 worth of small arborvitae was bought and put out.

4. Our chapter cooperated with the Ramer Civic Club in sponsoring a beautification program for the Ramer Cemetery. F. F. A. boys layed off the lots, set out grass, reset roses, and set out 80 arborvitae as their part of the program.

5. Our chapter also cooperated with the local officials of the 116th Division Ambulance Company in beautifying the grounds around their building. After the property was landscaped by our vocational agriculture teacher. F. F. A. boys took charge of buying shrubs, and trees and setting them out. Seventy-five dollars was supplied by the company for this improvement. The property is now rated as the best of its kind in South Alabama.



6. This year we continued the operation of our F. F. A. plant bed and added to its size. We now have 136 feet of hot bed space, 36 feet of which is heated by electricity and the other by fire. We sold 70,000 sweet potato plants, and 20,000 tomato and pepper plants. Our total profit amounted to \$35.00 after paying for the new bed.

7. Our chapter added 360 square feet to our farm shop by remodeling a shed room adjoining the old shop. The profit made on the plant bed was used to purchase a small electrical lathe, and an electric rip saw for the shop.

8. A flag pole was made from old iron pipe and erected on the grounds of our elementary school.

9. The rat eradication campaign sponsored by the chapter was very popular this year with the public. Thirty-six farm homes cooperated and reported over 400 dead rats. This means a saving to our farmers of several hundred dollars. Many farmers are still calling for bait for their use.

10. A chapter library was started this year by the purchasing of our books. Arrangements have been made whereby we will be able to add an additional \$15.00 worth of books before school opens next fall.

11. For the third year the chapter sponsored the school lunch room. This year we sold sandwiches, cold drinks, milk, ice cream, candies, and hot soup. Our profit for the year amounted to \$118.00. This money was used to buy school supplies for the entire school, and help bear the expenses of other F. F. A. projects.

12. One hundred baby chicks were bought and grown out on the school ground as a group project. The chickens were used at the annual barbecue supper.

13. The annual barbecue supper was a great success this year. One hundred and ninety parents and friends were present and many fine speeches were made in favor of vocational agriculture and F. F. A. work in the community. No charges were made for the supper. All supplies were either donated by the boys or purchased with funds from our treasury.

14. The F. F. A. loving cup was again presented to the best all-round F. F. A. boy. The honors this year went to our chapter president, Albert Ellison.

15. Last fall our chapter raised \$25.00 to help bear the expenses of a boy from our chapter to the National F. F. A. Congress held in Kansas City.

16. Our chapter feels highly honored in having one of its honorary members receive the American Farmer degree at the national convention. The gold key was presented to Harvey Milligan at our annual barbecue supper.

17. As a result of selling furniture made in the F. F. A. shop, and a pure bred Ducor Jersey boar donated to the chapter, five of our boys were sent to the World Fair at Chicago and to Washington for the Pilgrimage to Monticello in June. One hundred and twenty dollars was raised by this method.

REPORT OF RAMER CHAPTER (CONT'D)

18. Plans are now under way for a camp this summer.

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REPORT OF EVA CHAPTER

With the help and advice of our local adviser our chapter has sponsored a better live stock program. In the early part of 1932 we placed 23 registered Duroc Jersey gilts among the farmers of this community in order to supply the demand with home grown products and have a bit of surplus for sale. This number has increased considerably up to date.

We have made educational and recreational trips. Through the courtesy of Mr. Burnett, who is associated with the Union Stock Yards in Nashville, the members of our chapter had the opportunity of visiting Nashville. The purpose of this trip was to determine the possibilities of growing live stock in North Alabama. Every member of this chapter attended the annual F. F. A. meeting for the North Alabama chapters which is at Camp Kenlock. This trip was enjoyed by all the members and plans are made to attend this year.

We have had two delegates and a speaker at the annual F. F. A. convention in 1932.

A three row drill was bought by the chapter in order to help the farmers to get in all legumes and small grains. The chapter again bedded a large bed of certified potatoes so as to supply the local needs. The plants were sold for a reasonable price and a small profit was made. This will be used for community improvement.

The chapter sponsored two F. F. A. socials.

The annual father-son and mother-daught banquet was one of the main events of the year. Many of the county officials were present with Mr. S. H. Gibbons, county agent, being principal speaker of the evening. A delicious meal was served to approximately 150 of the dads and mothers of the community. The F. F. A. band and Cullman band furnished appropriate music for the occasion. After the main speaker had finished, other visitors gave brief talks along with the parents. Near closing time the toastmaster called upon the F. F. A. president for a talk. The president introduced a hog calling contest. This furnished plenty of amusement for all present. All were trying to call hogs before the contest closed. In closing the winner received a pipe and one twist of tobacco.

The Future Farmer Creed was framed and placed in the class room. Also the reading of the Manual by the members has been emphasized. The

members have had the opportunity to read all important news letters and reports made to the local president by state officers.

The state and national dues were paid on time and came from money earned from supervised projects, as suggested at the annual convention in 1932.

The members helped to install a shower bath at the school building while the running water was being placed in the building.

A soil improvement and live-at-home program has been fostered by the chapter.

Members that have finished school are keeping their dues paid and are helping to put over the program.

The chapter has a program for the coming year which, if it can be carried out, will help vocational agriculture in our community.

--- Byron Vann, President of Chapter

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#### BEAUTIFICATION OF THE SCHOOL CAMPUS

BY LEXINGTON F. F. A. CHAPTER

Our chapter took as one of our main objectives this year to complete the beautification of our school campus. In looking over the things we could do to beautify the campus we decided to do the following:

1. Purchase 20" lawn mower to maintain the school lawn.
2. Purchase shrubbery to finish the planting of the buildings and grounds.
3. Level the ground at the rear of the buildings.
4. Construct a drive that would lead around the rear of the school building and lead out the north corner of the school grounds.
5. Plant the lawn in rye grass for a winter lawn.

A 20" lawn mower was purchased by the chapter with funds that were won at the Lauderdale County Fair the previous year. This mower was bought through one of our local merchants who ordered it and let the F. F. A. chapter have it at the wholesale price. The cost of the mower was \$12.50.

Shrubbery was purchased from the Huntsville Wholesale Nursery Company by our vocational teacher with funds that we had in the treasury. The following shrubs were bought and planted on the school grounds at a cost of \$10.00.

20 Ligustrum Lucidum  
50 Spirea Thunbergi  
6 Pyramidal Arborvitae  
2 English Junipers

Other shrubbery planted around the school buildings was propagated and cared for in the laboratory area of our vocational department. We planted the following shrubs from the laboratory area:

22 Spirea Van Houtti  
6 Abelia Grandiflora  
10 Forsythia

The vocational class in landscape gardening planted the shrubs in cooperation with the F. F. A. chapter. They did this to get experience in doing this kind of work.

Teams were furnished by some of our chapter members and a day was spent in grading down a rise on the ground in the rear of the school building that was forcing the drainage water under some of the floors and creating danger of rotting the floors. The dirt was moved to the buildings and good drainage was made away from the buildings. As soon as this dirt settles we intend to construct walks from all doors on this part of our campus.

Twelve members of our chapter brought their teams and wagons to school and a day was spent in hauling gravel, grading and constructing a drive in the rear of the campus. This drive was about 300 feet long and 16 feet wide. We put 50 loads of gravel on it and then had a country road grader to run over it, shaping and smoothing it for us. We now have a very good gravel drive all the way around the entire campus.

Rye grass was purchased and planted over the entire campus. We planted 100 pounds of seed in the early fall and secured an excellent stand of grass. As a result of this we had the prettiest winter lawn in the history of the school.

Other things that were done that were not in the original plan were: help in the construction of new walks on the campus, sodded a part of the lawn in the rear of the buildings with Bermuda, saved rye grass seed this spring to replant with next fall, and maintained the shrubbery.

We hope to have in the very near future the best looking rural school campus in the northern part of the State. We made a big start and intend to keep working on it until we succeed in finishing the project.

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The Association was addressed at 11:00 o'clock by Dean Zebulon Judd of the Department of Education of Auburn. The points made by Dean Judd in

his address were: training for citizenship, the importance of learning to live happily in the present day complex society, the essentialness and dignity of agriculture, the necessity for having a pride in one's occupation, the necessity of understanding not only the significance of community agriculture but the implications of agriculture in Alabama in relation to agriculture and industry throughout the world. He illustrated this point by making the statement that the cotton produced in Alabama as well as in the other sixteen southern states was a part of the world production of cotton and the price received for it would be determined not only by the amount and quality produced in the United States but also by the amount and quality produced in other countries where cotton is raised. He also stated that farmers who produce cotton, regardless of their location, should be interested in the spinning of cotton wherever the mills are in operation.

Following the address of Dean Judd, the State Adviser made a few remarks. He stated that too many chapters in the State during the past year had been inactive; that they had not planned a well balanced program; that they had failed to submit dues and program of work, and had not answered correspondence. He urged that all in attendance upon this meeting return to their respective communities with the full determination to have a one hundred per cent chapter another year and stated that by a one hundred per cent chapter is meant: 1. A program of work should be set up just as soon as school opens and should be in line with the state program of work and national program of work, and should be adapted to the needs of the community. 2. Officers should be elected who will take their responsibilities seriously. 3. A schedule of meetings should be worked out, and as many members as possible should be used in these programs. 4. The teacher of agriculture should maintain the proper relationship with the chapter, and by proper relationship is meant that he will supply the advice and encouragement to enable the less experienced boys to carry on the program. 5. A plan should be worked out early in the school year for the payment of dues and on November 1 each chapter should mail to the state adviser a program of work, dues for the members who have paid, and membership list. 6. All correspondence should be carried on promptly with the state officers and state adviser. The teacher of agriculture will have the responsibility not of doing this but of seeing to it that it is done.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 p. m. and had a thirty minute musical program consisting of songs and orchestral music. Mr. Cammack made a few remarks and urged the chapters to organize bands in their respective schools early in the school year with a view of having F. F. A. bands at our next annual meeting. After this the Association adjourned for a three-cornered baseball game, district 1 playing district 2 in the first game. District 2 won the first contest, after which this district played district 3. The champion district for the year was district 3, this district winning over district 2 by a score of two to one.

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order for the evening session. The President announced the action of the Executive Committee regarding delinquent chapters. He stated that it had been decided to revoke the charters of the following chapters: Blountsville, Cuba, Milltown, Moulton, Notasulga, Reform, Brundidge, Beauregard, Berry, Citronelle, Corner, Falkville, Geraldine, Goodwater, Gordo, Midland City, Lyeffion, Smiths Station, Vincent, and Winfield.

In order to be reinstated it will be necessary that these chapters submit to the Executive Committee a fee of \$10.00, state and national dues, program of work, a statement as to why the chapter had failed to qualify, and a statement as to plans for the future. He stated that the advisers of these chapters would be requested to return their charters to the new Executive Committee. The President then gave the following address, after which the Association adjourned to attend the show at the Tiger Theater.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

It is not my purpose to make a big speech but I am going to give you a few suggestions that I believe will improve the efficiency and standing of the F. F. A. organization if they are put into effect. I am not saying these things because of my displeasure as president, for it has been a great pleasure for me to serve you in this capacity. I hope that you will take all criticism as constructive and not destructive.

#### State Farmer Degree Applications

The honor of this degree is determined by the standards set by those who are elected to it. The purpose of conferring this degree is to create a desire among the members to reach out and climb upward. If boys are getting this degree without doing real work and making themselves outstanding, then the purpose of conferring this degree is being defeated. Before a member receives this degree he should be a good student in all required high school subjects. He should at least have a good general knowledge and have good command of the English language.

The number of applications for the State Farmer degree this year was entirely too small. This is a reflection on the work of the members and is evidence of the lack of enthusiasm.

The project programs listed on these applications gave evidence of one or more of the following:

1. They have not been planned.
2. They were carried out by the student for the purpose of only "getting by."
3. The boy has not been allowed to carry out his project program on the farm as he wanted to, or in other words, it has been a "pet patch" to be kicked about on the farm.

A project program in vocational agriculture should be a well-planned, complete farming program. It should be planned by the boy and the teacher before the boy enters the agricultural course. This plan should be in the form of a three-year project program and should be filed in the vocational teacher's office. In carrying out his projects the boy should follow this plan. This project program should be owned, operated, and managed by the boy himself and not by his father or teacher. Farmers are

watching projects of vocational agriculture and if they fail because of either of the three reasons mentioned above, then vocational agriculture is getting a discredit that it is not responsible for.

### Chapter Reports

The reports that were given were good but the number of chapters that reported was very small. This is evidence that the chapters are not doing anything to report. A chapter that has done a good year's work and completed its program of work is always anxious to report what it has done. The chapter that has done nothing has nothing to report. I hope that next year every chapter will get started at the beginning of the year and carry out a good year's work and give a good report of accomplishments.

### Program of Work

The first thing that a chapter should do is to plan its program of work for the year. In planning this program of work the chapter should take into consideration the items on the state and national programs of work. Before the chapter can intelligently plan this program it must know the needs of the school, community, and county. A committee should get this information by consulting the principal of the school, the farmers of the community, and the county agent. You should plan this program with the purpose of carrying it out because the value of it will be determined by the use to which you put it. Every officer and member should be familiar with every item on the program of work and responsibilities for carrying it out should be designated.

Vocational agriculture and the F. F. A. organization should do more advertisement. We need to sell our ideas to the public. How can we do this advertising? We can do it by keeping a good wide-awake reporter in the chapter who will put articles in the newspapers and send in reports for the news letters. The best way to advertise is to let your work and training show for itself. We should bring congressmen, judges, members of local boards, and influential men into the work of the organization. We should invite them to listen to our programs and visit the agricultural department. We should invite them to go to our camps, outings, and fishing trips to enjoy the fun with us. Most of all we should invite them to our banquets and allow them a part on our program. We should also let them hear members of the chapter tell about what they are doing and the training that they are getting in vocational agriculture. We should present them with honorary degrees and membership and make them feel that they are a part of the organization. When these representatives and senators go back to Congress and cutting vocational agriculture is mentioned, they will say: "No, we won't cut agriculture!"

The only thing that others can see in the organization is what they see in you and me. Are we forming favorable impressions upon the

the minds of those who are watching us? Every member is helping to make the name that the organization gets and we should make this a challenge to our very best efforts. We should ask ourselves the question, "If every member were just like I, what kind of organization would this be?"

We should try to give new members a better vision of the organization. We can do this by first making them welcome and making them feel that they are really on the inside of the organization. They should know more of the history of the organization and the purposes and aims for which it was organized. We should help them to gain a vision of the unlimited number of opportunities that are before them. The organization should be visualized before them as a ladder upon which they can pull themselves higher and higher by developing those qualities of leadership and efficiency which they possess.

I believe that this is a place where many vocational agriculture teachers fall down in their duty. If we would reap a harvest we must first sow the seed. When a boy enters vocational agriculture the teacher should feel that this boy is a part of the raw material which is to be made into a finished product by his processes of moulding and shaping. This is a good time to become discouraged but we should always be patient and realize that the big job is in getting the boy started himself. If we plant a spark of determination and instill correct principles to guide this determination, then we have begun the job correctly and permanently.

The job cannot be done in one year or even in five years, but we must stay on the job and keep in mind the good for which we are striving. We can make this a distinctive organization and there is no limit to our opportunities. The answer depends upon you and me, as members.

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Saturday, July 15, 1933 - Langdon Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 o'clock. After the singing of the F. F. A. song, Albert Ellison gave a Report on Trip to Kansas City. Albert was one of the delegates to the national F. F. A. meeting held in Kansas City in November 1932.

Reports of standing committees were made and adopted by the House of Delegates. They are as follows:

#### REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1. Amend Article V, Section A of the Constitution by striking therefrom No. 2, which reads as follows: "Each chapter shall be represented by the vocational teacher as a delegate."
2. Amend Article V, Section A, No. 3 by striking therefrom the words: "the teacher casting both votes in absence of second delegate." No. 3 when amended to read as follows: "Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates to the state convention, with two votes on official matters."
3. Amend Article V, Section A by striking therefrom No. 5, which reads as follows: "Student delegates must have degree of Future Farmer." This will make it possible for Green Hands to serve as delegates to the annual meeting.

The Constitution Committee went on record as interpreting the Constitution to mean that in applying for the State Farmer degree projects not completed may be estimated and included in the amount given as productively invested.

#### REPORT OF NEW ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. A radio program should be given once each quarter. The vice-president shall have the responsibility of securing the fifteen minutes for the program each quarter and shall also have the responsibility of arranging an appropriate program. The programs are to be given in Montgomery.
2. It is suggested that the members of this organization give a buffet supper at the next annual meeting at their own expense. Songs and yells should be included on the program.
3. Encourage local chapters to give more agricultural plays.
4. Each chapter in making out a program of work should survey the community to ascertain the agricultural needs. After this survey is made a five-year program which will meet the needs should be worked out.
5. The Association should purchase all standard equipment for holding meetings as listed on page 18 of the F. F. A. Manual.

Albert Ellison  
Earnest Thornhill  
Ted Dennington

REPORT OF PROGRAM OF WORK COMMITTEE

The Program of Work Committee recommended the following program for 1933-34:

1. Have an active F. F. A. chapter, with not less than four members holding the Future Farmer degree, in every school in Alabama offering courses in vocational agriculture.
2. A state convention to be held in July 1934.
3. Each chapter represented at the state convention by two 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. Each county strive to establish a county F. F. A. camp.
8. A thrift bank to be promoted in every chapter.
9. A father-son banquet to be held by each chapter.
10. Each chapter do whatever is necessary to keep local chapter in touch with state organization.
11. Each chapter to set up a definite written annual program of work consisting of: (a) agricultural, (b) social-civic, and (c) recreational activities.
12. Each chapter to make a written report of accomplishments during the year to state adviser by June 1, 1934.
13. Each chapter confer the degree of Future Farmer as rapidly as Green Hand members are eligible.
14. Each chapter to start F. F. A. library by getting at least eight books.
15. Chapters to aid teachers in supervised practice program by: (a) helping to make project standards for various types of programs, (b) promoting the keeping of accurate project records.
16. Live-at-home program to be sponsored by each chapter by making a five-year plan to suit the needs of the community.
17. Encourage cooperative projects such as: (a) producing soy bean seed, (b) producing plants for sale, and (c) sowing cover crops.

18. Each chapter conduct a project tour.
19. Start F. F. A. nursery for beautifying homes of F. F. A. members and each member have a home nursery plot.
20. Have joint meeting each quarter with home economics club.
21. Each F. F. A. member help vocational teacher in at least one night class.
22. Each member pay chapter dues out of profit from this year's project.
23. Procure necessary equipment for conducting chapter meeting and conduct meeting as recommended in manual.
24. Promote F. F. A. orchestra.
25. Each chapter learn to sing at least two F. F. A. songs.

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#### PROGRAM OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Delegates extends the following parties a vote of thanks:

1. The college for cooperating with us in making this our fourth annual convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America a success.
  2. The Director and his coworkers for preparing the Experiment Station tour.
  3. Mr. Brown, who is giving us publicity in the Montgomery Advertiser.
  4. Miss Pullen for her work here at the convention, and for her work during the past year.
  5. The animal husbandry and forestry departments for the prizes they are to give the essay writers.
  6. The athletic department for the use of the pool and baseball equipment.
  7. Mr. Cannon, Mr. Chesnutt, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Cammack, and all others who have cooperated with us in this convention.
  8. The officials of the Tiger Theater for giving us a reduction in admission charge.
  9. All who have helped to entertain us in this convention.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we send a copy of this resolution to the parties who have taken active part in this convention.

STATE FARMER DEGREE CONFERRED

The State Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following Future Farmers:

Ed Christian, Millport Chapter  
J. T. Billingsley, Millport Chapter  
Willard Brown, Evergreen Chapter  
Homer Morgan, Isabella Chapter  
Austin Ezzell, Belgreen Chapter  
J. P. Dodd, Walnut Grove Chapter  
Melvin Moore, Glencoe Chapter  
Clinton Johns, Evergreen Chapter  
Virgil Briggs, Rogersville Chapter  
Joe Frank Mims, Uriah Chapter  
Lonice Trousdale, Rogersville Chapter  
E. League, Fairview Chapter  
James Turner, Fairview Chapter  
Jack Sandlin, Belgreen Chapter  
Malcolm Ray, Columbiana Chapter  
Sammie Pate, Columbiana Chapter  
W. D. Smilie, Ramer Chapter

The honorary State Farmer degree was conferred upon the following:

H. F. Gibson, Auburn  
W. S. White, Five Points  
A. W. Jones, Dixons Mills  
J. W. Fant, Eclectic  
Felston Mullins, Fairview  
D. N. Bottoms, Curry  
W. M. Reeder, Lexington  
J. A. Parrish, Uriah  
T. Cantrell, Eva  
Director L. N. Duncan, Auburn  
Dean M. J. Funchess, Auburn

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following report was received from the Nominating Committee and approved unanimously by the House of Delegates:

Executive Committee for 1933-34  
President - Austin Ezzell, Belgreen  
Vice-President- Perry Clay, Glencoe  
Secretary - Ed Christian, Millport  
Treasurer - Willard Brown, Evergreen  
Reporter - Clifford Manning, Isabella  
Adviser - R. E. Cannack, Montgomery

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded and the convention stood adjourned at 11:00 a. m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1933 \_\_\_\_\_ Pres.  
Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary