F. F. A. News Letter
GADSDEN DISTRICT

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RECREATIONAL PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR MARCH MEETING

February Meeting Held With Glencoe Chapter

The Gadsden district, Future Farmers of America met with the Glencoe chapter Monday night, Feb. 4th. All of the member chapters were represented.

The program was enjoyed by everyone. Music was supplied by Harry Simmons of Odenville, Ed Miller of Glencoe and Devorse Carter, Azelle Carter and W. F. Gilbert of the Geraldine chapter. The accomplishments to date of the Odenville and Albertville chapters were given. The only business to be taken up was reports of committees.

The program committee announced a very interesting program for the next meeting, which will be held with the Geraldine chapter, on Monday night, March 4th. The radio committee reported that the management of station WJBY is pleased with the programs being presented. A good response is being received. An invitation to go on the air twice weekly was extended to the group. This was taken under advisement, final decision to be reached later.

After adjournment a social hour was enjoyed.

Message From District Reporter

(By W. P. Gilbert.)

The purpose of the news letter is to bring our organization before the public, and let it know what we are doing. I am wondering if all the material sent in for our news letter is of the right type to present to the public the right picture of our activities.

After all, the most important part!

Message From District President

By Cecil Cobia.

There is no doubt but that the testing time of the value of the District F. F. A. in this section is almost over. Over five months have elapsed since we first organized. During this time we have held five monthly meetings, broadcast fourteen weekly radio programs, published monthly news letters each month, held an annual barbecue and have accomplished many other worthwhile objectives, all of which have been done as a result of the District F. F. A. Thus we can readily realize how tremendously valuable the District F. F. A. is to our local chapters, as well as the F. F. A. organization as a whole.

These monthly news letters alone containing news and activities of each of the eight local chapters, is worth enough to warrant such an organization, let alone the many other activities which the District F. F. A. sponsors.

I say again that I am highly pleased with advancement made, and the results of these first five months, but let us not forget that we have many objectives to accomplish yet. To the extent that they are accomplished depends on the cooperation of all members. We are not at the end of the road, but are only started, so let us keep our spirits high, with each member at all times thinking in terms of what he can do to help advance the organization.

Let us build a strong F. F. A. organization in the Gadsden District.

of our work is the practical things we learn and put into practice. Should not more of our material deal

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To Be Held With Geraldine Chapter

The following program will be rendered at the March meeting of the Gadsden district:

1. Hall the F. F. A.
5. Song — Devorse Carter.
7. Harmonica — Herman Overton.
8. Boxing, 3 round bout — To be arranged.
10. Hall the F. F. A.

Message From Vice-President

I wish to take this opportunity as Vice-President, in behalf of the program committee to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid cooperation that has been shown by all chapters in the district in making the monthly programs a success.

We have planned the programs very carefully so that they would be interesting as well as worthwhile. The program for the District Meeting to be held at Geraldine is to be a recreational program. Boxing, music, and a basketball game will be enjoyed in addition to the regular business session.

Let's put on interesting programs in our chapters and make the chapters in this district the outstanding chapters in the State.

Julian Burttram, Vice-President.
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How The F. F. A. Has Helped Me

This organization has been much more help to me than any other organization which I have been associated with. It has helped me more than any one course of study which I have taken in high school.

This organization has given me the opportunity to get training in public speaking and parliamentary law which has been a great deal of help. It helped me to become a better business man and caused me to take more interest in my school and community work. It has also helped socially by helping me to mingle more readily with those whom I come in contact with.

I have found that F. F. A. and vocational agriculture go hand in hand and to my opinion the training which we receive in F. F. A. work is just as important as that which we get in vocational agriculture.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I have enjoyed the three years that I have been associated with this organization, and I believe it holds more possibilities in the future for its members than it has in the past. I also hope that the present and future members of the organization will strive to develop those possibilities which the future may hold.

Milton Kinney.

CEDAR BLUFF F. F. A.

Melvin Patty, Reporter.

The Cedar Bluff chapter completed last week a rat control campaign in our town and community. A bait composed of hamburgers, salmon and corn meal were used with K-R-O Red Squill as the poison. In order to pay for the cost of the bait and poison, a small fee was charged for each house, barn and other buildings baited.

Members of this chapter enjoyed a social in the Agricultural building, Friday night, January 25. About twenty-five were present with each F. F. A. member bringing his girl friend. Fruits brought by each member were served as refreshments. The social was in charge of the social committee, Denmon Phillips, C. L. Cun and Melvin Patty.

With a new radio our chapter has been enjoying the district radio programs, National F. F. A. radio programs and Vocational radio programs broadcast each Thursday under the direction of L. H. Dennis, executive secretary of the American Vocational Association.

The Cedar Bluff chapter has also ordered $30.00 worth of books to add to the F. F. A. library. We are receiving state and county aid, making it necessary that we only put up $10.00. Some of these books will be of an agricultural nature, but since the most of the books that we have al-ready have are at agriculture, the majority of these will be of fiction.

GAYLESVILLE CHAPTER HOLD SOCIAL

Perry Medlock, Rep.

The members of the Gaylesville F. F. A. chapter were Julian Saye, Milton Oliver and Charles Colker. Ralph Lucy, presided as judge.

The following members have entered the "Rare Elements Essay Contest" sponsored by the Barrett Co. In behalf of the Arcadian Nitrate of Soda Co.: Ralph Lucy, A. R. Brindley and Isaac Higginbotham, Johnnie Edwards and Hoyle Saye.

Ray Smith and William Harbour were initiated as Green Hand members last Friday. This completes our Green Hand initiations and at our next meeting several Green Hand members will be raised to Future Farmers.

Four of our members—Johnnie Edwards, Rudolph Burk, Ralph Lucy and Isaac Higginbotham have entered the "Rare Elements Essay Contest" sponsored by the Chilean Education Bureau. The boys are doing much work on these essays and are expected to take some of the top cash prizes this year. They have all their reference material on hand.

Plans are being perfected for our Father-Son Mother-Daughter banquet to be held soon. A committee from the F. F. A. met a committee from the F. H. A. to work out the details this week.

Fifteen members placed orders for Future Farmer plus at our last meeting which will be ordered at once.
F. A. entertained honorary members and members of the faculty at a social held in the vocational building Saturday night, Jan. 26.

The honorary members present were Mr. J. C. Mattox, Prin. Gaylesville High School and Mr. D. C. Chesnut. These members were accompanied by their wives. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Miss Nellie Henderson, Miss Neoma Wilson and Coach Red Primm, were the faculty members who attended the affair.

A large number of the F. F. A. members and their dates enjoyed the various games supplied by the social committee.

After the games everyone enjoyed the "hot chicken mull" prepared by Mr. Thorne and some of the boys. Other prominent guests at the social were Mr. and Mrs. P. K. McWhorter. Mr. McWhorter was recently elected a member of the Cherokee County Board of Education. He has always been interested in the F. F. A., and other school activities. Mr. McWhorter has aided the F. F. A. in several of their project undertakings.

The F. F. A. is well on the way to the accomplishment of its program of work. We have raised the necessary funds to put water in the vocational building. And have added more shrubbery to our school ground improvement project. We are now raising funds to paint the out side of the vocational building. This project is to be a joint project with the Home Economics girls.

We plan to have our Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet in the high school auditorium the week end of March 8.

GERALDINE F. F. A.

Lester Lowery, Azelle Carter, W. P. Gilbert, Devore Carter and Billy Sloan represented the chapter at the monthly meeting at Glencoe. Azelle Carter, Devore Carter and W. P. Gilbert were on the program for music.

The following members of the Geraldine chapter planted crotalaria last year and now have seed to sell: Lester Lowery, W. P. Gilbert, Paul Hosmer, Wardie Campbell, Phillip Harper, Leonard Clements, Lawrence Richey, Herbert Estes and Billy Sloan. As planting time nears they expect to reap a golden harvest from their seed.

Several members of the Geraldine chapter are expecting to enter the essay and speaking contest sponsored by the chapter. Jay Lowery, W. P. Gilbert and Lawrence Richey have in applications for the fertilizer demonstration. The chapter is to decide next Monday as to whose application comes nearest fulfilling all requirements.

GLENCEE F. F. A.

The Glencoe F. F. A. chapter held a recent meeting discussing some of the F. F. A. problems. They decided on and planned a fiddler's convention to be given at the Glencoe high School. The fiddlers convention was given on January 11. Several prizes were given to the best fiddlers and best bands. The gate receipts went to pay for some shrubbery to be set in the F. F. A. nursery. A check was made on the sale of fruit trees and shrubs from the nursery. It was found that several pieces of shrub and over one hundred trees were to be sold and put out by the F. F. A. boys.

Plans were also made to lease about three acres of land which will be used as an F. F. A. nursery and a vocational laboratory. All expenses are to be paid by the F. F. A. and all profits go to the F. F. A. treasury. A party was planned for the Home Economics girls which will be given at an earlier date.

ODENVILLE F. F. A.

The Odenville chapter is beginning to shine forth. From 21 active members the following have agreed to write essays on the Rare Elements this year: John Teague, Hugie Whiteley, Wilburn Vesey, Pope Eden, Portor White, Charles Hodges, Ray McLaughlin, W. T. McLaughlin, Norman Vandegrift, Willie Mize, Leon Crain, Will Mock Neely, Roy Adams, Oscar Mitchell, and William Eden.

The following boys will enter the fertilizer demonstration contest offered by the Barrett Company this year: William Eden, Wilburn Vesey, Charles Hodges, John Teague, Hugo Whiteley and Porter White.

The following members plan to do some terracing for farmers in their community: Pope Eden, Porter White, William Eden John Teague, Mack Blocker and Roy Adams.

We have several members in the chapter who have their projects planned through 1937. These are Oscar Mitchell, W. L. McLaughlin, Roy Adams, Ray McLaughlin, Otives Miles, Will Mack Neely, Hughie Peace, Charlie Alverson and Mack Blocker.

The Odenville chapter has had several requests of late for pruning and spraying in the county. This gives us an idea of organizing a pruning and spraying ring in St. Clair County.

The chapter has been ordering trees and shrubs for farmers in the county recently. It has sent several orders in the last few weeks. We are doing all we can to help the farmers of the county in every way possible.

The two vocational chapters of Odenville—the F. F. A. and the F. H. A—are planning a social which will be given in the near future. We are trying to do more and more to promote agricultural education in St. Clair County. The two chapters are also working on a negro minstrel which will give us funds to operate on in the future.

The chapter has ordered some picture films from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to use in agriculture classes and in evening schools.

WALNUT GROVE F. F. A.

The chapter has held regular meetings and carried out several accomplishments.

The chapter regrets losing Mr. D. R. Harbor, vocational teacher and adviser of the chapter, but he is replaced by an efficient vocational teacher, Mr. Turney.

Our chapter gave Mr. Harbour a farewell party and also presented to him a gift to show our appreciation of his work as an adviser of the chapter.

A committee appointed by the president of the chapter drew up a contract concerning the pure pedd bulls belonging to our F. F. A. chapter. The chapter also planned to have the bulls registered.

The members of the chapter expect to cooperate in every way with (Continued on page four)
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Mr. Turney in carrying out the program of work and making the chapter a success.


Geraldine F. F. A. Radio Program

On Thursday, January 31 the Geraldine chapter Future Farmers of America, together with the Geraldine Homemakers Club, put on a very interesting 45-minute radio program over WJBY Gadsden.

The program follows:
1. Opening song—Group.
5. Banjo Solo—A. D. Chandler “Greenback.”
7. The educational value of Future Farmer work and Vocational Agriculture to the adult farmer—A. E. Graves, Principal Geraldine School.
8. Trio—Devore Carter, Sara Carter and Loyd Clements—“Louisiana Moon.”
9. Classroom work—Martha Elrod.
10. String band—“The waltz you save for me” and “I don’t love nobody.”
13. Harmonica solo—Herman Overton, “Hop Light Ladies” and “Last Train Blues.”
15. Kitchen band—“Alabama Swing.”
16. Trio—“Hand me down my walking cane.”
17. Dots on women’s and men’s clothes—Belva Parker and Evelyn Parrott.

The program was well received and numerous requests have been received for special numbers and repeat numbers on the next program. Regular time for the next Geraldine broadcast is March 28.

SHRUBS BEING PROPAGATED BY CEDAR BLUFF F. F. A.

During the past month our chapter has made over fifteen hundred cuttings of twelve different shrubs, and stored in sand to keep until spring. At this time they will be taken out and set in the nursery plot of the laboratory area. They will be left here and cultivated until they are ready to transplant in permanent planting plans.

The chapter expects to use these shrubs in landscaping the school grounds and homes of F. F. A. members. We also expect to sell some of them.

For the past two years we have propagated around two hundred shrubs, of which some were sold and others used on the school grounds.

C. L. Conn, Chairman Plant Propagation committee.

REPORT OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Follow F. F. A. members, when I think of our organization, I think of it with pleasure, realizing the great possibilities of our being of service to our community and the outlook for our F. F. A. becoming a more outstanding organization.

We as social committee are well pleased with the social activities and wish to express our appreciation to the various chapters where we have held our monthly district meetings, for the nice entertainment. Two have been given the visiting chapters. But most of all we wish to congratulate the members of the Glencoe chapter and we are sure all members and visitors who were there will join us in taking off our hats to them for the fine way in which they sponsored the district barbecue of Friday night, Dec. 21. Fine hospitality was shown and the barbecue was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Oscar Mitchell, Chairman, Perry Medlock, John Ellis Chestnut,

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