Some of the winners of the F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest. Reading left to right: First row—J. Johnson, Vernon; J. Wood, Smith Station; R. Oden, Isabella; C. Williams, Isabella; A. Mixon, Frisco City; W. Eden, Odenville; O. Jordan, Haleyville; T. Albert, Atmore. Second row—D. Hutchinson, Silas; J. Sisson, Vernon; W. Saint, Colbert County; W. Mitchell, Marbury; C. Fossett, Scottsboro; F. Stephenson, Mt. Hope; M. Patty, Cedar Bluff. Third row—B. Lester, Perry County; W. Crawford, Perry County; T. L. Dennis, Montgomery County; J. Nall, Escambia County; P. O. Gevynn, Escambia County; C. Lucy, Collinsville; J. Ussery, Millport; P. Medlock, Gaylesville.

SUPERVISED PROGRAMS
SUCCESS AT JEMISON

The Supervised Practice Program is one of the most important phases of Vocational Agriculture. The average student thinks of supervised practice as project work alone, but it is only a small part of an outstanding program. Supervised practice is the student's putting into actual farm operation what he has learned in Vo-(continued on page 3)

IMPORTANT
On page 2 will be found full information on the F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest sponsored by the Alabama Chapters and the Barratt Company in behalf of Arcadian, The American Nitraxt of Soda. This information in poster form was mailed-(continued on page 3)

PAID-UP CHAPTERS
The following 31 Chapters (about 23 per cent of the total) are to be congratulated for sending in their State and National dues by November 1:
Fort Payne 32; Moundville 15; Rockford 19; Millport 88; Bakerhill 20; Millerville 55; New Brockton 16; Midland City 40; Marbury 30; Vernon 12; Atmore 20; Belgreen 28;-(continued on page 7)
**F. F. A. Chapter, State And National Public Speaking Contest**

Sponsored by Alabama Chapters Future Farmers of America and The Barrett Company,

On Behalf of ARCADIAN, THE AMERICAN NITRATE OF SODA.

Again this year the Barrett Company offers 200 pounds of Arcadian Nitrate of Soda to the winner in each chapter entering the Public Speaking Contest by February 1st 1936, completing on time and agreeing to meet the requirements of this contest.

The State will be divided into fifteen small districts of seven to eleven schools for eliminations. The fifteen district winners will then be rearranged into five smaller districts known as semi-finals. The right to represent the State in the Regional contest will be determined at the State Meeting of the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America at Auburn in July, 1936. Five contestants winning in the five districts will compete for this.

In addition to the 200 pounds of Arcadian Nitrate of Soda in each chapter contest, the Barrett Company also offers ten dollars ($10) to the winners in each of the five districts as help in coming to the State Meeting in Auburn in July, 1936. The final winner in the State Contest will go fifty dollars ($50) to be used in going to the Regional Contest.

All rules governing the chapter contest will be in accord with the National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest. Each Chapter to be eligible to share in prizes, must agree to meet the requirements of this contest.

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**Rules and Suggestions of Chapter Contests**

1. As many members of affiliated chapters as desire may enter contest.

2. On the final night of chapter contest, the time must be 6 competing.

3. Eliminations (where more than 6 enter) must be held before March 1st. Final in Chapter contest before March 15, 1936.

4. Names of all boys entering contest. The subject selected must be sent to W. H. Appleton, 123 Carnegie Way, N. W., Atlanta, by Feb. 1, 1936.

5. Subjects must be agricultural and approved by local adviser.

6. Manuscript must be original.

7. Local chapter, with Principal, President of chapter and local adviser, will work out method of elimination.

8. Judging must be done locally by persons appointed by principal, president and adviser.

9. Winner in each chapter contest must agree to use Arcadian Nitrate of Soda in supervised practice program, furnishing record of production to the Barrett Company.

10. Final winners in the Chapter Contest with typed copy of manuscript must be mailed to W. H. Appleton (address above) and district supervisor by March 20th, 1936, so that arrangements may be completed for fifteen district meetings.

11. Contestants should call on local adviser for suggestions of subject and subject matter, and on English teacher for help on and criticism of manuscript.

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**Suggestions**

1. Local advisers should arrange for contestants to meet groups of farmers in different communities giving boys practice in delivery and the group agricultural information in the manuscript.

2. The final night program in the chapter should include: (a) Speaking contest, (b) Musical numbers, (c) F. F. A. Songs, (d) Program of Work, (e) F. F. A. Creed. (f) Opportunity for visitors to express themselves.

3. Quotations in manuscript must give reference and quotation marks. Each Judge will place all speakers, hand in placement sheet to principal, who will make awards after compilation of Judge's score. The judging shall be according to attached plan of the National Public Speaking Contest.

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**Fifteen District Contests**

1. Schools will be grouped as closely as possible to get the required number for first elimination after the chapter winner has been determined.

2. It is strongly urged that the local chapter bear the gas and car expense for their entry at this district meeting.

3. This district contest must be held by April 15th, 1936, with every chapter winner desiring entering. It is suggested that it be held as near the center of district as possible. In the center of district as possible on invitation of the chapter sponsoring it, Barbeque or entertainment for the visiting speakers may be provided for. Winners in the chapter contest with typed copy of manuscript must be in the hands of Mr. Appleton and District Supervisor by March 30th, if this is to be planned.

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**Five Districts in Semi-Finals**

1. Winners in the fifteen districts above must be in the hands of Mr. Appleton and the district supervisor by April 25th, 1936, so that the final five meetings may be arranged for.

2. Semi-Finals, five district will be held upon invitation at some chapter by May 20th, 1936. There will be three contestants in each of these five districts and the winner in each of these will be in the final State Contest at the State Meeting in Auburn in July, 1936.

3. Winners in the semi-Finals must furnish the district supervisor with four copies of manuscript. double spaced, glossy photograph 3 in. X 5 in, and a signed statement that manuscript is original by June 16th, 1936.

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**State Contest**

1. To be held during State Meeting (Probably on Friday night).

2. Eligibility: Any member in good standing, not over 21 years of age.


4. Time limit: 10 minutes in length and five minutes for Judges' questions.

5. Winner: Prize of $50 and right to represent State at Regional Contest.

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**Supplement to Contest**

In addition to the 200 lbs. soda to each chapter winner in Public Speaking Contest, the Barrett Company also offers District prizes of $30 cash.

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**FINAL ENTRY DATE FEBRUARY 1, 1936; FINAL CHAPTER CONTEST DATE MARCH 30, 1936.**

SPECIAL ATTENTION: RULES 4 AND 10.
to one chapter in each of the three districts, (said $30 to be used in chapter or department equipment), for the best demonstration using soda won in contest. This demonstration to be judged on:

1—Per cent increase in yield of soda plot over check plot.

2—Number people visiting demonstration.

3—Amount and kind of publicity.

Each chapter to submit records on three above points and also plan for using the $30 in case they win.

NOTE: This $30 to each of the three districts is in addition to the 200 lbs. soda to each chapter winner and the $100 used in sponsoring the State Contest.

IMPORTANT

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The great importance of public speaking for every American boy is unquestioned. It is the hope of G. T. Sargent, assistant supervisor, and all F. F. A. officials, including local officers, that a great number enter the contest this year.

FIVE CHAPTERS ORGANIZE

DISTRICT F. F. A. AT MARION

The first step toward organizing a district F. F. A. was taken October 11 when the Orrville, Akron, Moundville and Felix Chapters met with the Marion Chapter. Much interest and enthusiasm were displayed by all Chapters entering the district organization. We firmly hope and trust that this inspiration continues and that full cooperation will exist within the organization at all times.

We did not elect officers but did arrange a program of work for the year. Each adviser, along with his F. F. A. members, contributed his ideas in arranging the program. We combined these and set up a standard which all the chapters pledged to carry out 100 per cent. After finishing the business of the meeting, the Marion Chapter entertained the group with special speeches, music, and refreshments.

District organizations bring our farm boys together in one, big cooperative spirit and broaden their social contacts. If we really mean to accomplish worth-while achievements, I firmly believe that the best arrangement is through the district organization.

The following program of work has been adopted for the district organization: Chapters raise $400 for Crippled Children’s Fund; distribute 150,000 fish in Perry, Hale, and Dallas Counties (Marion Chapter distributed 50,000 of this amount); organize a District F. F. A. String Band; encourage music in each chapter; Chapters to open and close meetings according to manual; each Chapter to develop a good nursery; prune trees, landscape churches, schools and other important buildings; sponsor public speaking and essay contests among Chapters; each Chapter make a long educational tour during summer; each Chapter sponsor a basket ball team; hold basket ball tournament and award loving cup to the winner; raise all eligible Green Hands to Future Farmer Degrees; sponsor district F. F. A. radio broadcast; sponsor livestock judging contest; hold district “get-together” at some camping place; Chapters, when possible, sponsor a glee club; outstanding F. F. A. boy in district organization receive prize for his work in agriculture; and have at least one State Farmer from district organization each year. — J. B. Deavours, adviser.
ANDALUSIA DISTRICT F. F. A. WAS FORMED ON OCTOBER 7

The Andalusia District F. F. A. was organized at the McKenzie High School on Oct. 7, with representatives from the seven schools present. The district organization is composed of the Chapters from McKenzie, Evergreen, Pleasant Home, Straughn, Rawls, Dozier, and Red Level. These represent four counties.

The McKenzie Chapter had charge of the program and among the interesting features was a discussion of the purpose of the District F. F. A. by P. C. Brook of Auburn, and W. H. Purser. Rowsl Chapter Adviser.

After the program the following officers were elected: Bernice Johns, Dozier, president; Aubrey Smith, Evergreen, first vice-president; Erilc Josey, Red Level, second vice-president; Jammie Brogden, Rawls, secretary; Bernard Mathews, Straughn, treasurer; Edwin Parker, Pleasant Home, reporter; and J. W. Matthews, Dozier, adviser.

All important committees were appointed at the first meeting and we have a tentative program of work submitted by that committee which includes the following items: special district program at Andalusia for the public; make district project tour; seven members of District to receive State Farmer Degree this year; use of the activity program; serve all committee work must be approved by a majority vote of the committee.

MESSAGE FROM VICE-PRES.

By this time all Chapters should have the year's work well under way in order that we may make this the best year in F. F. A.'s history. I am asking each Chapter in the State to encourage musical talent and start a string band. At first there may not be more than one or two in the Chapter who will take an interest in this work. However, if at each meeting you will let the band play on the program, you will find that others become interested in music and will join the band.

Another very important activity of the program of work is the sponsoring of cooperative organizations. We now have a number of such Chapters in the State. If there is no such organization near you, try to get your Chapter and four or five others to form a District F. F. A. Greater interest will be created in the F. F. A. work if each Chapter strives to be the leading one in the district organization.—William Crawford.

CHEROKEE

The Cherokee Chapter held its first official meeting and unanimously agreed to raise $80 to assist in repairing and equipping Convalescence Homes for Crippled Children in Alabama.—Clarence Moody, Reporter.

MAX SIMMONS MAKES FINE RECORD IN MARION F. F. A.

In 1932 Max Simmons enrolled in Junior III Vocational Agriculture at the Marion County High School and joined the F. F. A.

His first year's Supervised Practice Program included 2½ acres of oats followed by soybeans for hay, two acres of cotton, and a pig to grow into a brood sow. The oat and bean hay made a profit of near $40, the profit on the cotton was $22.46, and the gilt grew into a nice sow valued at $25. Also that year he established a fine scholastic record.

The next year his sow died but he came back with a "will to win" and purchased another of the same high breeding and continued to enlarge his Supervised Practice Program. This year he raised the sow, two acres of oats and vetch followed by soy beans for hay, two acres of corn, and bought trees for continuing his orchard and starting his Horticulture Project. He also pruned and cared for the old trees and increased their productivity. This year's profit from all projects was nearly $70 besides still having a good sow and an improved orchard.

In the Fall of 1934 plans were made for his last and banner year in Vocational Agriculture. It found him with a good brood sow, a much improved orchard, and a good crop in prospect.

This Fall his net profits will be near the $100 mark aside from several well established home improvements.

BEAUREGARD

The Beauregard Chapter has completed two of its major projects in the 1935-36 activity program. We have raised $80 for the Crippled Children's Fund by staging a barbecue sponsored jointly by the Chapter and the Opelika Kiwanis Club at which farmers of the county were entertained at the noon hour while on a county-wide tour. We also sold ice cream, cold drinks, and peanuts at school and at entertainments. Additional money was raised from the sale of advertising space on the curtain at the school building.

We have set aside $80 to give the qualified members of the Chapter a three-day free trip to the coast next summer. To qualify for the free trip, each member must meet the following standards: attend 90 per cent of the meetings and socials; serve on a permanent committee with a definite responsibility of carrying on a part of the activity program; serve on temporary committee when appointed; all committee work must be approved by a majority vote of the members of the Chapter.—Herbert Walton, Reporter.

ALICEVILLE

Since this is the first year that Vocational Agriculture has been offered in the Aliceville High School, the F. F. A. has never before had a chapter in this community. Because of this, Mr. Ivey, teacher of vocational agriculture, and the Chapter members are particularly proud of the fact that they have enrolled in this organization all of the 138 boys who are studying vocational agriculture this year.

The Chapter has undertaken two main projects for the first part of the year: a fund for the crippled children, and to landscape and plant the grounds around the new vocational building and to rework the shrubbery on the old grounds. —Claude Wallace, Reporter.

ORRVILLE

This Chapter is a new organization in Orrville. Our new building has just been completed, and we are very proud of it. We have just received new equipment, including all necessary tools to carry out our work.

Great interest has been shown by our F. F. A. members. We are going to carry out our work to the best of our ability. We have a 100 per cent payment of dues. We have raised $50 on our pledge to the Crippled Children's Fund. Although our chapter was not organized at the time, our Agriculture Department was represented at Auburn last summer at the State Convention.

The boys in the agricultural classes are going to have at least two projects each; some are planning to have a great interest in this agriculture and F. F. A. work. We hope that we will have a great organization at Orrville.

—Charles Hay, Reporter.

BIBB COUNTY

The Chilean Nitrate Demonstration sponsored by the Bibb County Chapter is located so that it can be seen from two main State highways. The side-dressed plots are showing up well and the estimating contest as to yield has been held with a good number attending.—Orrville McGuire.

CORNER

The Corner Chapter has staged a come-back this year. It started the year with 11 old members and has initiated 18 new members. All paid dues promptly. A well-rounded program is being accomplished. A brick garbage incinerator and barbecue pit have been installed on the campus and the laboratory area fence has been rebuilt with concrete gate posts. Our annual play (in the form of a minstrel) will be given at an early date; the nursery area is well-advanced; and several other objectives are being accomplished. A good program with work for every member seems to be the keynote for success.—Albert Manning, Reporter.

CARROLLTON

The Carrollton Chapter is one of the new chapters in the state this year. We have made application for our charter.

Twenty-eight of the 30 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture have joined the F. F. A. and paid their
dues. Since this is a new chapter we are waiting for Reform or Liberty to give us the Green Hand initiation. This will take place soon.

We are holding regular meetings every other Tuesday. The vocational building has been landscaped with $40 worth of shrubbery.

The drive for funds for the Crippled Children’s Fund is getting under way. Our first attempt was to sponsor a popularity contest. The winner was the sponsor at the football game between Carrollton and Aliceville on November 8.

REFORM

The Reform Chapter has been busy this year learning good farm practices. Many of our projects for the year have already been carried out. We had a great time at the State Fair to which we went as a group.

We held our annual Father-Son and Mother-Daughter Banquet with 125 present. Many fathers and mothers enjoyed the good program put on by the boys and girls. Another accomplishment was our Community Fair. We sponsored one of the best community fairs held in this section for many years. The F. H. A’s cooperated with us in this and we are planning to repeat this activity next year. During the fair we held a fiddlers’ contest, sold hotdogs, cold drinks and sandwiches, and ran guessing and beauty contests. We made about $24 for the Crippled Children’s Fund. We hope to be able to send all of the money in by Thanksgiving. The Clay County district was organized in September and we plan to be present at every meeting with a good delegation. The chapter has worked out a program to finance a tour next summer and also to finance trip to the State Convention.—John Slaughter, Pres.

NOTASULGA

The Notasulga Chapter recently elected the following new officers: Grady Fuller, president; Charles Segrest, vice-president; Edward Reynolds, secretary; Billy Edwards, treasurer; Warren Cloud, reporter.

William Campbell has a sow and litter of five pigs. He plans to keep the pigs for pork and breeding.

The Chapter is preparing a seed bed for seedling peaches. We expect to have several hundred trees ready by next fall for supervised practice programs.

Robert Long has 40 New Hampshire Red pullets and three roosters from his last year’s project. They are from blood-tested fowls. Richard Johnson had a tomato project. He supplied the family with tomatoes and sold his surplus. Warren Cloud’s Barred-Rock chicken project is proving highly successful.—Warren Cloud.

COOSA COUNTY HIGH

The newly organized Coosa County High Chapter at Rockford has completed its program of work for the year and is now ready to really accomplish its objectives. All committees have been appointed and are at work. The meetings are being opened and closed with the proper ceremonies and are carried out in a business-like manner.

We have pledged $2 for the State Convention next summer at Auburn. We plan to enter the public speaking contest and the essay contest. A large portion of our time will be spent in improving the school and school grounds.

COLUMBIA

The Columbia Chapter has elected eight Green Hands for the coming year with possibility of six or eight more. Almost half of the Vocational Agriculture students are new members.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Willard Palmer; vice-president, Haywood Wiley; secretary, Erban Wakefield; treasurer, Ivan Ivey; reporter, Porter Merritt.

The Chapter has already started raising money for the Crippled Children’s Fund by selling ice cream and peanuts at recess and lunch. We are planning to have a negro minstrel and carry it to the most important schools in the county.

The Chapter spent the night at the Vocational Agriculture building and elected Green Hands Tuesday night, October 29. After the Green Hands were elected, ice cream was served. The Chapter is organizing a boxing team to compete with the other chapters.—Edward Wade, Sub. Reporter.

MILLERVILLE

The Millerville Chapter is off to a good start. We have 35 paid-up members and all are more interested in F. V. A. work. Interest in our chapter has been helped by the past year’s activities. We have about 2,000 lining-out stock in our nursery. This recent addition makes a nice nursery for our chapter. Plans have been made to raise the $80 for the Crippled Children’s Fund. We hope to be able to send all of the money in by Thanksgiving. The Clay County district was organized in September and we plan to be present at every meeting with a good delegation. The chapter has worked out a program to finance a tour next summer and also to finance trip to the State Convention.—John Slaughter, Pres.

SWING ALONG WITH UNCLE SAM!

To maintain home purchasing power and business activity, agricultural leaders recommend American fertilizers. Arcadian, The American Nitrate of Soda, and Sulphate of Ammonia and Barrett’s other nitrogen carriers are domestic products of outstanding merit.
Although our chapter is still young, we have 19 members who are putting themselves whole-heartedly into the work. We will sponsor an entertainment for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Fund.

Our banquet committee is making preparations for our annual banquet. We feel that before that occasion rolls around we will have several new members. All members have received the Green Hand initiation. Our first three school improvement projects have been completed as follows: Building and installing tables for the classroom and work benches for the shop, building a storage room for the science department and constructing drains and placing top-soil around the vocational building.—Floyd Boyett, Special Reporter.

SLOCOMB

Cotton variety improvement work done by the Slocomb Chapter has resulted in several thousands of dollars of increased income to farmers of this community. Forty-seven farmers bought seed of the Cook-307 variety through a cooperative purchase made by the chapter in the spring of 1934. About 600 acres were planted from this and the farmers reported an average of about 200 pounds increase per acre in seed cotton over the seed that they were planting. This increase is equivalent to approximately 90 bales.

In the fall of 1934 the Chapter secured the cooperation of the two local gins in establishing special gin days for cotton produced from these seed in order to prevent mixing at the gin. One day in each two weeks was designated and advertised for this special ginning. The giners cleaned their gins before starting and then all cotton grown from these seed were ginned at one time. This caused a minimum of time and effort on the part of the ginner in cooperating with the program.

Farmers sold these seed to their neighbors and the remaining surplus was sold in the Spring to rehabilitation farmers.

The Cook-12 variety has been developed by the Alabama Experiment Station and seed are available. The chapter is changing from the "307" because the "12" produces more seed per acre and is of better staple length. Last spring the Chapter bought cotton seed of the Cook-12 variety for several farmers. We now have about 100 bushels available for planting next Spring. Cotton made from these seed was picked and held back an all ginned at one time this Fall in order to prevent mixing at the gin. In addition, approximately 50 bushels have been bought from the Station again this year and will be planted next Spring. Cooperation by the local gins has already been secured in designating special gin days again next Fall.

This one item of the chapter project of work is estimated by farmers and chapter members to have brought to the farmers in the community from $8,000 to $10,000 additional income for their cotton. It is one of reducing farmers' cost in producing his cotton allotment; it is not used as a means of producing a surplus above this amount.—Herring Woodham, Reporter.
THREE-DAY PROJECT TOUR
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After loading up in cars each day, the tour was started with the chapter adviser in charge of the tour in his community. On reaching the home of the boy with the project to be visited, the boy was placed in complete charge of the group. He not only told just how he planted, fertilized, and cultivated the field crop but would lead discussion while in the field on anything pertaining to the crop. Livestock, orchard, and other projects would be handled likewise.

Projects visited during the tour included Corn after Winter Legumes, Home Beautification, Orchard, Sow and Litter Pig Growing, Peanuts, Cotton, Hay, and Poultry.

SUPERVISED PROGRAMS ARE GREAT SUCCESS AT JEMISON
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Educational Agriculture under the direction of his vocational teacher.

For example, if a student is in his Horticulture year and takes a project in the Home Orchard, then, if he is to have a good supervised practice program, he must do a creditable piece of work in landscaping, gardening, farm shop, etc., in order to have a working knowledge of the enterprises he has covered in school work.

We may ask, What is the purpose of supervised practice? The answer is: To learn. What is to be learned that one would not get in the classroom? Supervised Practice offers excellent opportunities for acquiring reasoning habits that have common occurrence in life. This makes learning transferable, it develops ability to find and to apply technical knowledge, gives opportunities for acquiring operative skills, develops managerial and business ability, initiative, responsibility, and resourcefulness.

The teacher has the responsibility of stressing the importance of this program and helping the students carry it out. Without a good 100 percent Supervised Practice Program, no vocational agricultural program is what it should or can be.

The work of Victor Davis, Route 4, Clanton, is given as an example of the supervised practice program of 1932-33. Corn 3 acres, home orchard 60 trees; 1933-34, corn 3 acres, home orchard 60 trees, brood sow 1.

His best accomplishments were terracing 60 acres of land, growing winter legumes, care and feeding of brood sows, pruning, spraying and care of an orchard, year-round garden, and landscaping the home.

Other supplementary farm practices that he carried out were the use of recommended varieties and fertilizers for field and truck crops, clearing pasture, and the field selection of seed corn.

Other students have similar programs. Simpson Falkner, as a part of his supervised practice program, did an outstanding farm construction job in 1933. With the help of a younger brother he built a six-stable barn with loft at a cash outlay of only $4.38.

Farmers in the communities respect the supervised programs of the boys. This is evidenced by their desire to employ boys to do certain kinds of work. Frank Nelson, of Thorsby, sets out fruit trees, prunes orchards, and lays off terraces for farmers and absentee landlords in his community. Wilson Clemens has terraced many acres of land for cash. He won the confidence of the farmers with his supervised practice program. In 1933 he was employed and placed under the supervision of the vocational teacher to teach five adult schools in improved farm practices.

The four boys are now successful in their work. Three are farming.

J. P. Montgomery.

LINCOLN
The following new officers were elected by the Lincoln Chapter on September 11: Alfred Henry Turner, president; Daffin Black, vice-pres.; Sidney Jackson, secretary-treasurer; and Frank Williams, reporter.