F. D. R. Becomes “Pal” To Crippled Children Through National Act

Governor Graves Cooperates With Legislative Enactment To Relieve 8,000 Crippled Tots In Alabama

The National Social Security Act, recently enacted into legislation by the National Congress, made real a genuine “palship” between President Roosevelt and every crippled child in the United States of America.

Governor Bibb Graves, truly a friend of every crippled child in Alabama, has through legislative enactment in this State joined hands with President Roosevelt in his efforts to relieve the suffering and physical disabilities of the more than 8,000 crippled tots of his native state, Alabama.

Awaiting the re-assembling of Congress to make legal a federal appropriation for the crippled children’s program so abruptly halted in the closing hours of the last session of Congress, the State Board of Education is now planning an extensive program of aid to crippled children, which will reach every county of the State. The program is an educational one as well as one to physically restore the distorted bodies of that large group of Alabama’s handicapped little folks who are to have hospitalization, care and treatment, and the medical service of Alabama’s orthopedic surgeons equal to those of any state in the Union. Children with twisted limbs, club feet, hare lips, bone infections, bodies disfigured by burns, dislocated joints, and broken bones will be restored to normal condition in the cases of a large number while others will be restored to such an extent that they can take their places with their playmates in school.

Dr. J. A. Keller, State Superintendent of Education, made an outstanding address at the State Convention in Auburn. He is shown shaking hands with Ernie Lee Robinson, State F. F. A. President.

TALLADEGA CHAPTER WINS $150 WITH FINE EXHIBIT

The sum of $150 was won by the Talladega Chapter’s exhibit at the State Fair.

The boys brought in all varieties of farm products, including hay, cotton, corn, peanuts, vegetables, seed, etc., and worked out an attractive exhibit. An ideal farm home was one of the outstanding features of our exhibit.

The farm animals, made from vegetables, also added to the appearance of the display.

Every boy in the chapter cooperated and did good work to win the $150. Part of the money will be used for the benefit of the crippled children in Alabama.

Montgomery District Sets Up Big Program For The Present Year

The Montgomery District Association of Future Farmers of America—composed of five chapters in Montgomery, Elmore and Autauga Counties—has, through its program of work committee, recently set up 26 objectives around which its activities for the next 12-month period will be carried out.

The chapters in the Montgomery district are at Wetumpka, Holdville, Elmore, Ramer, and Marbury. The purpose of the district association is to assist the individual chapters in carrying out the State program of work and to furnish training for boys in order that they may make better State officers.

The objectives include the sponsoring of a district public speaking contest; an F. F. A. library for every chapter; a nursery conducted by each chapter to supply shrubbery to beautify local school grounds, churches, cemeteries and homes of F. F. A. boys; an annual father-son and mother-daughter banquet; organization of a district band; an educational tour and a district project tour; and a district camp and district rally during the Summer months.

The district organization will also assist chapters in making a first-aid study, and will encourage them to send delegates to the district meetings, to conduct fertilizer demonstrations, and to enter the annual essay contests sponsored by local fertilizer corporations. Other objectives include the organization of a district initiation team, the publication of a news letter, weekly radio programs, and the entry of at least two chapters in the national F. F. A. contest.

Officers and committee chairmen of the Montgomery District Association (continued on page 8)
The conditions of still others will be greatly remedied. The problem confronting those who are working out a definite program at the present time, even in the face of appropriations which have been made by the State and will be made by the National Congress, is one of reaching all of the crippled children who need attention at the present time. However, the difficulties presented by this problem are not looked upon as an insurmountable obstacle. Kind-hearted Alabama men and women will ever respond to the needs of this group of suffering children who in time will either take their places in our great army of industrial workers, civic and religious leaders or will sit by the wayside lamenting an unfortunate condition for which they are not responsible and over which they have no control.

We have 8,000 of these children now. They are in every community and in every county. The number increases year by year. The call to service in making possible convalescent facilities for crippled children is a responsibility assumed by boys and girls enrolled in the Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America organizations. This fine group of young men and women enrolled in the high schools of Alabama will not fail to carry the ball over the goal line in this great game which has as 8,000 spectators, little children who want to walk and move among their playmates as other children do.
Essay Contest
For Regularly Enrolled Students of Vocational Agriculture
In Alabama
SPONSORED BY
The Alabama Future Farmer Chapters
and
Teachers of Vocational Agriculture
In Co-operation With
The Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc.

To Members of The Alabama Future Farmers of America:

In sponsoring the Essay Contest this year, we want you to feel that this is your enterprise. The success or failure depends entirely upon the members of your organization. This is a worth while study, and in addition to the information you will get in preparing this manuscript, it is hoped that each student will take a personal interest in the farm studied, trying to assist the farmer to practice and profit by a better system.

To have a worth while interest, each chapter is expected to have several entries. In the rules printed below you will find the entire plan, subject, opening and closing dates. If there are other questions in your mind will you not write either Mr. Pearson or me? We shall be delighted to try and clear up any point to your entire satisfaction.

Let's start now, and carry to completion an outstanding Essay Contest.
Signed:
George T. Sargent,
Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education.

To The Students of Vocational Agriculture:

Last year the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., in cooperation with the Future Farmer Chapters and teachers of Vocational Agriculture in Alabama, instituted and carried to completion an Essay Contest on "Rare Elements."

This essay contest was in keeping with the long established policy of the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau to lend its support to all Official Agencies working for the improvement of crop yields and the quality of crops through scientific fertilization.

It gives us therefore, great pleasure to again place before you the opportunity of continuing an interesting and educational study of one of the major agricultural problems

1. THE SUBJECT OF THE CONTEST IS AS FOLLOWS:
Fertilizer and cropping practices of farmers in my community as compared to Experiment Station recommendations.

2. ELIGIBILITY: Any bona fide vocational agricultural student in white schools in Alabama.

3. LENGTH: It is recommended that the Essay contain not more than 2500 words. However, each contestant may determine the length of his essay.

FORMS: The essay may be typed or written (double space) or written in longhand. (Use only one side of paper.) It must be legible. If in longhand, it should be written with ink. It is recommended that paper 8 1/2 x 11 inches be used.

The name, address and school of contestant should be attached to essay on separate piece of paper. (Contestants are requested to submit with essay a list of the sources of information used.)

4. SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR PREPARING ESSAY:

Each student entering the contest will select or be assigned by his teacher, one or more farms in the community (no duplications) for study, as follows:

(a) Name and address of Farmer:
Size of farm and general remarks about its present productive status, soil types, crops grown and acreage of each, average yield of each crop and any other data of similar importance to a properly detailed description of the farm as an agricultural unit, and an income producer.

(b) Preparation of land, seed selection, varieties and rate of seeding.

(c) Fertilizer treatment; analysis used on each crop if complete fertilizer is used. If home mixed, give materials used and proportion of each material. Amount used per acre on each crop. Is side dressing practiced? If so, give name of material used amount per acre and time of application.

(d) Estimated cost of production per unit (pounds or bushels). Value of crops at current market price.

(e) How does the fertilizer treatment compare with the Experiment Station recommendations; what are the recommendations for each crop under the conditions; if the Experiment Station recommendations for fertilizer had been followed what yields would probably have been obtained, based on demonstration and experimental results. Compare the money returns obtained by the farmer under section (c) with the money returns he would have received if Experiment Station recommendations are followed.

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THE DISTRICT F. F. A.
By Cecil Cobia, State Treas.
I will say in the beginning that I
think the district should hold a large
place in our F. F. A. organization.
The district organizations for the past
year have carried out many worth­
while objectives. I will deal only with
the advantages that were out­
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of my own district, in writing on this
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From the individual's standpoint,
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
To All Local Presidents:
It is of great importance that you
consider at this time the order in
which your chapter meeting is to be
conducted. The State activity pro
gram requires that each chapter must
be properly equipped and that each
meeting must be conducted accord­ing
the manual.
It is my duty, which I am sure
will be a pleasure with the cooper­
ation of you and your chapter, to
make this part of the activity pro
gram one hundred per cent.
If you do not already conduct
meetings according to the manual, I
urge you to begin at once. This will
create greater interest in your meet­
ings and will make each officer feel
greater responsibility for his part in
the work of the chapter.
As soon as you have begun this
in your chapter, write me so I can
keep an accurate record.—William
Crawford, State Vice-President.

Message From State Secretary

Are you putting your best foot for­
ward for a progressive year of F. F.
A? Have you studied the great ac­tivity program set up at Auburn last
Summer and made plans for doing
your part to carry out these activities?
If you have, you are an asset to the
organization. If you have not, now
is the time to begin.
I hope every chapter has already
set up a chapter activity program
which is in line with the state and na­tional activity program and, at the
same time adapted to the local com­
nunity. If you have not, let me urge
you to do so at once.
Let me also urge you to begin
plans to conduct a nursery for the
purpose of furnishing shrubbery to
beautify school grounds, churches
and cemeteries, and all the homes of F.
F. A. boys. The best way to ad­
venturize our organization, as well as
to improve our own homes, is by
home beautification. A community
of well-landscaped homes bears the
proof of an active F. F. A.
Again this year the Chilean Na­
tural Nitrate Company is sponsoring
an essay contest. At least five boys
from your chapter should enter this
contest.
We are asking that you advance

your members to the Future Farmer degree team as fast as they become eligible. If your chapter is a member of a district organization, you should organize a district Future Farmer degree. This will arouse more interest in the advancement to this degree. —Neil Martin, State Sec.

Message From State Treasurer

I am sure that most of the chapters are now making plans for one of the best years that they have ever had in F. F. A. We feel like those that fail to put on a better program will be in the extreme minority. Annual programs of work are now being drawn up. I sincerely hope that every chapter has the payment of state and national dues listed as one of its immediate objectives.

Most of us have learned from experience that we will accomplish more of the objectives if we go about the job in a systematic way. A good way is to go over the annual program of work and list the approximate dates on which you expect to start work on each objective. In this arrangement, why not set Oct. as the month in which the drive for dues will be made. There is no reason why we can’t have 100 per cent of the chapters paying dues on time this year. It should be easier now to accomplish this objective than it has been in the last several years.

Those very few chapters that might lag behind in the payment of their dues can cause the treasurer, as well as the other state officers, lots of misery. I am taking this opportunity to ask the whole-hearted support of every chapter in the State in the matter of getting their dues in on time. By doing this, it will save embarrassment to all concerned and it will give the Chapters that feeling of well-being which follows a job well done.

Local chapters should not forget that their delegates voted to pay $2 toward defraying the expenses of our last annual convention. The best time to pay this $2 is when the chapter turns in its other dues. Payment at this time will discharge two obligations at once.—Cecil Cobia, State Treasurer.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS WHO WILL RECEIVE PRIZES

C. W. Wells, Jemison High School, won first place in the essay contest sponsored by the Alabama Experiment Station at Auburn. Second-place winner is Justice Wall, Elmore County High, with William Crawford, Perry County High, third, and John Slaughter, Millerville High, fourth.

Prizes to go to the above chapters are as follows: Jemison Chapter—choice of 4,000 slash pine or 4,000 black locust, donated by the Horticultural Department; Elmore County High Chapter—one pure bred Jersey bull, donated by the Animal Industry Department; Perry High Chapter—one pure bred boar, donated by the Animal Industry Department; and Millerville Chapter—five bushels of pure cotton seed, donated by the Agronomy Department.
ATMORE

The Chapter library, begun late last year, already has 26 volumes and the goal set for this year is 50 books. A good library is of much value to the local chapter work. Work for the formation of an F. F. A. district organization has begun. The district will include Atmore, Uriah, Frisco City, and Excel. Plans have been made to enlarge Atmore F. F. A. nursery which already contains about 500 young shrubs and 1,000 year-old cuttings. One of the most important committees appointed at the first of the school year was a Transportation Finance Committee. This committee has as its purpose the raising of $50 to take care of all chapter transportation costs on fishing trips and the trip to the convention next July. The Atmore F. F. A. and F. H. A. Chapters have as one of their objectives the raising of $100 for the Crippled Children Convalescence Home. The County Health Officer will give five first-aid talks at meetings this fall.
—Glenn Waters, Reporter.

CAMDEN

Last year our Chapter decided to grow fruit trees for home use. We now have approximately 175 peach trees of three varieties ready to plant in home orchards this fall. In addition, we have approximately 150 seedlings to put out. The success has been so great that we intend to carry a similar project this fall.

Plans have been made to raise the Chapter quota of $80 to be used in equipping Crippled Children's Convalescence Home in Alabama. If our present plans materialize, we will have raised our quota by October 15.

Ernest House, Charlie Thigpen, Otho Morris, and Edward Morris are working on the publicity committee.

Our first Schoolground Improvement Project will consist of making a concrete walk from the High School building to the highway. It will be 80 feet long and 8 feet wide. Work was started early this month. We are also contemplating constructing a circular drive to permit loading and unloading the "bus children" near the building, eliminating the hazard of their being hit by cars on the highway. We plan to build playground equipment later on.

LEIGHTON

The Leighton F. F. A. recently held its first Green Hand initiation and the following boys received degrees: R. C. Counts, Willard Partlow, James Carpenter, and James Goodlow. After the meeting a wiener roast was enjoyed by all present.

Following is the Chapter's new program of work: (1) cooperate with the American Fair Association in putting over the best fair ever held in the county; (2) sponsor repair and care of the high school buildings; (3) cooperate with all other chapters and home-economics organizations in raising funds for crippled children; (4) have a joint get-together of some kind for the fathers and mothers of the boys and girls taking vocational courses; (5) continue the East Colbert School Beautification program; (6) organize a basketball team; (7) sponsor recreational and social activities for the community; (8) increase the F. F. A. nursery with growing stock; (9) add volumes to chapter library; (10) have interesting program once a month at meetings; (11) sponsor a chapel program once each month; (12) make new library tables and paint the old ones; (13) promote the raising of better stock by the use of pure-bred sires; (14) cooperate with the TVA agricultural program; (15) send delegates to State Convention at Auburn next Summer; (16) send delegates to Muscle Shoals district monthly meetings.

—Olie Nichols, President.

ROBERTSDALE

The Robertsdale Chapter is cooperating with the State and local School Board in carrying out a project of adding two classrooms, and installing toilets, and drinking fountains at the school. Fire plugs are to be placed at corners of the campus which will assure the school of more safety from fire. Water will be run to both vocational departments and to the gymnasium where showers have been installed. According to present estimates the entire project will cost approximately $10,000. Our community will supply ten per cent of that amount and the Chapter has voted to donate $50. This project will furnish work for a great many workers who were formerly on relief.

To raise money for the objective, the chapter will sponsor two dances, sell articles made in the shop, and hold a fiddlers' convention. The dates for these social events have been set and placed on our social calendar. —Merrill Wise, Reporter.

MARION

Chapters from Akron, Marion, Orville, Moundville and Felix met at Marion on October 8, where a district organization was perfected. The Marion Chapter arranged the program consisting of music by the chapter's String Band, a discussion of the program of work for the district organization, and a talk by Mr. Want, superintendent of the huge fish hatchery near Marion. He discussed the stocking of 50,000 fish among the people of Perry County. The fish are provided by the Government hatchery. When this hatchery is completed it will be the largest in the United States.

There are a great many pools, lakes, and streams in the County that do not contain fish. The proposed distribution of fish will not only advertise our Chapter, but will constitute a real service to the County.

—Bill Lester, President.
Here is the program used recently for the District F. F. A. meeting at Muscle Shoals. The program is a well-balanced one which might be adopted for other district meetings:

1. Assembly, 7 P. M.
2. March and Music, 7:15 P. M.
3. House called to order 7:45.
4. Minutes of last meeting.
5. One joke from each chapter.
6. Committee reports.
7. Special music.
10. Discuss and plan for district F. F. A. basketball tournament, Cherokee Chapter.
11. How Can We Improve Our District Organization, Bellwood Chapt. c.
12. Old and new business.

—Bobby Pickens, Reporter.

**Vernon**

Grover C. Hoppe, first-year student, planted 1½ acres of pure-strain cotton on May 1. Although seasonal conditions were very unfavorable, a yield of 1,600 lbs. of seed cotton was grown and sold for $80. Four hundred pounds per acre of a 6-8-4 fertilizer was used. After deducting expenses actually paid out, there remained a labor-income of $53. With this money, Grover expects to purchase his school clothing, books, and defray other school expenses. He expects to feed-out 100 more, using the pullets for winter layers. —Howard Goodson.

—Paul Pruitt, Reporter.

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**ECLECTIC**

The F. F. A. and the F. H. A. have made plans to raise $80 and even more, if possible, for the Convalescence Home Fund. This is a worthy cause for which we are glad to work. We plan to give a play, a box supper, a fiddlers' contest and obtain donations from the P. T. A. Woman's Missionary Society, and individuals. Students will be called on to bring a few ears of corn to be sold for this fund.

The F. F. A. and the F. H. A. held the first social Tuesday night, Sept. 24. The F. H. A. girls, with the aid of the Home Economics teacher, worked out a list of sandwiches, pickles, cakes, and cookies for the party. Each boy and girl brought a different kind of sandwich in order to have a variety of food. We plan to have a number of socials similar to this one during the year.

**GUIN**

All officers of the Guin Chapter attended the District F. F. A. meeting at Bear Creek on September 7...

The Guin Chapter of F. F. A. and F. H. A. have plans well under way for raising their quota for the Convalescence Home Fund. The Chapter attended the Mississippi-Alabama State Fair at Tupelo, Miss.... The Chapter has its nursery plans well underway... We have the largest enrollment in the Chapter's history.

**ESSAY CONTEST**

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6. **OPENING AND CLOSING DATES:** The opening date will be Nov. 1, 1935. The contest closes Feb. 1, 1936. Essays must show a postmark mailing date of not later than midnight, February 1, 1936. Essays should be mailed to M. H. Pearson, 517 Sheppard Bldg., Montgomery, Alabama. Each Vocational Teacher will serve as Chairman of a committee of three in selecting the three best essays from his local chapter numbering them 1-2-3; and mail them together with all other essays written. This will greatly facilitate the work of the judges.

7. **HOW JUDGED:** Essays will be graded on:
   (a) Subject matter presented, 60 points.
   (b) Manner of presenting subject matter, 20 points.
   (c) Originality—(which may include any local experience or observation bearing on the subject gained from farmers, bankers, editors, dealers, other official workers and Experiment Station Publications) 20 points.

8. **PRIZES:**
   (a) Three prizes in each of the three Supervisors' districts, as follows: 1st: $25.00; 2nd: $15.00; 3rd: $10.00.
   (b) In addition to the above, a prize of $50.00 will be awarded to the contestant with the best essay in State. (The winner of this prize will not be eligible for a district prize.)

**MONTGOMERY DIST. PROGRAM**

(continued from page 1)

The officers are: Justice Wall, Eclectic, president; Warren Mitchell, Marbury, vice-president; Marvin Hall, Wetumpka, Secretary; Royce Cox, Holtville, Treasurer; William Paulk, Ramer, Reporter; and C. C. Herrin, chairman, constitutional committee; Justice Wall, chairman, publicity committee; Geo. Stoddard, chairman, radio committee; Robert Guylord, chairman, membership committee; Alex Chesnutt, chairman, program-of-work committee.

The new club year began with a district meeting at Wetumpka the first Monday night in October. We are looking forward to a year of hard work. Only through diligent work on the part of all F. F. A. members can we accomplish the above and make a creditable showing in the State.