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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

You doubtless noticed in the last news letter the objective, set up in the state program of work relative to the chapter library. This was set up by the program of work committee and adopted at the annual meeting. If your chapter has not already installed a library, see that one is installed right away. If you already have one, within the next twelve months you should add fifteen or more books. Take care that some of the books added are of special interest to the chapter. Include some books of fiction.

The objective is that fifty chapters shall have libraries with at least fifteen books each. But just because that is the objective, let's not stop at that. It will not take much to get a library started. Then after it is once started, it is half finished. There are 118 chapters in the State. Let's see to it that there are 118 libraries. It seems to me there is no reason why we should not have a well organized and functioning library for each chapter. It is your duty to see that the objectives of the state program are reached. Let's work hard on this matter of F. F. A. library this year in order that we may have a good report to give at the next annual meeting of the State Association as well as furnish an abundance of good reading material for chapter members.

A library list carrying suggested books and companies from which they may be purchased may be had by writing to Mr. P. C. Brook, Assistant Adviser, Auburn, Alabama.

--- Ennis Young, Vice-President.

STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS OF WORK

You will find below copies of the state and national programs of work. Let me urge you to make a very careful study of each of these and then modify your own chapter program to the extent it seems necessary to include the objectives of the state and national programs so far as they may apply to your chapter. Next spring a questionnaire will be mailed you for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent your chapter has reached the state and national objectives as set up in the program of work for each. By having this in mind now it will give you an opportunity to work towards that end to a better advantage than it would if you were not acquainted with the objectives as set up in these two programs. The chapter program of work committee should make a very careful study of each of these programs and be allowed time on the chapter program to give a thorough discussion of this. Let me urge you to take this matter seriously.

--- Ernie Lee Robinson, President.
STATE PROGRAM OF WORK - 1934-35

1. One hundred per cent of the chapters cooperating with the Secretary of Agriculture in his agricultural adjustment program.

2. 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.

3. A state convention to be held in July, 1935.

4. Each chapter represented at the state convention by two delegates.

5. Confer the degree of State Farmer on at least 60 members.

6. Send two official delegates to national convention.

7. At least 10 Alabama Farmers apply for American Farmer degree.


9. A thrift bank to be promoted in every chapter with $3000.00 as a total for the state to be saved.

10. A father-son banquet to be held by each chapter.

11. Each chapter do whatever is necessary to keep local chapter in touch with state organization, each local officer to answer all correspondence from state officers immediately.

12. Each chapter to set up a definite written annual program of work consisting of: (a) agricultural, (b) social-civic, and (c) recreational activities.

13. Each chapter to make a written report of accomplishments during the year to state adviser by June 1, 1935.

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

15. Each chapter to start F. F. A. library with 50 chapters having 15 books each.

16. Chapters to aid teachers in supervised practice program by: (a) helping to make project standards for various types of program; (b) promoting the keeping of accurate records.

17. Live-at-home program to be sponsored by each chapter by making a five-year plan to suit the needs of the community.

18. Encourage cooperative projects such as: (a) producing soy bean seed, (b) producing plants for sale, and (c) sowing cover crops.

19. Each chapter conduct a project tour.

20. Start F. F. A. nursery for beautifying homes of F. F. A. members and each member to start his home improvement program.
STATE PROGRAM OF WORK (CONT'D)

21. Have joint meeting each quarter with home economics club.
22. Each F. F. A. chapter help vocational teacher in at least one night class.
23. Each member pay chapter dues out of profit from this year's project.
24. Procure necessary equipment for conducting chapter meetings and conduct meetings as recommended in manual.
26. Each chapter learn to sing at least two F. F. A. songs.
27. Each chapter have a special meeting devoted to fire prevention.
28. Twenty-five chapters participating in radio broadcasts.
29. One hundred per cent of members attending annual meeting participating in essay contest on "My Impressions of the Experiment Station Work."

NATIONAL F. F. A. PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1934-35

1. Encourage membership increase.
   Goal: Total of 100,000 members by the 8th National Convention.
2. Encourage graduate members to retain active membership for the full 3 year period provided in constitution.
   Goal: Each chapter hold at least 10 per cent.
3. Encourage use of official opening and closing ceremonies in chapter meetings and State conventions.
   Goal: 100 per cent of chapters and State Associations using ceremonies regularly.
4. Encourage possession and use of official manual by every member.
   Goal: 75 per cent of members owning 1935 revised manual by 8th National Convention.
5. Encourage participation in Public Speaking Contest.
   Goal: 100 per cent chapter participation.
6. Encourage chapters to include landscaping, home beautification or tree planting projects in programs of work.
   Goal: 100 per cent chapter participation.
7. Encourage State Associations to provide F. F. A. camps and Leadership Training Conferences.
   Goal: 100 per cent State participation.
8. Encourage Thrift programs.
   Goal: 75 per cent of chapters having Thrift Banks.

   Goal: 75 per cent of States conducting programs.

10. Encourage pest eradication.

11. Encourage the organization of State F. F. A. Bands and similar groups.

12. Encourage State Associations to send copies of their official State F. F. A.
    publication to the President and Secretary of all State Associations (including
    Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and suggest that these be kept on file by
    the State officers.


14. Have National Father and Son Banquet night program with broadcast at noon
    previous to banquet; date to be set at least 3 months in advance.

15. Publish and distribute to every chapter the Proceedings of the 7th
    National Convention.

16. Strive for more and better publicity on F. F. A. activities.

FUTURE FARMERS BAND TOGETHER FOR DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

RADIO PROGRAM MAJOR ACTIVITY

Eight chapters of Future Farmers of America in the Gadsden district met
at Collinsville, Alabama, recently, to perfect a district organization. Chapters
represented were: Albertville, Cedar Bluff, Collinsville, Gaylesville, Geraldine,
Glencoe, Odenville, and Walnut Grove.

The following officers were elected from the various local chapters:

   President--------Cecil Cobia, Cedar Bluff Chapter
   Vice-President------Julian Buttram, Albertville Chapter
   Secretary--------Ralph Lucy, Collinsville Chapter
   Treasurer--------Lonsing Williams, Glencoe Chapter
   Reporter--------Phillip Harper, Geraldine Chapter
   District Adviser-L. F. Ingram, Collinsville Chapter (Local Adviser).

It is expected that greater interest will be stimulated in vocational
agriculture, and Future Farmer work, as a result of the district organization.

The major activity under way at present is the presentation of a weekly
radio program each Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 2:45 o’clock over station
W. J. E. Y., Gadsden, Alabama. These programs are to include F. F. A. activities,
agricultural topics, and amusement. Each chapter will take turn in giving a
program.
FUTURE FARMERS BAND TOGETHER FOR DISTRICT ORGANIZATION (CONT'D)

The Cedar Bluff Chapter presented the first program on October 13, which was as follows:

1. Hail the F. F. A. --------------By members of chapter.
2. Message from District President --- Cecil Cobia.
4. Chapter Objectives --------------Talmadge Duncan.
5. Quartet---------------------Kermit Laney, Jimmie Roe, Millard Thomas, and C. L. Conn.
9. Hail the F. F. A. --------------By members of chapter, Mrs. O. C. Baker, Pianist.

This program was announced and given entirely by F. F. A. boys.

RADIO BROADCAST FOR F.F.A. CHAPTERS

Midland City F. F. A. Chapter (15 minute program)

October 13, at 8:15 o'clock, the Midland City Chapter of Future Farmers of America rendered the following program over station WAGF at Dothan. This station designated 15 minutes each Saturday to the F. F. A. chapters of this locality.

1. Theme song--By chapter boys.
2. Song--HOME ON THE RANGE, By Odell Kelly (Guitar Solo).
3. Talk--What the A.A.A. Program has done for Dale County, By Dowitt Garrette.
4. Song--WE'LL MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES, Quartet (chapter boys).
5. Talk--Screw worms and how to control them, By Jack Bevorette.
6. Theme song--By chapter boys.

It is the policy of this chapter to give talks that are of interest to the farmers of this section. The talks are all seasonal. To find it best to make rather short talks, about three minutes and never to exceed five. Long talks cause the audience to turn to another station and, too, the boys ordinarily do not like to make long talks. The music is furnished by talent and club members. The type of music is changed from time to time.

GAYLESVILLE F. F. A. ESTABLISHES LIBRARY

The Gaylesville Chapter of F. F. A. has made a good start with its library. We now have some thirty volumes in it. We also have a good supply of monthly magazines, and one weekly magazine. Some of the magazines are: American, Progressive Farmer, The Southern Agriculturist, and Colliers. These are just a few of our magazines. We have several more.

The ways in which the F. F. A. secured these books and magazines are as follows: First, through the cooperation of the principal of the school, Mr. J. C. Hattox, we were able to obtain from the general library all books that were there pertaining to agriculture and one or two other good books for the boys. Then the local advisor, Mr. Jacob D. Thorn, gave several good books, some of them
being textbooks that he used at the University of Georgia. These make excellent reference books. Several of the friends of the F. F. A. here in town are kind enough to give the magazines to the F. F. A. when they have read them. They are a few days old, but they are new to the boys.

Much interest is being manifested in the F. F. A. Library and we expect to see it grow. One of the objectives of this year is to buy several new books.

F. F. A. LIBRARY

The executive committee of the Marion Chapter of Future Farmers met during the last week in February, 1934, and made plans for starting an F. F. A. library. Plans for raising money were outlined and the books selected. Also a librarian was elected.

At the next meeting these plans were discussed and approved by all members. A barbecue and gumbo dinner and community rat campaign were planned for raising money to buy books. The F. F. A. boys, assisted by the home economics girls, put the dinner on the next Friday. The boys met for two Saturdays and poisoned rats. The net profits from these projects amounted to $46.25.

The following books were ordered from the companies as listed:

Smoky
Drifting Cowboy
Cow Country
Tom of Peace Valley
Hari and Jungle Lad - E. P. Dutton Company, New York City.
Farm Wood Work

Several other books have been added to our library through donations.

These books are assigned out for two weeks only.

The Chapter will make an order for $15 worth of books November 1. This order will include such books as the following:

The Young Man in Farming - Skyward
Moon Valley - Education and Vocations
Short Cruises - Deep Waters

--- J. E. Washington, Local Adviser.

CEDAR BLUFF F. F. A. SPONSORS TACKY PARTY

The Cedar Bluff F. F. A. Chapter sponsored a tacky party Saturday night, October 6, for the F. F. A. boys, and others who wished to attend.

This party served a two-fold purpose. In the first place it acted as a social entertainment for the F. F. A. boys. In the second place it acted as a source for some very badly needed funds. In order to raise some funds, an admission fee of 10 cents was charged for each person. During the program several contests were held, including the selection of the prettiest girl, guessing at the number of grains of corn in a bottle, and the selection of the ugliest boy. One penny was charged for each vote or guess. A prize was given to the winner of each contest. This party netted the chapter $11.50.
WHAT THE ATMORE CHAPTER OF F. F. A. IS DOING

The Atmore chapter of Future Farmers of America held a regular meeting last Wednesday night, October 24, 1934, with Paul O'Gwynn presiding. After the reports of the several committees were heard, nine boys were initiated into the rank of Greenhand. The new members increased our total membership to twenty-two—more than it has been for several years. Several deposits were made in the newly organized thrift bank.

At the first of the year we had nothing but Greenhands. Now we have eleven Greenhands and eleven Future Farmers. We are off to a good start on our program of work, having completed some of our objectives and begun others.

---Joe Camp, Reporter.

PLANS FOR A PROJECT TOUR

The members of the Marion Chapter of Future Farmers of America submit the following plan to be used in carrying out a project tour. This tour should be discussed thoroughly in one or more regular meetings of the whole chapter. After the projects in vocational agriculture have been planned and have progressed well into the growing stages, the executive committee of the chapter should meet and map out the procedure as follows:

A. Set up objectives for the tour.
   1. To acquaint members with the different types and phases of projects.
   2. To develop interest and pride in project work.
   3. To develop recreational activities.

B. Select projects to visit.
   1. Long-time projects - Visit at least one Jr. III boy who has a three-year project and at least one Sr. II who has a long-time project in its completion.
   2. One good field crop project.
   3. One good animal husbandry project.
   4. One good horticulture project.

C. Things to observe on each visit.
   1. Size and kind of project.
   2. Fertilizers, varieties, feeds and breeds used.
   3. Cultural and feeding methods.
   4. Kind of records kept.
   5. Management of labor and capital.

D. Determine time for tour - Make first tour June 1 and second about September 1.

E. Secure school bus for transportation.

F. Making the tour.
   1. Write each boy a card stating time to meet and things to bring.
   2. Start tour about 7:30 a. m.
   3. Have boy who is carrying out the project to explain the details of his project.
   4. Each boy to take notes on each project visited.
   5. Noon program.
      a. Lunch.
      b. Music.
      c. Boxing.
      d. Short speeches and jokes.
   6. The afternoon visits will be conducted in a very similar manner to the morning visits.

---Wm. Lester, Reporter.
MILITOWN CHAPTER PLANS F. F. A. NURSERY

A good nursery established and controlled by an F. F. A. chapter is as much value to the chapter and also to the boys as any other enterprise that can be handled with F. F. A. boys.

The Militown chapter at the Chambers County High School has a very small nursery started, but is planning to go on a much larger scale this year. The local executive committee, or officers of the chapter, and other members also are behind this work and will make it a success. The officers of the chapter are:

Joe Doy Hill - President
James Lee Denney - Vice-President
Charles Pearson - Secretary
Milford Chewning - Treasurer
E. L. Stewart - Adviser
Guy Pinkard - Reporter

The nursery will be in the laboratory area. The cuttings from all the shrubs on the school grounds, at pruning time, plus other cuttings will be added to the nursery. The chapter also plans to get small rooted shrubs of different kinds, and especially a few kinds that are not on the school grounds, to add to the volume, and of course will be ready to sell earlier than the cuttings that are being put out now. By propagating this shrubbery and adding to it, within a very short time the chapter should have about 600 shrubs to sell.

This shrubbery is to be used on school grounds, in the boys' homes, and to sell in the community. It will be used on the school grounds to fill in some of the vacant spots around the school and as a background. The F. F. A. boys can purchase some of this shrubbery very cheaply and carry it home to help beautify their own homes. By doing this, some of the homes will probably be beautified that would not have the chance otherwise. Having some of this shrubbery to sell in the community is a very good way to put some money in the F. F. A. treasury. This money will help to carry on the different activities in which the members wish to participate.

James Lee Denney, J. D. Turnham, and Roy Harmon will act as a committee to make definite arrangements for putting out the cuttings. Joe Doy Hill and Dorsey Noon, with the aid of their treasurer, Milford Chewning, will have charge of purchasing the small rooted shrubs to be used in addition to this year's cuttings.

This should be one of the most successful projects this chapter has ever attempted. -- E. L. Stewart
CHAPTERS REINSTATED

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America is happy to announce through the columns of this newsletter the fact that the Berry and Cuba chapters have been reinstated and are now entitled to all the privileges formerly enjoyed by them before their charters were revoked. We desire to take this opportunity of congratulating the members of these chapters and wish for them a splendid year's work in F. F. A.

NEW CHAPTERS ORGANIZED

Applications for charters have been received from three new chapters; namely, Billingsley, Bear Creek, and the Collegiate Chapter at Auburn. At an early date charters will be issued to these chapters. From the information secured by the Committee, each one of these chapters is off to a good start.

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE (November 19, 1934) --- 1754

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR BAKERHILL CHAPTER

I. Agricultural.
   1. Keep all project records up to date.
   2. Send delegates to state convention.
   3. Operate hot bed and sell certified seed.
   4. Plant and cultivate nursery plot.
   5. Operate F. F. A. store and sell:
      a. School supplies.
      b. Seed.
      c. Plants.
   6. Keep up school grounds, plant lawn.
   7. Put concrete floor in blacksmith shop.
   8. All members pay dues promptly.
   9. Raise Greenhand members to Future Farmer degree.
   10. One hundred per cent membership in F. F. A.
   11. Plant shrubbery around home economics building.

II. Social-Civic.
   1. Put on chapel programs.
   2. Hold father-son-mother-daughter banquet.
   3. Have joint social with F. H. A. club every two months.
   4. Organize thrift bank.
   5. Hold annual camp on coast.

III. Educational.
   2. Advertise evening school.
   3. Conduct one meeting of evening school.
   4. Put on two radio programs.
   5. Make tour of wire grass experiment station.
   6. Cooperate with AAA program.