A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the season of the year when F. F. A. chapters and home economics clubs are making plans for banquets, barbecues, and other forms of entertainment for their parents, friends, and members of the chapters and clubs. I am writing you through the columns of the newsletter requesting that if you have not already done so you commence thinking now about this very important function as a part of your year's program of work. There is no better time than an occasion of this sort to properly place before your mothers and fathers as well as your friends the program of F. F. A. as well as vocational agriculture and homemaking programs. This furnishes not only an opportunity for placing before the community the fine program which you are carrying on as an F. F. A. chapter and home economics club, but it furnishes an opportunity for the boys and girls in the community to come together not as a school organization but as a social organization promoting wholesome recreation.

In this edition of the newsletter there is a banquet program as planned by the F. F. A. chapter and home economics club in the Marion County High School. It seems to me that they have gone about this banquet in a very intelligent and efficient way. Let me call your attention to this special item in this newsletter and urge that you read it carefully and if it speaks to you as a feasible plan for putting on a banquet then use it.

There is another matter to which I should like to call your attention and that is the holding of a joint business session with the home economics club. This has been done in some of the schools with good results. I believe that there will be an opportunity for each to learn something from the other. It will furnish an excellent opportunity for the F. F. A. chapter to learn of the objectives of the home economics club and in turn it will furnish an opportunity for the F. F. A. chapter to acquaint the members of the home economics club with the objectives of the chapter. There are so many places in the program of each where the other can be of assistance. If your joint programs are planned in such a way as to develop these points of common interest, I am confident that both the home economics club and the F. F. A. chapter will be in position to work more intelligently towards the accomplishment of these ends as well as to put more enthusiasm into reaching the objectives.

Since I have been fortunate enough to be one of the delegates to the national convention, I am taking this opportunity of saying that I shall endeavor in the next newsletter to give you a bird's-eye view of what I saw and learned at the National Congress of F. F. A.

November 1 is almost here. You will recall that this is the date on which state and national dues are to be sent in. During the annual meeting last summer, the House of Delegates voted to make the state and national dues for the year 40¢ instead of 35¢. Keep this in mind in collecting dues and sending them in to the state office.

-- Ernie Lee Robinson, President
EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by the president, Ernie Lee Robinson, at 1:00 P. M., September 15, 1934, in the State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the secretary.

The matter of delegates for the national meeting, October 20 to 26, was taken up. The president, Ernie Lee Robinson, was appointed one delegate. He appointed the reporter, Sammie Pate, for the other. The treasurer, Seals Menefee, was appointed alternate delegate.

The Executive Committee set up a program of work for the State Association and outlined the duties and responsibilities of each member of the Committee in connection therewith. The program of work and responsibilities of members of the Committee follow:

Work of Association

July
First two weeks - annual meeting.

After annual meeting - Minutes. Secretary should write to the National Executive Secretary giving the names of the newly elected state officers and any changes in constitution.

August
Plans made for first Executive Committee meeting to be held early in September. National chapter entries mailed to National Executive Secretary by August 31.

September
First Executive Committee meeting.
First news letter.
Letter from president to delinquent chapters.
Applications for American Farmer degree mailed to National Executive Secretary.
Letter from president to new departments regarding organizing F. F. A. chapters.

October
Membership blanks mailed to chapters.
List of official delegates to national meeting mailed to National Executive Secretary by State Secretary two weeks prior to national meeting.
National meeting.
Letters to chapters in regard to state and national programs of work in connection with local programs of work.
Begin radio programs.
Contests.
News letter.
November

News letter
Radio programs
Letter to chapters that do not submit state and national dues by November 1.

December

News letter
Radio programs
Contests

January

News letter
Radio programs
Letter to chapters regarding raising boys to higher degrees as rapidly as they are eligible.

February

News letter
Plan for March Executive Committee meeting
Radio programs
Contests

March

Executive Committee meeting (Plan for annual meeting)
News letter
Radio programs
Letter regarding April state and national dues (Members initiated after November 1)
Contests

April

Mail questionnaire for annual report
Mail State Farmer degree application blanks
News letter
Radio programs
Contests

May

Annual meeting
News letter
Radio programs

June

Annual meeting
Annual report
Responsibilities of Members of Executive Committee

President
1. Encourage new departments to organize chapters, delinquent chapters to be reinstated.
2. State convention (two delegates from each chapter).
3. National meeting.
4. Executive committee meetings.
5. Contests.
6. Father-son-mother-daughter banquet to be held by each chapter.
7. Joint meetings with home economics clubs.
8. Project tours.
9. F. F. A. members to help vocational teacher in at least one night class.
10. Each chapter have special meeting devoted to fire prevention.
11. Conservation of natural resource item in each program of work.
14. Encourage cooperative projects, live-at-home programs.
15. Chapters to aid in relief programs.

Vice-President
1. Complete State Farmer study.
2. Each chapter to start F. F. A. library with 50 chapters having 15 books each.
4. Encourage chapters to listen in to national radio programs.

Reporter
1. News letter.
2. Publicity.

Secretary
1. Advancement to degrees - Each chapter have not less than four members holding the Future Farmer degree, confer the degree of Future Farmer as rapidly as Green Hand members are eligible, confer the degree of State Farmer as rapidly as Future Farmers are eligible, at least 50 State Farmer degrees conferred, at least 10 State Farmers apply for American Farmer degree.
2. Annual report for each chapter; compile annual report to national organization.
3. Encourage chapters to procure necessary equipment for conducting chapter meetings and to conduct meetings as recommended in manual, each member to own a manual.
4. Mail membership blanks early in October. Encourage members to pay dues out of profit from this year's projects.

Treasurer
1. Keep all accounts.
2. Communicate with chapters submitting dues for fewer than 10 members.
3. A thrift bank to be promoted in every chapter with $2000 as a total for the state to be saved.
4. Promote F. F. A. orchestra - each chapter learn to sing at least 2 FFA songs.
A committee was appointed to work out a plan for a thrift bank to be promoted in every chapter with $2000 as a total for the state to be saved. The committee is composed of Seals Menefee, Chairman, Ernie Lee Robinson, and Sammie Pate.

Mr. Brook presented a plan which has been suggested for printing the news letter. It was decided that the state supervisors would discuss this matter on their visits during the year with the local advisers and presidents of the chapters. At a later date a decision will be reached in regard to this.

BUILDING A PROGRAM FOR THE LEIGHTON CHAPTER OF F.F.A.
FOR THE YEAR 1934-35

Experience has taught the F.F.A. members in the past that a program of work is very vital for the chapter to do its very best work for the community. Therefore, the boys map out their program at the beginning of each scholastic year.

In order to set up a program of work for the Leighton chapter for the ensuing year the following procedure was followed: The past year chapter officials were asked to meet with the local adviser and new officials for this year. At this meeting a review was made of the accomplishments of the chapter the past year. Those objectives not finished last year were discussed and more continued in the program this year. It was found necessary to contact the principal of the school and other members of the faculty in reference to plans for carrying out certain items of the program. This was done by a committee from the executive officers conferring first with the principal and other members of the faculty about objectives that we felt concerned activities of them as a group and individually. Then after considering their suggestions on the carried over items and also new items, the program given below was decided upon for the ensuing year after each item was read and explained and passed upon by the entire membership at a regular meeting.

1. Continue beautification programs for Colbert County High School campus and for grounds of four junior high schools in East Colbert.

2. Sponsor a sanitary program for Colbert County High School; including, indoor toilets, shower baths, building repairs, and clean school grounds.

3. Send at least fifteen boys to Auburn next year to attend the state annual F.F.A. conference.

4. A joint father-son-mother-daughter barbecue.

5. Maintain a farmers' bulletin board in Leighton.

6. Broadcasting program in cooperation with seven other nearby chapters.

7. Sponsor a complete athletic program for the high school.


9. Add at least $10.00 worth of books to F.F.A. library.
10. One hundred per cent vocational agricultural students F.F.A.'s if possible.
11. Continuation projects by as many students as possible.
12. Weekly news items in county papers.
13. Chapel programs at least once each month.
14. Encourage friendly fellowship among the students and create a desire for better protection of school property.
15. To help the unfortunate ones who may be physically handicapped and cooperate with state programs of the Rehabilitation Department and the Alabama Society for Crippled Children.

--- Marlin Montgomery, Reporter
I. P. Thornton, Adviser

F. H. A. AND F. F. A. BANQUET TO BE HELD AT MARION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

The F. H. A. and the F. F. A. of the vocational department of Marion County High School are to have a banquet sometime early in October, depending on when Mr. Will Bankhead can be present. The plans have been delayed due to efforts to see Mr. Bankhead.


A minstrel was given last spring by these departments. This netted about $28.00, a portion of which was used for purchasing equipment, and a portion, about $10.00, will be used to finance the banquet.

Practically all the food will come from the homes of the club members. The food being an important item, a food committee was appointed. Other committees are: Invitation, Decoration, Dish and Linen, Table, Menu, Finance.

The entire faculty, the county and local board members, the county superintendent, the district supervisors for each department, Honorable W. E. Bankhead of the U. S. Senate, the fathers of the boys and the mothers of the girls are to be invited, also the representative of the county to the State Senate. All of these will be asked to arrive early and inspect the equipment and records of each department.

The program being a feature of utmost importance was planned as follows:
1. Toastmaster - Ross Wright.
2. Welcome address - Annie Earl Dozier.
3. Return Thanks - Florence Berryhill
4. Serve plates _________
6. What Vocational Agriculture Means to Me as a Farm Boy - Max Simmons.
7. Vocal duet - Annie Wright and Mary Elizabeth Burleson.
12. Dessert served.

OBJECTIVES AND PROGRESS REPORT WSCUGUFA CHAPTER - 1934-35

The new officers for this year, elected last spring are as follows:

President - Gotthard Miller  
Treasurer - Theron Culver
Vice-President - Fletcher Convillo  
Reporter - Emmet Jacobs
Secretary - Edward Reynolds  
Advisor - H. C. Sexton
1934-35 Objectives:
1. Have a father-son-mother-daughter banquet.
2. Continue landscape program.
3. Put up a flag pole.
4. Build and put up playground equipment.
5. Get a new laboratory area.
6. Start a school nursery.
7. Write up all meetings and report to newspaper and state reporter once a month.
8. Continue our bulletin board.
9. Send delegates to state convention.
11. Raise money for the chapter.
12. All members paying dues.
13. Have a social once a month.
15. Cooperate one hundred per cent with all other clubs in the school.
16. Increase membership 25 per cent.

Progress to date:
1. Fifteen Green Hand members initiated.
2. Item 5 under way.
3. Item 3 up and going.
4. Item 3 under way.
5. Item 8 going.
6. Item 13, first one planned.

MOUNDVILLE PROGRAM OF WORK

1. Give a radio program.
2. Fencing and beautifying the campus.
3. Running campus supply store.
5. Make annual trip to state convention at Auburn.
7. Make trip to sub-experiment station at Marion Junction.
8. Helping to promote interest in vocational agriculture in the community.
9. Buy pure bred guilt to present to best boy in Jr. III agriculture class provided he gives back to the chapter two pure bred guilts out of the first litter.
10. Sponsor father-son-mother-daughter banquet.
11. Give at least three chapel programs.
12. Make money by outside efforts of the chapter.
13. All members enter the Arcadian Essay Contest.
14. Take in new members.
15. Have a meeting at least once a week and keep a record of each week in the paper.
16. Have a camp for all Future Farmers.
17. Help protect school property.
18. At least 50 per cent of the members do something to beautify their homes.
19. At least 75 per cent of the members enter the public speaking contest.
20. Keep bulletin board.
21. Answer all letters from state officers promptly.
22. Send reports to state reporter.
23. Give Future Farmer initiation if anyone is eligible.
We have a long program of work this year but we are going to try to do everything mentioned in it. Last year we just had fourteen points in our program of work and accomplished all but two.

-- Jack Chandler, President
Moundville Chapter

NATIONAL F. F. A. CONVENTION, OCTOBER 20-26

On the afternoon of October 19, two car loads of Alabama F. F. A. members left for Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the national convention which convenes there on Sunday, October 21, and extends through Friday, October 26. Accompanying the young men were Mr. P. C. Brook, Assistant State Supervisor, and Mr. J. E. Morris, local adviser for the Ramer chapter. The official delegates to the convention are Ernie Lee Robinson, president of the State Association, Jemison Chapter; and Sammie Pate, State Reporter, Columbiana Chapter.

DISTRICT F. F. A. ORGANIZES

On Monday night, October 1, delegates from eight local chapters of Future Farmers of Alabama met in Collinsville for the purpose of organizing a district organization. Chapters represented were: Albertville, Cedar Bluff, Collinsville, Gaylesville, Geraldine, Glencoe, Odenville, and Walnut Grove.

The following officers were elected: President, Cecil Cobia, Cedar Bluff Chapter; Vice-President, Julian Buttram, Albertville Chapter; Secretary, Ralph Lucy, Collinsville Chapter; Treasurer, Lansing Williams, Glencoe Chapter; Reporter, Phillip Harper, Geraldine Chapter. Professor L. F. Ingram, local adviser of the Collinsville Chapter, was elected district adviser.

Committees were appointed as follows: Constitution Committee, Bill Ables, Glencoe; Ryland Williams, Glencoe; John D. Banks, Gaylesville; Program of Work Committee, Milton Kinney, Albertville; Laurence Tother, Albertville; Lester Lowery, Geraldine; Radio Program Committee, Doyle Lacks, Walnut Grove; Kermit Laney, Cedar Bluff; Willard Stanley, Cedar Bluff; Social Committee, Oscar Mitchell, Odenville; John Ellis Chesnutt, Gaylesville; Perry Medlock, Gaylesville; Program Committee, Julian Buttram, Albertville; Rudolph Burk, Collinsville; William Eden, Odenville.

It was decided that monthly meetings would be held on the first Monday night of each month. The meetings will be held with the various chapters, in alphabetical order. The next meeting will be Monday night, November 5, with the Albertville chapter. This will be a business meeting, as all committees will have reports to make.

It is expected that through the district organization greater interest will be stimulated in vocational agriculture, and in the Future Farmer organization. It is hoped that plans will be devised for weekly radio programs, each chapter presenting a program in turn. Other activities, including an annual barbecue, will be promoted. The boys of the various chapters will become known to each other, and their accomplishments better appreciated.

At the conclusion of the organization meeting, a social hour was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the Collinsville chapter, together with the girls of the home economics department.

-- Philip Harper
District Reporter.