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SUGGESTIONS FROM STATE ADVISER

American Farmer Degree Applications

This is the second week in September and the Executive Committee has received only two applications for the American Farmer degree. It seems to me that this is a distinct reflection on the F. F. A. organization in Alabama. We are now in our sixth year as a state organization and apparently we have only one State Farmer who is qualified to make application for the American Farmer degree. The national executive secretary has notified me that all applications for the American Farmer degree must be in his hands not later than September 24. That means that we have less than two weeks in which to forward the applications to him. During no previous year have there been fewer than two applicants for this degree. It appears now, however, that there will be only one submitted. This I regret very much. The only suggestion I have to make in this connection is that executive committees of local chapters as well as local advisers should not let this occur again.

State Executive Committee Holds First Meeting

The State Executive Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Saturday, September 15. We are going to do everything in our power to build during the year a bigger and better F. F. A. Association. The work, interest and response of local chapters will largely determine the kind of State Association that we have this year. Speaking for the entire Executive Committee, I want to assure each member of the Association that we stand willing and ready to cooperate to the fullest extent with all individuals as well as all local chapters in the State. Let me urge that each chapter get busy on its program of work immediately. Include in your program an item on cooperating with the local relief office in your county. There is much valuable work to be done by F. F. A. in Alabama in connection with the relief program.

Progressive Farmer, September 1934

The Future Farmers of Alabama have a splendid friend in the Progressive Farmer. This very valuable farm paper has offered the F. F. A. Association a column once each month. If you will turn to page 16 of the September issue you will find some interesting items on Future Farmer activities. There will be in each issue of the Progressive Farmer interesting information about the Future Farmer work being done in this State. Every farm boy in Alabama as well as every farmer should read carefully each issue of this paper. The
article by Dean M. J. Funchess of the College of Agriculture and Experiment Station on page 6 of this issue is worth the price of the paper. Dean Funchess writes frequently for the Progressive Farmer and his articles are of tremendous value to farmers and farm boys.

I also desire to call your attention to an item entitled "The Importance of Agricultural Teachers" on page 5 under "The Editorial Viewpoint." As an F. F. A. member you cannot afford to fail to read each issue of the Progressive Farmer. I am therefore suggesting that your chapter take steps to see to it that not only each member of the chapter read carefully this agricultural paper but that you as a chapter aid in getting it more widely read throughout your entire community. This would be one of the best projects in which you can engage so far as the improvement of agricultural conditions in your community is concerned.

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE WHITE PLAINS CHAPTER
FOR THE YEAR 1934-35

I. Chapter improvement:
1. Have meetings twice each month.
2. Have planned meeting programs.
3. Have committee for each objective.
4. Raise ten members to Future Farmer degree.
5. Raise three members to State Farmer degree.
6. Have three candidates for state office.
7. Each member have F. F. A. manual.

II. Publicity.
1. Have reporter send in article to local paper every two weeks.
2. Reporter to send article to state F. F. A. paper each week.
3. Reporter to send article to Progressive Farmer each month.
4. Present program of work in school assembly.
5. Present program and accomplishments at father-son-mother-daughter banquet.

III. Activity objectives.
1. Father-son-mother-daughter banquet
2. Sell seeds and fertilizer.
3. Make and sell lawn furniture.
4. Each boy clear $25.00 on projects.
5. Have two acre cotton patch.
7. Have several F. F. A. socials during the year.
8. Have two Chilean Nitrate demonstrations.
9. Five boys enter Chilean Nitrate essay contest.
10. Sell sweet potato and tomato plants.
12. Raise 100 pullets for fall of 1935.
13. Donate one-half of all chapter collections to the "paint the school building campaign."
14. Chapter to attend the state convention next year.
15. F. F. A. camp on coast next summer.
16. Chapter to terrace 100 acres of land.
17. Each boy with a functioning long-time supervised practice program.
18. Chapter to assist school authorities in maintaining order on playground and in buildings.
19. Chapter to cooperate with other organizations in the community.
F. F. A. BOYS HOLD CAMP

By Perry Medlock, Reporter

The Gaylesville Chapter of F. F. A. held a week's camp at Mentone, Alabama, recently.

Leaving home on a truck Tuesday morning loaded with provisions from the farm and home, the boys reached camp about noon, ate the lunch which they had brought from home and then began to make camp. Having secured the old Baptist Barracks a few days before, all that was necessary was to arrange cots, set up camp stoves, and store away food brought from home.

The Barracks were located just back of the Mentone Hotel, and overlooking the valley below. The scenery from the camp site was very beautiful. Most of the mornings were spent in playing tennis and looking after camp duties. The afternoons were spent in playing baseball, swimming, hiking, and dancing.

Very good eats were enjoyed throughout the camp, the main course being fried chicken, coffee, and fried Irish potatoes.

Some of the boys who could not make the whole camp came up Friday night for the election of officers. A big chicken supper was enjoyed by all and the new officers were elected. The new officers for the coming year are as follows:

President ------- John D. Bankson
Vice-President ----- David Mackey
Secretary --------- David Self
Treasurer --------- John E. Chestnut
Reporter --------- Perry Medlock
Advisor ----------- J. D. Thorne

After the election, speeches were made by Mr. Thorne, chapter adviser, and Mr. E. E. Vampelt, honorary member of the chapter. Much praise was given the work of the chapter for the past year, and greater plans were made for the coming year.

At this time the chapter enjoyed a watermelon cutting. The melons were furnished by Paul Murphy of Jamestown, Alabama, who is a member of the chapter. Then everyone retired to get up early the next morning to disband camp and start for home.

OBJECTIVES OF LEXINGTON F. F. A. CHAPTER
1934-35

1. Care for boys' toilet.
2. Have a good chapter program at each meeting.
3. Arouse more interest in our chapter.
4. Strive to carry better projects and be a guide to new vocational students.
5. Back the program of our vocational teacher and help vocational agriculture to reach more people.
7. Help take care of vocational department.
8. One hundred percent dues paid.
9. Sponsor a clean-up day on the campus.
10. Organize a string band within the chapter.
11. Have at least one F. F. A. meeting each week.
12. Increase membership at least 25 percent.
13. Add more books to the F. F. A. library.
14. Help to finish landscaping the schoolgrounds.
15. Care for the F. F. A. banner.
16. All F. F. A. members wearing pins.
17. Work toward installing showers at the school.
18. Select honorary members for the organization.
19. Sponsor at least two parties during the year.
20. Have an annual fish fry.
21. Have at least three chicken stews during the year.
22. Have orderly programs at each meeting.
23. Have a good program for each F. F. A. chapel program.
24. To make the organization as nearly perfect as possible through the proper procedure at meetings and practicing parliamentary procedure.
25. To raise all money needed to carry out the activities of the chapter.
26. To enter into all intra-mural programs possible.
27. To help every way possible with community fair.
28. To serve the school and community at all times.
29. To have all eligible boys advanced to the Future Farmer degree this year.
30. To have better trained officers through constant study of duties and procedure.
31. To enter activities proposed for the F. F. A. chapters through cooperating agencies, as the Nitrate of Soda essay contest.

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR URIAH CHAPTER

I. Agricultural aims:
1. Keep all project records up to date.
2. Each member pay dues out of project income.
3. Continue F. F. A. nursery for beautifying homes of chapter members.
4. Encourage cooperative projects such as winter legumes, feed crops and plants for sale.
5. Encourage live-at-home program on the farm.
6. Confer Future Farmer degrees as rapidly as Green Hands become eligible.
7. Confer State Farmer degree on two Future Farmers.
8. One State Farmer apply for American Farmer degree.
9. Send two delegates to state convention.
10. Award prize to member taking best project.

II. Educational aims:
11. Make agriculture program for next two years to meet chapter and community needs.
12. Keep in touch with the state organization.
14. Have chapter meetings once a week.
15. Members help adviser with night classes.
16. Add at least ten new books to library.
17. Report chapter activities to local paper.
18. Conduct project tour.
20. Award prize at end of school year to member doing outstanding work in F. F. A.

III. Social and civic aims:
21. Start a thrift bank.
22. Procure equipment for conducting chapter meetings.
23. Have program in chapel when topics are selected by committees.
24. Sponsor clean-up campaign.
25. Have father and son banquet.
26. Continue work toward establishing permanent county or local F.F.A. camp.
27. Have one three-day outing.
28. Have play to raise money.
29. Raise dues to 50¢.
30. Add more honorary members to Senior Advisory Council.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE ASSOCIATION

Below are given a few excerpts from the minutes of the annual meeting held at Auburn in July. I am sure you will be interested in carefully reading this material. It will be both interesting and instructive. There were present at the annual meeting 700 boys representing 93 chapters.

Report of Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee recommends the following changes in the State Constitution:

1. That amendment No. 1 adopted at the annual meeting of 1932, which reads, "Earn and deposit in bank or productively invest at least $100.00," be eliminated. This amount will remain $200.00 as provided in the original state constitution and in the national constitution.

2. That Section D-1, third paragraph, which reads, "Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects (average grade 85 or above)," be amended to read, "Average grade B or above."

3. Add No. 7 to Article V, Section A, which shall read as follows:

"State officers shall have attained the State Farmer degree before they can hold office. Officers and local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of Future Farmer after the organization has been established in any given school for one year or longer."

4. That the following be added to Article VI, first paragraph:

"The State Secretary shall submit the following information to the National Executive Secretary:
"a. A list of the newly elected state officers immediately following each state convention.
"b. A report on any changes in or amendments to the state constitution and by-laws immediately following each state convention.
"c. A list of official state delegates to the national convention at least two weeks prior to the convention.
"d. An annual state association report on forms furnished by the National Executive Secretary, giving such data on status, activities, and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the National Board of Trustees."

"The F. F. A. year shall be July 1 to June 30."

Report of New Activities Committee

The following new and old activities should be stressed during the year 1934-35.
1. Thrift bank.
2. Father-son entertainment.
3. Project tour.
4. Each F.F.A. member help vocational teacher in at least one night class.
5. Beautification of surrounding schools.
6. Radio broadcast.
7. County or district tournament.
8. County or district meeting.
9. Means of raising funds: (a) summer play, (b) selling shrubs, (c) county fair exhibits, (d) entertainments during regular sessions, (e) selling products.

Report of Program of Work Committee

The committee on program of work suggests the following activities for 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 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 ten Alabama Farmers apply for the American Farmer degree.
9. A thrift bank to be promoted in every chapter with $2000.00 to be saved.
10. A father-son banquet to be held by each chapter.
11. Each chapter to do whatever is necessary to keep local chapter in touch with state organization, each local officer to answer all correspondence from the 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 make a written report of accomplishments during the year to state advisor 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.
16. Chapters to aid teachers in supervised practice program by: (a) helping to make project standards for various types of programs, (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, (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 start his home improvement program.
21. Have joint meeting each quarter with Home Economics Club.
22. Each F. F. A. member 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 special meetings devoted to fire prevention.
28. Twenty-five chapters participating in radio broadcast.
29. One hundred per cent of members attending annual meeting participating in essay contest on "My Impression of the Experiment Station Work."