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A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

At this time F. F. A. work in Alabama should be in full swing. All dues should have already been paid and many of the objectives set up in the program of work should have been accomplished.

There are also many other things to be done this year that have not been in the regular routine of F. F. A. work before. I urge that you as an F. F. A. member see that your chapter does its part in carrying out these projects.

Among the things I have mentioned are: the organization of a State F. F. A. band, sponsoring of a State F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest, sponsoring of a State song-writing contest, and the putting on of a radio broadcast each month. Each of the projects is in the hands of some member of the State Executive Committee. If they are to succeed in carrying out what plans they may have made in regard to their respective duties, they must have the whole-hearted cooperation of all F. F. A. members. From time to time you will receive letters from the members of the Executive Committee in regard to these things, asking you to take part and help them. When you receive a request for help, comply with this request as quickly and as efficiently as possible. I am sure that you as wide-awake members of a great organization will give your whole-hearted attention to any matter placed before you.

As Treasurer of the State Association, I am asking that all dues that have not been sent in be sent at once so that there will be no delinquent chapters this year.

-- Willard Brown, Treasurer.

CONGRESSMAN HENRY B. STEAGALL HONORED AT  
DISTRICT F. F. A. BARBECUE HELD IN COLUMBIA  
By W. F. Owen, District Reporter

Friday, December 8, 1933, marked one of the greatest events of the Future Farmers of America in Southeast Alabama. This event was in the nature of a chicken barbecue. Six chapters in the Wiregrass section of the State were the sponsors, namely: Columbia, as host, Abbeville, Midland City, Ozark, Slocomb, and Headland chapters.

A very interesting program was rendered concerning the F. F. A. work and problems of the farmers were also discussed.

When Mr. Steagall had finished with his lecture he was presented with an honorary State Farmer Key. The presentation was made by W. F. Owen, toastmaster. A very impressive ceremony was used in the presentation.

Among the other speakers were: Mr. E. S. Walden, Columbia; Mr. Dan Hollis, Sr., Headland; Mr. E. E. Cox, Mr. J. B. Davidson, and Mr. R. M. Hather, Slocomb; Mr. Loyd Ezell, Ozark; Mr. C. R. Balkum, Midland City; and Mrs. W. L. Lee, Columbia.

Everyone enjoyed the barbecue very much. There were 100 people present. The Committee wishes to thank every chapter and each individual for their splendid cooperation. This barbecue was put on entirely by the boys of these chapters.

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To Local F. F. A. Chapters:

Nearly six months have elapsed since our last state program of work was set up and nearly three months since our national program started. All local chapters should have set up, by this time, a local program of work in connection with the state and national programs. However, each chapter, whether or not it has a new list of objectives, should strive to carry the last one out to the best of its ability. After all, the most essential thing is the quality and quantity of work accomplished -- not a "program" or list of objectives.

November 1, 1933, was set as the deadline for membership dues to be paid into the state treasury for all who were members at that time. April 1, 1934, is set for dues to be paid for members who have been initiated since November 1. Let me urge that each chapter get its initiation of new members finished by April 1, and membership dues sent in.

The Executive Committee is at work on a program for the annual convention at Auburn in July. Any suggestions from any member or any local adviser will be greatly appreciated and should be sent to me soon. Each chapter should also be thinking about the attendance of at least its delegates at the annual convention.

Every chapter should stay wide awake and respond readily to such things as the F. F. A. band, the public speaking contest, etc.

--- Austin Ezzell, President.

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#### AS TO STATE RADIO PROGRAMS

The radio programs that have been put on thus far this year have been a success. The only trouble is there haven't been enough put on.

To the chapters that are in the range of a broadcasting station, I would suggest that you get in touch with the management of the station and secure a time of 15 to 30 minutes. There should be included in the program some outstanding achievements of this year, F. F. A. songs, and some peppy music. The program should be full of pep at all times if the radio audience stays with you.

It might be possible, and would be desirable, for several chapters to unite and put on a program.

You might also get some suggestions if you would listen to the National radio program each second Monday in each month.

If you will look in the October issue of the news letter you will find a copy of a program given over the station at Gadsden. In this news letter you will find a program given recently over Station WSFA in Montgomery.

--- Perry Clay, Vice-Pres.

#### AS TO NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAMS

Below I am giving you excerpts from a letter which I have just had from Mr. Guy E. James, Supervisor of Agricultural Education for the State of Missouri. I hope you will tune in on this radio broadcast and will follow the suggestion given before in regard to writing Mr. Frank Mullen, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, telling him how the program was received and something of how you enjoyed it. Also write to Mr. Guy E. James, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Jefferson City, Missouri. The excerpts follow:

"I thought perhaps you would be interested in the fact that the Star American Farmer for 1932, Clarence Goldsberry, Houston, Missouri, and the Star American Farmer for 1933, Maurice Dankenbring, Sweet Springs, Missouri, and the second highest ranking American Farmer in 1933, Robert Mills, Jr., Boonville, Missouri, would present a little skit over the N. B. C. Radio System February 12, 1934. They will begin sometime between 12:05 to 12:10 C. S. T. according to present plans and arrangements. I thought perhaps a little advanced notice might be appreciated.

"It seems that all Future Farmers in the United States should be interested in three of the outstanding boys in their Organization the last two years. This will be an occasion when boys will talk to boys about Vocational Agriculture and Future Farmer activities. As stated above it will be in the form of a dialogue or skit and will be around 15 to 18 minutes in length. We have endeavored to make this interesting and instructive to the thousands of Future Farmers and Vocational Agriculture boys who may be listening in.

"The conversation between these boys will cover supervised practice, Vocational Agriculture in general, Future Farmer Chapter work, State Association, and National Association. It should cause all Future Farmers to be more interested in their Organization."

This is a part of the National F. F. A. Radio Program for Feb. 12, copy of which is given below. Please tune in on these national programs and do not wait for the State President or any of the executive officers of the State Association to request that you write letters to the N. B. C. about the program. These broadcasts are of tremendous importance to F. F. A. and to vocational education and we must maintain our relationship and contact with the national hook-up. To do this they must know that they are reaching large numbers of people with the time they devote to these broadcasts. Place this as one item in your annual program of work and see to it that it is looked after.

--R. E. Cammack, State Adv.

NATIONAL F.F.A. RADIO PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 12, 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 February 12 (12:30 to 1:30 p.m., E.S.T.; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., C.S.T.)

- I The F.F.A. March by the U.S. Army Band.
- II Talk by Dr. M. Dorset, Chief, Biochemic Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.  
  
Dr. Dorset is principally responsible for the discovery of the effective control of hog cholera. His story, of more than thirty years, gives a fascinating account regarding the discovery leading to the control of hog cholera. It is a story that every Future Farmer, adult farmer, and others should hear.
- III F.F.A. Radio Bulletin Board by H. B. Swanson, National Executive Secretary.
- IV A skit by the Missouri State Association of F. F. A.  
  
Boys from the "Show Me" State will include the Star American Farmer designated in 1932 and 1933. This feature should likewise be of interest to all Future Farmers.
- V Music by the U. S. Army Band.

"Postal cards should be sent to Frank Mullen, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, giving reactions to the program and telling how many heard the broadcast.

"Following the program January 18, 14 letters, 2 telegrams and 16 postal cards accounting for 586 listeners in 14 States have reached this office. This is probably an incomplete return. Many valuable suggestions were received, but a total of 32 replies cannot be very stimulating to the N. B. C. in making these programs possible."

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GLENCOE CHAPTER PRESENTS PLAY

The Glencoe F. F. A. Chapter went to Alford's Bend above Hokes Bluff last Tuesday night to put on a play at the local adviser's night school. The play was called "The Trial of the Soil Robber."

Upon arrival back at the school house, Mr. Reagan treated those who went along to a Coca-Cola each. There were twelve of us who went.

--J. P. Phillips, Reporter.

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HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND VOCATIONAL BUILDING  
LANDSCAPED BY CEDAR BLUFF F. F. A. CHAPTER

The Cedar Bluff Chapter of the Future Farmers of America set up as its major objective for the year the beautification of the school grounds.

Due to the fact that some shrubbery was needed the chapter set forth every effort to obtain money for this purpose. To do this members of the chapter made cabinets in the shop and sold them to people in the community. Other means were used to raise money, such as, musical entertainments, and stands at football games.

With funds from the various means, the chapter bought sufficient shrubbery to landscape the high school building and the vocational building. Members of the chapter planted the shrubbery.

PROGRAM GIVEN OVER RADIO STATION WSFA, MONTGOMERY,  
BY THE HOLTVILLE, WETUMPKA, ECLECTIC, AND RAMER  
F. F. A. CHAPTERS, JANUARY 24, 1934

On Wednesday afternoon, January 24, from 2:35 to 3:00 p.m. a Future Farmer program was broadcast over station WSFA, Montgomery. This was the first F. F. A. program presented over this station. Four chapters cooperated in putting this program on: Holtville, Wetumpka, Eclectic, and Ramer.

The Program

"Hail The F. F. A." -By members of Wetumpka Chapter.

"Far Away in the South" - Song by members of Wetumpka Chapter.

"Objectives of Future Farmers of American Association."  
By members of Holtville Chapter.

"Fiddlers Music" - By Ramer Chapter.

"Future Farmer Creed" - By member Eclectic Chapter.

"Fiddlers Music" - By Ramer Chapter.

SUGGESTED PLAYS FOR F. F. A. CHAPTERS

"THE GREEN HAND" -- An evening's entertainment. A play; dramatized by Dr. Nolan, Teacher Trainer U. of Ill. from Paul Chapman's (Supervisor of Voc.Agr. Georgia) book by that name. Fascinating, thrilling, instructive. The hero wins the National F.F.A. oratorical contest. Good plot with humor, pathos and excitement.

"THE RACKET ON PAYSON'S FARM" --A short, snappy play, simple properties, comedy parts, built around a big rural swindle. Good for assembly, dad's night or F.F.A. banquet. About 25 minutes playing time.

For the 2 -- Send a dollar to: Ag Plays Company, 1318 N. Franklin, Danville, Illinois.

## NATIONAL F. F. A. PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1933-34

1. Cooperate with the Secretary of Agriculture in his plans for Agricultural Adjustment.  
Goal: 75 per cent of chapters cooperating.
2. Encourage and aid programs on fire prevention.  
Goal: Every chapter having a special meeting devoted to fire prevention.
3. Encourage members to improve the appearance of their own homes.  
Goal: Every boy doing something to improve the appearance of his own home.
4. Have national father-son banquet night. Program broadcast at noon previous to banquet.
5. Provide suitable F. F. A. awards for national contests - to include:
  1. Public Speaking Contest
  2. Star Farmer Contest
  3. Chapter Contest
  4. State Association Contest
  5. National Congress of Vocational Agriculture
  6. Essay Contest.Goal: Winners in above events to receive a suitable F.F.A. award.
6. Assist State Associations and local chapters in obtaining standard meeting equipment.
7. An F. F. A. Manual in the hands of every member.  
Goal: An F. F. A. Manual owned and studied by every member by July 1, 1934.
8. Encourage State Associations to include in their programs of work an item on conservation of their natural resources and recommend this item to their chapters for the chapter's program of work.  
Goal: One hundred per cent of State Associations having and operating an item on conservation of their natural resources with recommendations to the local chapters.
9. Encourage State Association broadcasts.  
Goal: 50 per cent of the State Associations operating regular broadcasts.
10. Encourage State Associations to have F. F. A. camps.  
Goal: 90 per cent of the State Associations having F.F.A. camps.
11. Publish proceedings of the 6th National Convention.
12. Assist and encourage State Associations to hold leadership conferences or schools for F.F.A. officers.

Please read the national program carefully and should you find that your local program needs adjustment in order to be in harmony with the national program, kindly make such changes or additions as are necessary. It is to be hoped that at your next chapter meeting following the receipt of this program, time will be given to a critical study of each item in the program as well as to a discussion of the extent to which the local chapter will be able to aid the national organization in reaching the goals set up. It should furnish very interesting material for an hour's discussion by various members of the chapters. This is one way of familiarizing the chapter members with the national program. If you find it necessary, you might bring this program up for discussion during the next two or three chapter meetings in order that each member may be thoroughly familiar with the national objectives.

----- Austin Ezzell, President.

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#### REPORT FROM STATE TREASURER

The total membership to date is 1,588, representing 89 chapters that have submitted state and national dues. The following 12 chapters have not submitted membership lists, programs of work, and state and national dues: Sylacauga, Scottsboro, Auburn, Arab, Camp Hill, Dozier, Eva, New Hope (Madison), New Hope (Randolph), Phil Campbell, Pisgah, Rawls.

Below are the chapters that have submitted membership lists, programs of work, and state and national dues since the last list was published in the November news letter.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No. Members</u>
Albertville	10
Jackson	22
Centerville	20
Eclectic	26
Atmore	19
Vernon	17
Camden	21
Beauregard	15
Cherokee	30
Magnolia	18
Midland City	11
Mount Hope	13
Silas	12
Slocomb	10
Straughn	19
Sulligent	23
Weogufka	19
West Point	16

During the past month, two of the 21 chapters which had their charters revoked have applied for reinstatement. They are: Beauregard and Midland City. New charters will be issued to these chapters in the near future. This makes a total of seven chapters that have been reinstated.