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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT TO LOCAL CHAPTERS

Dear Local Chapter:

As you know, July is not far away. Several things should be arranged before the annual convention. The success of the convention this year and, in fact, the whole yearly program depends on you and your cooperation with the Executive Committee.

Each chapter has already received blanks for information concerning State Farmer candidates. Please give this immediate attention and let's confer this degree upon as many members as we can this year.

We must also consider suitable material for members of the next Executive Committee. Local advisers of each chapter have received forms for recommendations for the next Executive Committee. The more information we receive, the more capable officers we can select and recommend to the House of Delegates at the convention.

We plan to sponsor another watermelon cutting as part of the program this year and feel that every chapter will wish to do its part. So we are asking that each chapter contribute fifty cents to help defray these expenses. Please send your contribution to Mr. R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, Alabama. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Willard Brown, Treasurer.

Yours for cooperation,

Austin Ezzell,
 President.

YOUR REPORTER'S VIEW OF IT

Are Future Farmers slackers? No, we are the ones to go forward and improve the great, young organization of Future Farmers of America. To up-build, be thrifty, and train leaders are some of our aims.

To see if we are progressing any and to see if our advisers are still running our organization, the following was taken from the November, 1931, news letter for your comparison:

Auburn, Alabama
 July 16, 1931

Executive Committee Meeting

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

1. A budget was approved for 1931-32. Mr. Cammack was given authority to change such items on the budget as found necessary to remain within the total amount.
2. Mr. Cammack was authorized to work out a plan by which delegates are to be selected to attend the national meeting.
3. State program of work was adopted.
4. It was recommended that F.F.A. symbols be properly displayed at each chapter meeting.
5. It was agreed that three news letters be issued during the year.
6. It was agreed that an Executive Committee meeting would be held during the meeting of the Alabama Education Association, in the spring.

Program of Work 1930

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

There have been many changes in the state organization since the beginning. The organization is young, and we still have to handle it carefully. In order that we as state officers may carry on and improve the organization, each member in the State will have to do his part, because the drops make the oceans.

--- Clifford Manning.

F.F.A. BANQUET

April 12 was a busy and most interesting day for the agriculture boys and home economics girls at Eva. Beginning at eight p.m., this energetic group of boys and girls gathered with their parents at the high school auditorium to enjoy a delicious meal and a social meeting together.

It has been the custom for the F.F.A. Chapter with the home economics girls to foster a banquet each year. This year the plan was carried out with success. The girls prepared the food, furnished by the boys, and served it in a very attractive manner.

One hundred and forty people attended. Many of the county officials were invited and accepted. The county superintendent of education made a short talk which was very appropriate for the occasion.

The members of the Eva faculty made short talks; also a good many of the parents acknowledged their appreciation for the opportunity to assemble together.

The success of our banquet was attributed to the careful planning and management of Miss Madoline Heflin, home economics instructor, and Mr. H. E. Williams, vocational agriculture instructor.

We firmly believe that such meetings as this one are instrumental in securing the cooperation of the parents, teachers and student body. Let us suggest to the chapters in the State that have ^{not} sponsored this important event that they include it in their programs of work next year.

---- Byron C. Vann, Reporter

QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE FARMER DEGREE

Since we are expecting a number of applications for the State Farmer degree, the following qualifications for election are given. (Constitution - Article IV, Section D)

1. At least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with an outstanding supervised practice program in operation. (Continuation 3 projects - Dept. standard)
 Pass some occupational test supplied by the State staff.
 Earn and deposit in a bank or productively invest at least \$100.00. (See Amendments to Constitution, annual meeting July, 1932) This may include the \$25.00 saved while advancing to the grade of Future Farmer.
 Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in the local chapter or by having passed a satisfactory test in parliamentary procedure.
 Be able to hold a group discussion for forty minutes.
 Make the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.
 Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects (average grade 85 or above semester preceding election).
 Possess qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.
 The State shall be entitled to elect ten qualified individuals but where the state membership exceeds five hundred not more than three per-cent of the total state membership may be elected, fractions counted to the nearest whole number. Only copies of written records of achievements verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the State Adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the state convention. The Adviser will then review the records and submit his findings to the State Executive Committee. This Committee will nominate at the regular state convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor.
2. Occupational Test. Pass seven out of the ten suggested.
 - (a) Field select seed corn.
 - (b) Mix Auburn maximum for use, and work formula.
 - (c) Test milk for butter fat.
 - (d) Cull chickens.
 - (e) Treat trees for borers.
 - (f) Prune trees.
 - (g) Treat barrel of corn or peas for weevils.
 - (h) Set up and explain the use of terrace level.
 - (i) Cut door-steps.
 - (j) Sharpen hand-saw.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET

On Tuesday evening, April 24, the boys of the Columbiana Chapter of Future Farmers of America gathered with their Dads and friends at their newly built baseball field and grandstand for an F.F.A. dedication of the field. The following is the program that was rendered:

1. Chicken barbecue - F. F. A. boys, fathers, and guests.
2. Music - Dick and Charles of Columbiana.
3. Fathers' Welcome - Malcolm Ray, President Columbiana Chapter.
4. Address to visitors- Mr. Larson, Principal Columbiana School.
5. Music - Carter and Kimmy, Columbiana.
6. Speeches by candidates - All present.
7. What the State F. F. A. Is Doing - Clifford Manning, State Reporter.
8. What F. F. A. Boys Can Do on the Farm - Erny Robinson, Jemison F.F.A. Chapter.
9. Music - Roy and Dyer, Columbiana.
10. What the Fathers Can Do - J. P. Montgomery, Adviser Jemison Chapter.
11. Educational Tour - Leon Templin, Member Columbiana Chapter
12. Dedication of the Field - Harry Gordon, Columbiana C.W.A. leader.

ISABELLA F.F.A. OBTAINS OWL

The Isabella Chapter of F. F. A. has obtained a large mounted owl to make the conducting of meetings more inspiring. The owl was placed over our adviser's desk so that everyone will notice it when entering the room. The owl represents the wisdom of the chapter.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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| F.F.A. Celluloid Buttons | - 30¢ dozen... \$2.00 per hundred. |
| Membership Signs--9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches | - 25 for \$2.07 |
| Prize Ribbons | - Write for prices. |
| Flags | - Write for prices. |
| | St. Louis Button Company
415 Lucas Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. |
| Banners | - 3 ft. x 6 ft. -- \$5.50 each.
6 ft. x 12 ft.-- \$24.00 "
Chapter name 10¢ per letter |
| Official Pennants | - 12" x 30" without F.F.A. seal, \$5.50 doz.
12" x 30" with F.F.A.seal, \$12.00 doz. |
| Official Sweater Emblems | - 5 inches diameter 25¢ each
7 inches diameter 50¢ each |
| Official Arm Band | - \$2.40 per dozen.
Beverly Manufacturing Co., Inc.
Staunton, Virginia |

Degree Pins and Buttons

Green Hand degree (bronze pins or buttons)	- 19¢ each
Future Farmer (gold plate) pins or buttons	- 21¢ each
Future Farmer rings	- \$2.50 each, \$3.00 each, \$3.50 each
Future Farmer belt buckles	- \$1.50 each
Future Farmer watch fobs	- 50¢ each, 55¢ each, 90¢ each

L. G. Balfour Company
Attleboro, Massachusetts

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE STATE ADVISER

Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau Essay Contest

One of the two or three contests being sponsored by the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America has been completed and awards made. The Essay Contest sponsored jointly by the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America and the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau has been very successful from two standpoints; first, the good derived in an educational way on the part of those participating in the contest; second, the favorable publicity received by the Future Farmer organization. It is to be hoped that similar contests will be carried on another year. Anything that is stimulating from an educational standpoint and that gives the right kind of publicity to the Future Farmer organization is tremendously worth while. The winners in this contest are listed below. To each of these winners as well as to all who participated in the contest allow me to extend congratulations.

State Prize - Seals Menefee, Ramer

First prize	- J. C. Cannon's district	- Dan Holford, McKenzie
Second "	- " " " "	- Keith Pruet, Walnut Grove
Third "	- " " " "	- Harvey Jackson, Jr., Holtville
Fourth "	- " " " "	- Doyle Locke, Walnut Grove
Fifth "	- " " " "	- Pascal Hicks, Ramer

First prize	- G. T. Sargent's district	- Ernie Lee Robinson, Jenison
Second "	- " " " "	- Charles Nix, Jenison
Third "	- " " " "	- Wm. Pretzer, Lexington
Fourth "	- " " " "	- Luther Gowder, Hackleburg
Fifth "	- " " " "	- Billie H. Ezzell, Ward

National Chapter Contest

A few days ago, there was mailed to each chapter a copy of the requirements in the way of accomplishments in the 1934 National Chapter Contest. It is to be hoped that each chapter, especially the officers, will study very carefully this outline and will be prepared another year to take the lead in seeing to it that their chapter enters this contest. I am convinced that it will mean much in the development of a program for the chapter.

Annual Report of Chapters

Let me urge you to cooperate with your State Secretary in supplying him with the information requested on the annual report from your chapter. It is our desire to have reports from one hundred per cent of the chapters.

This will give us a good standing with the national organization. Every chapter that fails to make a creditable report will serve to lower the standing of the Alabama Association. I am sure each chapter feels a pride in the State Association and will do everything possible to uphold its high standing and make as good showing as possible.

Status of Alabama Association of
Future Farmers of America

At present the Association is composed of 110 chapters. The only departments of vocational agriculture in the high schools of the State which have not qualified for membership in the State Association are: Cuba, Berry, and Falkville. The total membership to date in the 110 chapters is 2123. If any chapters have initiated new members since dues were sent in last fall and have not mailed them to me, let me urge you to do so at once. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Willard Brown, Treasurer, and mailed to me together with list of members. We are very anxious to know at the earliest possible date just what our total membership will be for this year.

Annual Meeting

The date agreed upon for the annual meeting is July 12-14. Each chapter should see to it that two delegates are elected to represent the chapter before school closes. Chapters should also see to it that all qualified members make application for the State Farmer degree. On March 22, there was mailed to each chapter a supply of application blanks for the State Farmer degree. These blanks should be filled out and mailed to Austin Ezzell, President, Spruce Pine, Alabama, not later than May 15. In case your chapter failed to receive a supply of these blanks, you should communicate with me immediately.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AKRON F.F.A. CHAPTER

1. Played several basketball games with a strictly F.F.A. team which we organized.
2. Have practically one hundred per cent of eligible students in F.F.A.
3. Had a wiener roast with several visitors.
4. Sponsored fiddlers' convention through which we cleared \$20.00.
5. Started a bank account to which we expect to add to rather than to withdraw.
6. Expecting to attend annual convention at Auburn 100 per cent.
7. First year that we have initiated any Future Farmers.
8. Had three entries in Arcadian Nitrate of Soda contest.
9. Had two members to enter Rarer Elements contest.
10. Have sold some nursery stock.
11. Have made approximately 800 cuttings for nursery.
12. We have put on three chapel programs.
13. We are selling ice cream once a week at school.
14. We are expecting to have Commander Herbert Hartley of Opelika with us before school is out.
15. Three of our members are going to try for Oliver award in Sixth Congressional District.

--- Carl Averette, Secretary, Akron Chapter

NATIONAL F. F.A. RADIO PROGRAM FOR MAY 14, 1934
THEME - "DEVELOPING AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP"

The following radio program will be presented by the Future Farmers of America during the N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour on May 14 (12.30 to 1.30 p.m., E.S.T.; 11.50 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., C.S.T.; 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., M.S.T.) Check local station schedules for any changes due to daylight saving time schedule.)

- I F.F.A. March by the U.S. Army Band.
- II Talk "Scenery as Viewed by a Geologist," by R. S. Bassler, Head Curator, Department of Geology, Smithsonian Institution, United States National Museum.
Dr. Bassler treats scenery as viewed by a geologist in an interesting account, calling attention to the several regional variations found in the United States. His talk is a popular one. It should be called to the attention of Future Farmers everywhere.
- III Talk "The New Farmers of America," by H. O. Sargent, Federal Agent for Agricultural Education.
Dr. Sargent has worked many years with the program for vocational agriculture among the Negro farm boys of 17 States. His talk will be of particular interest to the Future Farmers, in that he will tell of the work of the "New Farmers," an organization for Negro farm boys studying vocational agriculture throughout the Southland.
- IV Helen Stevens Fisher, an N.B.C. artist, will interview Bobby Jones, national president of the F.F.A.
Mrs. Fisher is well known to the Farm and Home Hour radio audience. The interview will provide for an interesting account of Bobby's visit to the State Association meetings of Hawaii, California, Oregon, and Iowa. Bobby will be on his return trip from Hawaii, arriving in Chicago in time for this radio program.
- V F.F.A. Radio Bulletin Board by H. B. Swanson, national executive secretary.
- VI Special music by the United States Army Band.

Tune in and enjoy the program

Send postal cards to Frank E. Mullen, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, giving reactions to the program and telling how many heard the broadcast. Returns from the April program while enthusiastic fell far short of the March returns.