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1934-35

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Baker Hill	Headland	Pine Apple
Reform	Dixons Mills	Rogersville

I should like to get some news from the other chapters. Write articles about your banquets, socials, radio programs, library, program of work and accomplishments, nursery, ways of making money for your chapter, and anything else that you think will be of interest.

--- Sammie Pate, State Reporter.

HEAR NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAMS

As members of the State F. F. A., we should also be interested in the National F. F. A. We can learn what they (the members of national organization) are doing by listening in on our radios every second Monday of each month. It is presented over N. B. C., the Farm and Home Hour. We should like for every member who can get to a radio to listen in on these programs.

The dates are as follows:

January 14	May 13	September 9
February 11	June 10	October 14
March 11	July 8	November 11
April 8	August 12	December 9

---Ennis Young,
State Vice-President

FORMER PUPILS ORGANIZE

GEORGIA

For a number of years there has been an interest in certain communities of the state to form an organization of former pupils of vocational agriculture. This interest has at last developed into action in at least one community of the state. On November 26, under the leadership of Professor W. R. Mosely, a group of young farmers of Worth County who had studied agriculture under George I. Martin met and, so far as we know, formed the first organization of Ex-Vo-Ag pupils in Georgia. Edwin Bell, a successful leading young farmer, was elected president of the new organization.

Plans are under way at present for other local groups of former pupils to organize. It is hoped that at least 25 local groups will be organized during the coming year and that each local organization will send delegates to the state convention of the Georgia Association of F. F. A. next fall for the purpose of forming a state organization of former pupils.

Definite objectives for a local organization have not as yet been formulated. The following general guiding objectives for local groups have been suggested: (1) to study general and economic and technical farm problems; (2) to promote community improvement projects; (3) to develop social and recreational activities for members; (4) to encourage cooperative effort in buying and selling.

It has been suggested that all young farmers of a community, whether they have studied agriculture in high school or not, be invited to become members of the organization.

Teachers of vocational agriculture who are located in communities where there are a number of former pupils are encouraged to assist in organizing local groups. Teachers and others who are interested in this movement should write M. D. Mobley, Department of Education, State Capitol, Atlanta. Not more than 25 or 30 communities will be encouraged to organize this year.

The first step in organizing a local group is to locate all former pupils of agriculture. This may be done by securing a list of pupils of agriculture from previous annual reports, and then making a survey through the school children to find the number of former pupils located at present in the community.

MARION F. F. A. CHAPTER

SPONSORS BANQUET

The F. F. A. boys cooperated with the girls of the home economics department on Friday night, December 7. In sponsoring this banquet, each boy and girl invited his or her father and mother, while the chapter as a whole entertained the faculty and business men of the town.

Three hogs averaging one hundred pounds each were barbecued and served along with Brunswick stew, pickles and coffee, and cost amounting to \$40, which was donated by the girls and boys and also by the F. F. A. treasury.

MARION F. F. A. CHAPTER

SPONSORS BANQUET (CONT'D)

Bill Lester served as toastmaster. Martha Sprott gave the welcome address for the home economics girls. Mrs. J. H. Lee gave the response. William Crawford gave the welcome address for the F. F. A. chapter while Mr. H. F. Lester responded. We enjoyed two vocal numbers by Doris Ivey and Lucy Bell Carter. James Holley gave the 1934-35 program of work for the boys. We then had music by the chapter string band, composed of Paul Anderson, B. C. Seales, and Robert Fretwell. Lillian Scarborough talked on the subject of "What Home Economics Has Meant to Me," and Bill Lester explained what vocational agriculture has meant to him.

Dr. Duncan from Auburn explained the cotton adjustment program thoroughly by pointing out its benefits in the past two years as well as the plan for the 1935-36 program. We then had short talks by Judge Pope, Dr. Haley, Coach Kilby, Mr. Washington, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Dismukes, Miss Forney, Miss Haines, Miss Sprott, and Miss Graham.

F. F. A. AND F. H. A. BANQUET HELD

AT HEADLAND

The Future Farmers of America and the Future Home Makers of America held their annual banquet last Thursday night, December 20, for the fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters at the vocational building.

Emory Solomon, secretary and treasurer of the F. F. A., acted as toastmaster and the following program was rendered:

F. F. A. Song	By the Club
Invocation	Eugene Thomas
Introduction of Toastmaster.....	Byron Brackin
Welcome Address.....	Clayton Halstead
Response.....	Mr. W. S. Sconyers
Accomplishments.....	Brandt Cunningham
Development of	
Vocational Education.....	Mildred Sconyers
Introduction of Speakers.....	Mr. J. A. Parrish

In addition to the program rendered, the following responded to a call from the toastmaster: Representative J. A. Parrish; Superintendent of Experiment Station, Mr. J. P. Wilson; Dr. J. B. Lasseter; Judge D. C. Halstead; Mayor G. D. Halstead; Rev. Mr. Phillips; Mr. Dan Hollis; Superintendent of Headland Schools, Professor J. J. Yarbrough.

Approximately 135 persons attended the banquet which was well carried out with the help of the F. H. A. girls under the direction of Miss Mary Helen Holmes.

Max Sullivan closed the festivities by giving the benediction.

--Max Sullivan
Acting Reporter

GLENCOE HOST TO DISTRICT F. F. A. BARBECUE

On Friday night, December 21, the Glencoe Chapter of Future Farmers of America was host to seven other chapters of the Gadsden district. The occasion was the second annual chicken barbecue given for all members of chapters comprising the Gadsden district. Albertville, Cedar Bluff, Collinsville, Gaylesville, Geraldine, Glencoe, Odenville, and Walnut Grove chapters were present.

The main speaker for the occasion was Honorable Joe Starnes, Congressman from the Fifth District. Other visitors included Mr. J. C. Cannon, Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education in this district, and Mr. H. F. Gibson, critic teacher of the Lee County High School, Auburn, Alabama.

The program was as follows:

- Song - Hail The F. F. A.....By Group
- Welcome AddressMembers of Glencoe Chapter
- What Agricultural Students Are DoingWilliam Eden
- MusicGeraldine Chapter String Band
- Program of Work, Gadsden District.....Milton Kinney
- What F. F. A. Work Means to Vocational AgricultureJohn D. Bankson
- MusicGeraldine Chapter String Band
- The Future Farmer CreedRudolph Burk
- Address.....Hon. Joe Starnes
- Recognition of Visitors.....

--W. P. Gilbert
Reporter

PINE APPLE F. F. A. NEWS

Our chapter put on a negro minstrel Friday night, November 30. We cleared \$21.45. Our Library Committee was given ten dollars to be used in matching county and state money. The committee has already deposited our funds with the county school treasurer and it has also selected our list of books and has turned that over to the county superintendent of education. Twenty books were purchased for our library.

In October, we had a Hallowe'en party. Forty-six boys and girls and our school faculty were present. The members of the party enjoyed apple bobbing, cane chewing, banana feeding contest, tail and mule, and various other games. In addition to the games, the group enjoyed eating twenty-five friars, fifteen loaves of bread, six gallons of parched peanuts, and five dozen apples.

During the year we have put up money to match county and state funds to be used in buying additional equipment for our school shop. In the end we got sixty dollars worth of new shop tools by putting up ten dollars. This objective was accomplished in September.

Out of thirty F. F. A. members, we have twenty-six boys starting home orchards.

REFORM F. F. A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1934-35

1. Took an active part in a district F. F. A. father-son and friend banquet at Millport where Congressman W. B. Bankhead was awarded the degree of State Farmer.
2. Put on two F. F. A. initiations.
3. Sponsored father-son and mother-daughter banquet here last year.
4. Put on a fiddlers' convention and box supper.
5. Sponsored entertainment by the Dixie Comedy Company.
6. Entered public speaking contest sponsored by the Barrett Company. Gilbert Boles won 300 pounds of Arcadian Nitrate of Soda, which he used as a demonstration of corn fertilizer. Pratt Junkin and Clayton McDaniel each won an Eversharp pencil.
7. Entered essay contest on Rarer Elements which was sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau. Renzo Bonner, Clyde Caraway, and G. B. Clarke each won a high quality fountain pen.
8. Entered Chilean Nitrate of Soda Cotton Production Contest. Colon Vails qualified for this contest. He received as a gift from the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Company four hundred pounds of Nitrate of Soda which he used on two acres of cotton. Watch the Carrollton paper and a little later you may see the results obtained.
9. Repaired the playground swings, making new hooks and seats.
10. Constructed playground apparatus, consisting of twelve tete-a-tetes.
11. Made Greenhands out of every freshman except three.
12. Made and hung gates on the park fence at Graham Field.
13. Attended the State F. F. A. convention at Auburn last summer.
14. Visited Governor B. M. Miller in his office at the Capitol.
15. Visited the State Department of Education in Montgomery.
16. Visited the Department of the Fish and Game Commissioner in Montgomery; also visited the Halls of the State Representatives and Senators.
17. Visited Tuskegee Institute.
18. Attended the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham in a group.

URIAH F. F. A. NURSERY

The Uriah F. F. A. chapter has conducted and made a success in developing a cooperative chapter nursery. The nursery work was carried on by the members of the chapter at vacant periods and at regular vocational agriculture periods. The chapter has been conducting this work for the last three years. The chapter received the advice and supervision of Mr. J. A. Parrish, vocational teacher.

URIAH F. F. A. NURSERY (CONT'D)

The F. F. A. boys who did work at vacant periods last year were given the following shrubs: 122 Abelia and 91 Ligustrum Lucidium, all one-year-old plants. All of the members will be given a number of shrubs for regular work equal to \$1.00, which will mean \$30 worth.

The chapter now has the following shrubs: Ligustrum Lucidium, rooted cuttings 295, 2 years old 401, 3 years old 31; Abelia, rooted cuttings 100, 2 years old 164, 3 years old 165; Wegelia Rosa, 3 years old 85; Spirea Van Houtte, 3 years old 63. Specimen of these plants are on exhibition at the Farmers' Exchange, Monroeville, Alabama.

The chapter is promoting its nursery work more this year so that members will get more shrubs and to increase the chapter funds. --- Jeff Mims, Jr., Reporter.

F. F. A. IS SUCCESSFUL WITH OYSTER SUPPER

The Dixons Mills Chapter of the F. F. A. gave its annual oyster supper this fall. This get-together meeting in the community was a success, socially and financially. The advertising committee, Herbert Green, chairman; Willard Etheridge, John Marshall Garris and Mathew Bradford; and the financing committee, A. L. Boutwell, chairman; Curtis Allen Dunning, Woodie Goodwin, Herndon Green, and Gray Hill, were largely responsible for the good attendance at the supper.

The color scheme of orange and black was effectively carried out by the decorating committee, Joseph Pearson, chairman, Bernard Green, and Frederick Dismukes. Autumn flowers and corn shocks gave the impression of an autumn scene.

The home economics department cooperated with the chapter in making the supper a success. Mrs. Edgar, the home economics teacher, supervised the cooking. The following girls of the home economics club did the serving: Grace England; Adala Griffin, Frances Norris, Mildred Glass, and Blanche Boutwell. The girls were dressed in uniform carrying out the fall color scheme.

Miss Osceola Green of Thomasville, Alabama, furnished the music.

The F. F. A. chapter used the proceeds from the supper to buy a beautiful U. S. flag and an F. F. A. banner and framed pictures for their class room. In appreciation of the assistance of the home economics department, the chapter donated three dollars to that department.

The officers of the Dixons Mills chapter, who are Clifford Pope, president; Joseph Pearson, vice-president; Afton Jowers, secretary; and Norman Dunning, Jr., treasurer, are to be commended for the success of their annual oyster supper. ---Herbert Green, Reporter.

CHAPTERS SUBMITTING STATE AND NATIONAL DUES
SINCE LAST NEWS LETTER

One hundred and fourteen of the 117 chapters have submitted state and national dues, membership lists, and programs of work. The three chapters that have not submitted this material are: CAMP HILL, GLENCOE, MAGNOLIA.

The following chapters have submitted dues, membership lists, etc., since the last news letter was issued: Scottsboro, Dozier, Excel, Gordo, Midland City, Phil Campbell, Winfield, Lyeffion.

NEW CHARTERS ISSUED

On January 8, the State Association issued new charters to the following chapters: Cuba, Berry, Falkville, Bear Creek, Billingsley, and Auburn Collegiate. There still remain two schools without chartered chapters of F. F. A. They are Brilliant and Grant. The State Association hopes that these two new departments will soon find it possible to organize chapters and apply for charters. The Executive Committee has information to the effect that within a short time this will be done. It is to be hoped that the chapters will be organized and chartered at an early date in order that they may receive the benefits of membership in the State Association and be prepared to have their representation at the annual meeting.

F. F. A. COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH CHILEAN NITRATE
OF SODA EDUCATIONAL BUREAU

At the 1934 F. F. A. state convention, the organization went on record as approving the Demonstration and Rarer Elements Essay Contests. Time is drawing near for F. F. A. chapters to make selections and qualify in these programs. We will have 118 demonstrations in the State. Some chapters will be able to get two if other chapters fail to qualify. It is suggested that chapters make their first and second choice selections, giving name of demonstrator, location, and whether it will be corn or cotton. This must be done and Mr. M. E. Pearson, 200 Lee Street, Montgomery, Alabama, notified not later than February 15, 1935. Read your regulations on this work and make selection of place and demonstration accordingly.

The Rarer Elements Contest carries nice state and district prizes, and in addition, every boy entering last year received a worthwhile gift from the Chilean company. Read rules on this contest. Your essays must be in the mail not later than midnight March 1. Material for study and the winning essays last year can be had by writing Mr. M. E. Pearson, 200 Lee Street, Montgomery, Alabama. This has been sent all teachers and we are all hoping for some splendid essays this year.

Remember the closing dates - Demonstrations - February 15.
 Essay Contest - March 1.

Let's have a good year in this and in all other F. F. A. activities.
