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MY TRIP TO CHICAGO

(By Robert Gay, President of Five Points F.F.A. Chapter)

As everyone knows, my trip to Chicago was based on project work. My project consisted of seven acres of cotton. It was my F. F. A. project, as well as my 4-H project. As I was taking agriculture, I tried to use the most modern ways of cultivating and fertilizing this project. For fertilizer I used "The Auburn Mixture," which consisted of 400# acid, 200# Arcadian Nitrate of Soda, and 50# potash per acre. The project was of the D-P-L-4-8 variety, and I cultivated it four times. I made eight bales of cotton on this seven-acre plot. I kept definite data on one acre and it made 1530# of seed cotton.

For this good project I was awarded a trip to Chicago by the Arcadian Nitrate of Soda Company. I was told of this trip only a week ahead of time, and of course it was a great surprise to me. I left home on Saturday, December 1, via the L. & N. Railroad. I enjoyed the trip going to Chicago because on the way I saw all the different sections of the country and some of the grain fields of Indiana and Ohio. I arrived there on Sunday and registered at the Congress Hotel. I was accompanied on this trip by seven other boys and Mr. T. A. (Dad) Simms of Auburn.

While we were there, we visited the Livestock Show and saw the National 4-H Club Exhibit. We made a tour of the plants of Swift and Company, Wilson and Company, International Harvester Company, McCormick Twine Mills, Libby's plant, and Armour and Company's packing plant. We were guests at the banquets held annually for the boys by the different companies named above. They always afford a good time for the boys, and they encourage agricultural work, of which the F. F. A. is a part.

We visited the Adler planetarium and the Field Museum also.

On Friday, December 7, 1934, we left for home. When I arrived and was back in school, I told my adventures of the trip to the F. F. A. boys. It inspired them, for they resolved that one of the F. F. A. boys win something this year. I like F. F. A. work and plan to keep it up as long as I attend school.

BROADCAST OF MARCH 2, 1935, BY MIDLAND CITY F. F. A. CHAPTER

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| 1. Theme Song ----- By Club Boys | 4. Good Night Little Girl of My |
| 2. Home on the Range --- By Odell Kelly | Dreams-- By Odell Kelly |
| 3. Home Garden for Alabama-- By Gaston Patterson | 5. Bird Day--- By DeWitt Garrett |
| | 6. Closing Song --- By Odell Kelly |
| | ---DeWitt Garrett, Radio Chairman |

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WARD F. F. A., 1934-35

During the month of September, 1934, the Ward F. F. A. Chapter planned a program of work for the year 1935. There was a motion passed that we make a strong effort to get new applicants.

Our Jr. III class being very small and widely scattered, we have been able to get only two boys into our club work. The chapter sponsored a play given at the Ward High School auditorium, netting around \$10.00. In November we had a big chicken fry, inviting the girls. (Every one had a good time!)

One of our boys had the misfortune to get his foot cut off. The chapter is paying the expenses of typing lessons for him as he can no longer take vocational agriculture.

In order to let the members get more training in the work we elected new officers in January for the rest of the year. On February 16, we sponsored an oyster supper. Ten gallons of oysters were sold. Everyone got a good fill and had a good time. We planned a program for our next meeting, putting out shrubbery and shade trees for campus beautification.

We are continuing our pig project, expecting to make a little income from this, since the scraps from the school lunches aren't costing anything.

We expect to carry on our Chilean Nitrate Contest to completion and we are going to put out a great effort to win the radio set. We think the Chilean Nitrate Company is doing a great deed in sponsoring this.

NEWS FROM PHIL CAMPBELL CHAPTER

F. F. A. members, Coach Hughes, and Misses Rhodes and Ellison of the faculty, attended the chicken stew at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeder, which was sponsored by the F. F. A. Everyone seemed to enjoy it very much.

Last Friday the F. F. A. presented the following program:

House called to order - President Davis
Devotional - Hollis Defoor
Guitar Solo - Jack Davis
Talk on a Social - John Camp
Biggest Watermelon Tale - Frank Cain and Alta Cook
What I Learned at Auburn Last Summer - Mason Camp

Jack Davis, Frank Cain, Hollis Defoor, and Junior Parrish were elected as delegates to the district F. F. A. convention at Rogersville, which will be held the 14th and 15th of March.

The F. F. A. basketball has not been successful in all of the games it has played; however, many of the opponents have been among the best of the Junior teams of the county. The first game was lost to Gravel Hill by a five point margin, while Frankfort, runner up in the county tournament, won over the F.F.A. twice, once by only two points. In a hard fought game with Spruce Pine, the Future Farmers were beaten by two points. However, during the tournament at Phil Campbell, the team was successful in two fill-in games with Dime and Shady Grove, winning each game by a comfortable margin.

NEWS FROM PHIL CAMPBELL CHAPTER (CONT'D)

Three of the outstanding achievements of the chapter this year have been the erection of a flag pole on the campus, the beginning of an F. F. A. library, and the planting of shrubbery around each of the school buildings.

The F. F. A. boys have been selling candy recently. The money made in this way is to be used in buying shrubbery for the campus.

ATMORE F. F. A. CHAPTER STARTS LIBRARY

At the last meeting of the Atmore Chapter of F. F. A., the library committee made a report that shows they have been working. The chapter has for one of its objectives this year the starting of an F. F. A. library. The library committee was appointed at the beginning of school. Working in cooperation with Mr. R. E. Hodnette, principal of the school, they have succeeded in starting the library with fifteen books. The following is a list of some of the best books of fiction:

The Blazed Trail
The Haunted Bookshop
Penrod
Jeremy
The Covered Wagon
Young Fu
Snake Gold

This is a good start and more books will be added from time to time. The books will be checked out and in by the F. F. A. librarian in the same way that books are handled in other libraries.

NEWS FROM COLUMBIANA CHAPTER

The Columbiana Chapter of Future Farmers of America of the Shelby County High School planned at the first of the year 1934-35 to make an educational tour during the summer of 1935. The exact route for the tour has not yet been decided. To finance this trip the boys had to have some way to make the money so they planned to buy fruit trees and seed in large quantities and sell them to the farmers at a small profit. The Chapter was not only making money for the tour but was also helping the farmers by getting the seed and fruit trees cheaper for them.

Another project that the Chapter has for making money for the educational tour is a lunch room installed in the school. In this lunch room hamburgers, hot soups, peaches with cream, and ice cream are sold.

The Chapter held its last initiation for the year 1934-35 on Thursday, March 5, initiating five new members.

--Randolph Minor, Reporter.

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE ISABELLA CHAPTER
1934-35

1. Have father-son-mother-daughter banquet.
2. Raise Green Hand members to Future Farmers as soon as eligible.
3. Have two or more meetings with Home Economics Club girls.
4. Have at least three socials during year.
5. Have members enter contests.
6. Put on chapel programs.
7. Make monthly reports to news letter and local papers.
8. Send delegates to State Convention.
9. Carry band to State Convention.
10. Complete shower bath and room.
11. Improve campus.
12. Improve library (F.F.A.)
13. Complete F. F. A. bulletin board.
14. Require every member to own a manual.
15. Encourage boys to carry out a supervised practice program.
16. Have regular prepared programs put on by chapter every two weeks.
17. Have members apply for State degree.
18. Increase Green Hand members as much as possible.
19. Strive to have 100 per cent dues paid.
20. Encourage live-at-home programs on the farm.
21. Keep in touch with State organization.
22. Chapter to assist in maintaining order on campus and in buildings.
23. Learn to sing F. F. A. songs.
24. Chapter to conduct a project tour.

ROBERTSDALE CHAPTER HOLDS FATHER-SON-MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Robertsdale F. F. A. and F. H. A. Chapters held their annual father-son-mother-daughter banquet on Friday night, February 1. We had many of our fathers and mothers out to enjoy the occasion with us. They all seemed to be well impressed with the work we have been doing in the two organizations.

Plans for this banquet were made at a joint meeting of the two organizations at which T. V. Abercrombie, president of the F. F. A. Chapter, presided. The following committees were appointed: Foods Committee, Arrangements Committee, Program Committee, Transportation Committee, Finance Committee, and Invitation Committee. All of these committees worked well in planning and getting things ready for the banquet. After the appointment of these various committees, the two chapters voted to invite the following people as guests: Mr. P. C. Brook and Miss Hayley, district supervisors; Mr. S. M. Tharp, County Superintendent of Education; Mr. E. E. Hale and Miss Verna Patterson, County and Home Demonstration Agents; Mr. C. F. Taylor, principal of the school; and the Local Board of Trustees. We were sorry that Mr. Brook and Miss Hayley and the members of the County Board could not be present.

At this banquet the following program was given with Miss Chole Cooper, member of the Home Economics Chapter, acting as toastmaster in a very efficient manner.

1. My Supervised Practice Program ----- Michael Baldwin
2. Our program of work for this year ----- Francis Nelson

ROBERTSDALE CHAPTER HOLDS FATHER-SON-MOTHER-DAUGHTER
BANQUET (CONT'D)

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| 3. Guitar Solo ----- | Grover Hobbs |
| 4. Annual Program of Work of the Department ----- | J. A. Benford |
| 5. Music ----- | Irma Starkey and Grover Hobbs |
| 6. My Project Work ----- | Mary Helen Stephenson |
| 7. Annual Program of Work for the Department ----- | Miss Clara Rhodes |
| 8. Piano Solo ----- | Irma Starkey |
| 9. Function of Vocational Agriculture and Vocational
Home Economics in Our School ----- | C. F. Taylor |
| 10. My Personal Opinion of Our F. F. A. Chapter ----- | T. V. Abercrombie |

Following the program, short speeches were made by the guests.

With the members of the two organizations donating, and the home economics department preparing the food, we found it necessary to charge only 15 cents for each member including his father.

-----Wilton Racine, Reporter.

F. F. A. SERVICE LETTER NO. 91

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THE REVISED F. F. A. MANUAL

During December the latest revision of the F. F. A. Manual was released through the Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since that time several thousand copies have been distributed. This Service Letter has been prepared to call attention to certain major changes and improvements made in this revised edition of the F. F. A. Manual:

1. Increased in size from 64 to 75 pages.
2. Revision and new matter added under "Future Farmers of America and its Purposes" - pages 4, 5, and 6.
3. Added new feature on page 8, "Brief Historical Sketch."
4. Revised "Suggested State Constitution," page 17.
5. Added new feature on meeting room arrangement, page 21.
6. Slight additions and changes made in "Opening and Closing Ceremonies," pages 22 and 23.
7. Added "Suggested Order of Business" for meetings, page 23.
8. All degree ceremonies improved, pages 24 to 35.
9. Added new feature, "Suggested Ceremony for Receiving Candidates into Honorary Memberships," pages 36 to 37.
10. Supplied new set of "Sample Chapter Minutes," page 45.
11. Added new Program of Work Material, pages 46-54.
12. Revised "Short Plays for Entertainments," page 69.
13. Revised Book List, pages 70-75.
14. Revised "Where to Get F.F.A. Supplies," page 75.

The price of the Manual remains the same - 15¢ per copy. There is no better source of information on F. F. A. matters available. Every member should own a copy. It is hoped that State Associations are urging chapters to see that members obtain Manuals and use them.

F. F. A. SERVICE LETTER NO. 91 (CONT'D)

The 1935 National F.F.A. Program of Work contains these items:

- No. 3 "Encourage use of official opening and closing ceremonies in chapter meetings and State Conventions.
Goal: 100% of chapters and State Associations using ceremonies regularly.
- No. 4 "Encourage possession and use of Manual by every member.
Goal: 75% of members owning Revised Manual by 8th National Convention."

WILL WE REACH OUR GOALS?

F. F. A. SERVICE LETTER NO. 92

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OUTLINE OF 1935 NATIONAL F. F. A. RADIO PROGRAM

Annual Theme - "The New Era in American Agriculture."

Monthly Themes - "Thrift"; "Patriotism"; "Loyalty"; "Citizenship";
"Sportmanship"; "Continuous Education"; "Conservation";
"Cooperation"; "Leadership"; "A Satisfying Farm Home";
"Choosing Farming Occupations"; "Organized Recreation."

Cooperating Agencies - The National Broadcasting Company; the U. S. Army Band; State Associations of F. F. A.

Dates and Time of Day - January 14; February 11; March 11; April 8; May 13;
June 10; July 8; August 12; September 9; October 14;
November 11; December 9; during the N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour.

State Associations Participating (tentative) - North Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, California,
Idaho, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oklahoma,
West Virginia, New York, Wisconsin.

Regular Features - Music by the U. S. Army Band. News Flashes from the U. S. Daily News. F. F. A. Radio Bulletin Board.

Special Features - Timely and seasonal events of importance. Playlets and Skits. Interviews, talks and addresses. Special music.

Mark up the dates on your calendar. Get the habit of listening in on the second Monday of the month during the Farm and Home Hour. We will always try to have a good program for you.