

F. F. A. News Letter

GADSDEN DISTRICT

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DISTRICT F. F. A. HOLDS MEETING AT ALBERTVILLE

The regular monthly meeting of the Gadsden District, Future Farmers of America, was held Monday night, Nov. 5th. The following chapters were represented: Albertville, Cedar Bluff, Collinsville, Gaylesville, Geraldine, Glencoe, Odenville, Walnut Grove.

Talks were made by Mr. Cox, Principal of the Albertville school, and by Mr. Benford, former principal and now a publisher of Albertville. These talks were enjoyed very much, and Mr. Benford gave some excellent advice on publicity. After these talks the business of the evening was taken care of.

The report of the Constitutional Committee was heard. The vote was deferred until next meeting, in order that the various chapters might have time to study the proposed constitution. The program of work committee reported, and the program of work for the year as outlined by them was accepted. The report of the radio committee was accepted. Other reports were not ready.

The time of the radio broadcasts had to be changed, due to conflicts with other programs. The new time is on Thursday morning from 11:00 to 11:30, thus giving a 30 minute program instead of 15 minutes. It was felt that the new hour would be well received, and that is was better than the one first proposed.

It was voted to publish a monthly newsletter, to consist of four, three column pages of news of the various chapters. The expense is to be taken care of by advertising secured by each chapter. It is felt that this newsletter will stimulate much interest in the organization.

After the business was taken care of, a social hour was enjoyed by the sixty boys and their local advisors. Refreshments were served by the Albertville Home Economics girls.

PURPOSE OF DISTRICT F. F. A. AND NEWS LETTER

The Gadsden District, Future Farmers of Alabama, greet you with this little publication. This district is composed of the following chapters: Albertville, Cedar Bluff, Collinsville, Gaylesville, Geraldine, Glencoe, Odenville and Walnut Grove.

The District was organized with the purpose in mind of bringing the boys of the several chapters into closer touch with one another. To give them training in the conduct of meetings and in public speaking. To bring to them a broader view of life. It was felt that such an organization would do all of these things and many more.

The newsletter is to be just what its name implies. It will bring the news of the various chapters to each of the other chapters, and will be a medium by which other sections may know what we are doing.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT REPORTER

The District F. F. A. is a new organization. Its progress must necessarily be slow, as we must learn as we go. Your reporter also is new at the game. He is trying to do a creditable job, and asks the full cooperation of each chapter.

As this is written, three of the eight chapters of the District have sent in no news for the newsletter. The news, together with an ad is necessary before a creditable publication can be gotten out. Before time for the next issue, please let us hear from every chapter.

Our radio programs need to be given publicity. They should be published locally, should be in our newsletter and should be in the Gadsden Times. If the chapter reporters will send them in, we will see that they get in news letter, and will try to get

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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ADVISER

Allow me to suggest that your monthly meetings begin promptly at seven p. m., for the next few meetings as some of the members have to be transported home after returning from the meeting. This causes them to get home after midnight.

Think about our annual barbecue, and let's decide at the next meeting where it shall be had. If your chapter wants this barbecue put in your invitation.

Does your chapter have an F. F. A. Library and reading room?

Does your chapter have an F. F. A. Nursery?

Does your F. F. A. chapter have a radio?

Does your chapter listen in on the weekly F. F. A. broadcasts from W. J. B. Y. at Gadsden?

Is your chapter fully equipped for initiations?

What about a district debating team?

Do all your chapter members wear F. F. A. pins?

Does your principal and other honorary members attend F. F. A. meetings?

RADIO

The Gadsden District, Future Farmers of America is appearing regularly over the air from Station W. J. B. Y., Gadsden. One chapter presents a program each Thursday, from 11:00 to 11:30.

Cedar Bluff presented the first program, appearing October 13th. Other chapters with the date of their first appearance follows: Albertville, Oct. 20th, Collinsville, Oct. 27th, Gaylesville, Nov. 1st, Geraldine, Nov. 8th, Glencoe, Nov. 15th, Odenville, Nov. 22nd and Walnut Grove, Nov. 29th. After all schools have broadcasted, the first will be on again and so on

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F. F. A. DISTRICT OFFICERS

Cecil Cobia, Cedar Bluff—President; Julian Burttram, Albertville—Vice President; Ralph Lucy, Collinsville—Secretary; Lansing Williams, Glencoe—Treasurer; and Philip Harper, Geraldine—Reporter. L. F. Ingram local adviser of the Collinsville Chapter, District Adviser.

SUGGESTIONS FROM DISTRICT PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OF WORK COMMITTEES

As chairman of the district program of work committee I would like to suggest that those who are in charge of the social activities of the district organization start making preparations to carry out the third objective in our program at an early date. I have not had the opportunity of discussing this matter with other members of the district organization but I believe you and your chapter will agree that this affair should be held not later than December 15. Inasmuch as the individuals whom we expect to have as guests at this annual district barbecue may not be available for such an affair after the first of the year. If it is decided to have this barbecue on or before December 15, it will necessarily mean that each chapter will have to do its part 100 per cent when called upon to assist in making and carrying out a good peppy F. F. A. program.

The monthly program committee with Julian Burttram of Albertville as chairman announces the following program for the next district meeting to be held with the Cedar Bluff Chapter Monday night, December 3:

F. F. A. Theme Song—Hail F. F. A.
Welcome Address—
Business—Old and New.
Musical Selection—Cedar Bluff F. F. A. Band.
Talk—Member Gaylesville Chapter.
Relation of the District Organization to the State and National Organization—J. P. Dodd, Walnut Grove.
Musical Selection—Cedar Bluff F. F. A. Band.
Song—Harry Simmons, Odenville Chapter.
F. F. A. theme Song—Hail F. F. A.

CEDAR BLUFF F. F. A. TO PRESENT ENTERTAINMENT

(Melvin Patty, Reporter.)

An entertainment will be presented in the High School Auditorium Saturday night, November 17, at 7:00 o'clock by the Cedar Bluff F. F. A. Chapter.

The main event of the evening will be a "Womanless Wedding," given by faculty members, members of the F. F. A. and others. Other added attractions will be the presentation of a One Act Comedy, musical selections, and buck dancing.

It is the purpose of this entertainment to raise sufficient funds to pay for some chairs bought for the Agricultural classroom early in the year.

A full evening of fun and laughter for only 15c and 25c.

ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE CEDAR BLUFF F. F. A. CHAPTER '34-35

CONDUCT OF MEETING—

1. Hold one meeting each week during school months.
2. Hold two meetings each month during summer months.
3. Have a definite program for each meeting.
4. Emphasize dignified parliamentary procedure at each meeting.

SUPERVISED PRACTICE—

1. Each member to carry out a long time supervised practice program.
2. Each member to do some supplementary supervised practice work

SCHOOL GROUND BEAUTIFICATION—

1. Plant more shrubbery where needed.
2. Continue to propagate shrubbery in laboratory area.
3. Keep shrubbery pruned and worked.
4. Fertilize shrubbery.
5. Sow bare spots in grass next spring.
6. Set water oaks on school grounds where needed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE—

1. Sponsor pruning demonstration for farmers.
2. Sponsor terracing demonstration for farmers.
3. Sponsor a rat control campaign in community.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES—

1. Hold banquet for parents and friends.
2. Have at least one social each month.
3. Hold a two or three day summer camp for all F. F. A. boys.
4. Attend annual convention at Auburn next summer.

MISCELLANEOUS—

1. Have at least one member holding the State Farmer degree.
2. Have at least six members holding the Future Farmer Degree.
3. Increase membership.
4. Establish F. F. A. library.
5. Maintain farmers bulletin board.
6. Cooperate with Secretary of Agriculture in carrying out the Agricultural Adjustment program.
7. Start thrift bank. Have \$100 in the bank at end.
8. Cooperate with state, national, and district organization.

PROGRAM OF WORK COLLINGSVILLE CHAPTER, 1934-35

(By Rudolph Burk, Reporter.)

1. Hold regular meetings twice each month.
 2. Have planned programs at each meeting.
 3. Reporter to write article for paper each week.
 4. Five boys to enter Chilean Nitrate Soda Contest.
 5. Hold Father and Son Banquet.
 6. Chapter to attend State Convention next summer.
 7. All Future Farmer members to wear pins.
 8. Select more honorary members.
 9. Sponsor at least two parties during the year.
 10. Give programs at chapel.
 11. Hold annual camp.
 12. Give radio broadcast from Gadsden.
 13. Add new books to F. F. A. Library.
 14. Continue the F. F. A. Nursery.
 15. Continue debating club.
 16. Each member to pay dues out of project income.
 17. Raise money to carry out Chapter Objectives.
 18. Purchase Large F. F. A. Banner and Owl for club room.
- At a business meeting of our Chapter Thursday it was decided to hold (continued on next page.)

a night meeting next Monday night at which time six candidates for the Green Hand Degree would be initiated. Our membership to date is 26, and we wish to increase it to 30 as soon as possible.

Our Chapter has ordered a large F. F. A. Banner and Owl to use during the initiation ceremony.

Our library now consists of eighteen volumes. Several of these were donated by F. F. A. members. Every member will donate a boy's book which he has read.

Three magazines, The American Boy, Boys Life and Country Gentleman, come to our F. F. A. Library.

CAYLESVILLE F. F. A. NEWS

Thirty-four members of the Gaylesville Chapter of F. F. A. paid their dues before November first. The ten new members who have been initiated since school opened are: Len Chancellor, Charles Maddux, Bernard Baxter, Aubrey Hardiman, Clifford Moore, Charles Abernathy, Bill Cavin, Owen Crye, Jack Fitzpatrick and Harold Clifton. Only a few old members failed to pay their dues on time.

One of the objectives of our club is to have one hundred per cent membership. We now have about 93 per cent membership. We hope to initiate the other candidates soon.

The F. F. A. is in a joint program with the P. T. A. and Home Economics club to put running water in the high school building.

The F. F. A. sodded the lawn last spring. It was recently mowed and fertilized. We hope to landscape the main building and replace the shrubbery that died around the vocational building.

Perry Medlock, Reporter.

The Gaylesville Chapter won first prize with their exhibit in the Northeast Alabama Fair two weeks ago.

GERALDINE NEWS

The Geraldine Chapter will soon be housed in a new building. We have needed a new vocational building a long time, and it is with pleasure we announce that a new building will be started within the next ten days. We expect to be in it when the

District organization meets with us in February.

A radio has been bought by the Chapter, and we are expecting to hear each and every Future Farmer Broadcast. We are also expecting to hear many other good programs.

We have been harvesting crotalaria. The Chapter members have several thousand pounds harvested, and expect to reap a golden harvest in the spring.

ODENVILLE CHAPTER NEWS

The Odenville chapter will present a program over Station W. J. B. Y., Gadsden, on Thursday, Nov. 22nd, from 11:00 to 11:30. The program follows:

Hail the F. F. A.—All.

Talk—William Eden.

Song "When it's Lamplighting time in the Valley"—Harry Simmons.

Purposes of F. F. A.—John Teague.

Lost John—Sam Turner.

Program of Work—Porter White, Electa Vandegrift.

F. F. A. Creed—Pope Eden.

The Old Spinning Wheel—Sam Turner, Harry Simmons.

My Project—Charles Hodges, Harry Simmons.

What Voc. Agri. Students do—Roy G. Ellis.

Hail the F. F. A.—All.

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR ODENVILLE CHAPTER F. F. A.

BUSINESS—

1. Take active part in evening schools and assist vocational teacher in every way possible.
2. Co-operate with Secretary of Agriculture in Agricultural Adjustment Program, with all farmers' organizations, and aid in agricultural extension service.
3. Chapter to raise at least two to Future Farmer, have one qualified for State Farmer.
4. Have two delegates and all officers at state convention. All officers at district meetings.
5. Take active part in public speaking contests and essay writing contests.
6. Hold regular summer meetings.
7. Have program for each meeting.
8. Emphasize correct business-like parliamentary procedure.

9. Increase F. F. A. Library.

10. Cooperate with state and district executive committees by answering letters promptly, sending in reports on time, article for F. F. A. newsletter, etc.

11. Every member have F. F. A. manual.

12. Chapter have complete standard equipment.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES—

1. Propagate shrubbery for F. F. A. members in Laboratory area.

2. Cooperate with Home Economics Club.

3. Put on assembly program.

PUBLICITY—

1. Put up farmers' bulletin board.

2. Submit regular articles to county newspaper for publication.

3. Send in articles to Progressive Farmer and newsletter.

RECREATION—

1. Conduct project tour.

2. Have basket ball and base ball team.

3. Have picnic or barbecue.

4. Have Father and Son Banquet.

GERALDINE CHAPTER F. F. A. PRESENTS RADIO PROGRAM

The following program was rendered over Station W. J. B. Y., Gadsden, by the Geraldine Chapter Future Farmers of America, from 11:00 to 11:30, Thursday, Nov. 8th.

1. Opening Song—How do you do, Mr. Farmer.
2. Music by string band, consisting of W. P. Gilbert, Kinion Traylor, Loyd Clements, Devoree Carter and Jesse Daniel.
3. Objectives of the Geraldine Chapter—Leonard Clements.
4. Azelle Carter, Devoree Carter and Arnold West, singing, "I Like Mountain Music."
5. Crotalaria—Azelle Carter and Kermit Machen.
6. Harp Solo—Herman Overton.
7. The Value of Vocational Agriculture—Ivan Barnes.
8. Duet—Loyd Clements, W. P. Gilbert.
9. The benefits of the Cotton Reduction Campaign—Leon Loftin.
10. Piano Solo—Miss Mary Wharton.
11. Poem, written and recited by Robert Toland.
12. Music by string band.
13. Closing song.

DISTRICT REPORTER

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them in the Gadsden Times. Only one program has been sent to the reporter.

May we suggest that before the next issue of the newsletter, all programs for the succeeding month be handed in, as the time to print the program is BEFORE the broadcast, and not after.

RADIO PROGRAM

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down the line.
The chapters are striving to make these programs instructive and entertaining. They believe that they are succeeding. Let us urge that each chapter listen in on the programs from other chapters. This will stimulate interest, and help to make the programs better. We also invite criticism from outsiders. Tell us what you would like to hear on these programs. We will strive to give it to you.

Local news has not been received from two of the Chapters. This is regretted, as we had hoped that each chapter would be represented in the first issue. Please be 100% for the next.

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OFFICIAL LIST OF DELEGATES GADSDEN DISTRICT F. F. A.

- ALBERTVILLE—
Julian Burttram
Milton Kinney
Voy Armstrong
Joyce Weir
Lawrence Yother.
- CEDAR BLUFF—
Kermit Laney
Hobert Keasler
Melvin Patty
Talmadge Durcan
Cecil Cobia.
- COLLINSVILLE—
Ralph Lucy
Johnnie Edwards
A. R. Brindley
Rudolph Burk
Charlie Lucy.
- GAYLESVILLE—
John D. Bankston
David Mackey
David Self
John E. Chesnutt
Perry Medlock.
- GERALDINE—
Lester Lowery
Azelle Carter
Ivan Barnes
O. Lee Guest
W. P. Gilbert.
- WALNUT GROVE—
Doyle Lacks
J. R. Hubbard
I. P. Dodd
Willard Stanley
Willie L. Merriweather.
- GLENCOE—
J. P. Phillips
Roscoe Alexander
Lansing Williams
Bill Ables
Ryland Williams.
- ODENVILLE —
Porter White, Jr.
William Eden
Oscar Mitchell
Ray Adams
John Teague.

The following officers were representatives of the Odenville Chapter at the Albertville District Meeting the night of November 5: John Teague, Vice President; William Eden, Secretary; Norman Vandegrift, Librarian.

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