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Ramer Wins State FFA Chapter Contest

An Important Message From Adviser Cammack

To Alabama Future Farmers:

IN MANY respects, last year was the banner year for the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America. I wish to congratulate the officers and the entire membership on the fine work and accomplishments of the past year. Forward steps were taken toward a permanent, constructive organization by the State Association, the district FFA's, and local chapters. The Association has grown during the past year in enrollment, participation on the part of members, and the type of program being carried out. The public in general is becoming conscious of the organization through the splendid publicity given it and through the leadership activities exercised by its members. This is very pleasing to me as well as to all other adults who have the honor, privilege, and pleasure of serving in an advisory capacity.

It was unfortunate that the state convention could not be held during July as planned. No one regrets this more than the state officers. Everything was planned for the most outstanding convention ever held and I know much good would have been accomplished if we had been privileged to carry through the program as planned. You, of course, know that all such meetings were called off during the summer on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic. This was unfortunate from the standpoint of the plans which would have been carried out with pep and enthusiasm at the convention, but, of course, you as well as the state officers realize

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Tri-State Winner



JOHN W. CALHOUN

The 1936 champion FFA speaker of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida is John W. Calhoun, of the Notasulga Chapter. His subject was the "Advantage of Terracing and Cover Crops to Agriculture".

He first won in his local chapter and two district contests as well as in the state finals. John then represented Alabama in a tri-state contest in Tallahassee, Fla., in the early fall, competing with winners from Georgia and Florida. Here he won again. At the Southern Regional Contest in Memphis, Tenn., on September 18, he met his first defeat, taking third.

John holds the Future Farmer degree, is president of the Notasulga FFA Chapter, and treasurer of the

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'35-'36 Work Program Included 62 Projects

First honors in the State FFA Chapter Contest has been awarded the Ramer Chapter. The reward carries with it the privilege of representing Alabama in the National Future Farmer Contest and a cash prize of \$15 given by the National Association.

Last fall the chapter set up an activity program which included 51 objectives, and since then eleven new activities have been added. The following committee was selected to plan the activity program: Windom Parker, Dan Murrell, William Paulk, and Alex Chesnutt. After the activity program, planned by the committee, had been approved by the chapter adviser it was then carried to the school superintendent for his criticism and approval. The activity program was then brought before the chapter for discussion and approval.

The following committee was responsible for getting the activities carried to completion: Dan Murrell, T. L. Dennis, J. E. Felton, and Walton Wingard. This committee reported at the end of the year over 90 per cent of the objectives completed.

The award was made on the chapter's achievement record, the accomplishments being judged from eight points, as follows: Supervised practice, cooperative activities, community service, earnings and savings, leadership activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship and recreational activities.

In supervised practice work an average of 3.14 projects were com-

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State Association To Hold 1936 Meeting At Auburn on Oct. 3

Annual meeting of the Alabama Association Future Farmers of America will be held in Auburn on Saturday, October 3, according to announcement of A. C. Allen, Deatsville, state president, who will call the meeting to order at 10 a. m.

Attendance this year will be limited to two members of each of the 140 FFA chapters in the State, teachers of vocational agriculture, and those outstanding young farmers from various chapters who have been designated as candidates for the State Farmer Degree. The meeting, usually held in Auburn during July with at least 1,000 FFA boys in attendance, was deferred this year because of the infantile paralysis situation.

R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, state adviser for the Association, states that chief business to be transacted at the meeting will be election of new officers, adoption of a State program of work for the year, and awarding State Farmer Degrees to those high school students in vocational agriculture who have distinguished themselves in FFA work during the past year.

State FFA officers who will assist President Allen at the meeting are William Crawford, Marion, vice-president; Neil Martin, Wetumpka, secretary; Cecil Coba, Cedar Bluff, treasurer; Joe Camp, Nokomis, reporter. Arrangements for the meeting are being made by George T. Sargent, J. C. Cannon, assistant supervisors of vocational agriculture, and S. L. Chesnutt, professor of agricultural education.

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Application for PCA Loan Made By Beauregard Club

BEAUREGARD.—If present plans materialize, the Beauregard FFA Chapter will be the first group of farm boys in Alabama to obtain a club loan with which to finance general livestock and crop projects under the new provision of the Production Credit Administration.

Working with G. O. Winters, man-

COLLEGIATE FFA CHAPTER ESTABLISHES BOOK CO-OP

Applying in college the principles of thrift and enterprise learned in high school, the Collegiate FFA Chapter at Auburn has this fall opened a Cooperative Book Exchange in Comer Hall. The project is proving to be a distinct success.

The Co-op sells books and supplies to College students who join the organization, operating on a non-profit basis. More than 300 members have already joined.

ager of the Auburn Production Credit Association, Prof. J. A. Vines, Chapter adviser, hopes within a few days to make one application for loans, averaging \$150 each, to some 20 members of the Chapter. Prof. Vines, as trustee, will endorse notes given by the boys and their fathers. The loans will be for 12 months at 5 per cent for the time the money is used.

"The new plan will be a distinct asset to our FFA work," said Professor Vines. "It will enable those boys who have proved themselves proficient to carry a larger supervised practice program that will result in greater financial profit. In addition, the plan will make it possible for a boy to re-invest his money over a period of four years with the possibility of building up a sufficient surplus to finance largely his college education. If he does not go to college, the plan will enable him to be in better position to enter farming as a vocation."

One of the Beauregard boys hopes to obtain money through the credit association to finance his project which includes brood mare, five acres of corn (preceded by soil-improvement crops), and five acres of cotton. Another plans to purchase six brood beef cows, already bred to drop calves in the spring, and to plant two acres of corn and one acre of cotton. Still another boy plans to carry a project of 500 baby chicks and 10 acres of corn preceded by hairy vetch or Austrian winter peas. His plans also include the construction of a sack-cement poultry house suitable for 100 laying hens at a cost of not more than \$15.

Plans Being Projected For Elaborate Celebration Of FFA's Tenth Anniversary

The Tenth Anniversary of FFA will be celebrated in 1937. In order that the national convention next year will appropriately represent this important stage in the FFA movement, plans were adopted last fall at the convention providing for the most colorful convention in the history of FFA work.

An effort will be made to get the President of the United States to deliver the principal address at the banquet during the Tenth Anniversary Convention.

Main points in the plans, which will be further expanded at the convention this fall, are as follows:

(1) That a special invitation be extended to State Association officers, Directors and Supervisors of Vocational Agriculture and local Chapter presidents to attend the Tenth Anniversary of FFA Convention to be held in 1937. In cases where it is impossible for local Chapter presidents to attend some other officer should represent the local chapter.

(2) That State Association officers be instructed and urged to prepare plans to the end that local chapters will begin to make preparations to have representation at the Tenth Anniversary Convention.

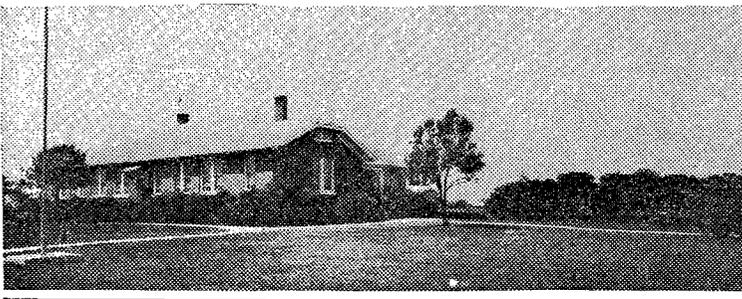
(3) That the Board of Trustees secure special railroad and bus transportation rates, special rates on hotel accommodations and special rates on convention arrangements so that the cost of the convention to its members will be reduced to a minimum.

(4) That several FFA Bands be in attendance at the convention and that plans be formulated by the Board of Trustees making it possible for these bands to attend.

(5) That the boys who plan to attend the Tenth Anniversary Convention invite their parents to accompany them.

(6) That the national organization of FFA send a special invitation to all former national officers and American Farmers.

Leighton Chapter Beautifies Campus



AS THE RESULT OF A FIVE-YEAR BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM CARRIED OUT BY FFA BOYS OF THE LEIGHTON CHAPTER, THIS SCHOOL HAS ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE CAMPUSES IN THE SOUTH.

FFA Chapter At Excel Plans Fine Work Program

MONROEVILLE. — One of the most constructive programs ever planned in the history of Future Farmer work at Excel High School has been advanced for the 1936-37 school year by the boys in that FFA chapter, of which Principal S. T. Williamson is adviser.

The young Farmers will publish monthly for the benefit of the chapter a mimeographed news letter. Also the chapter will operate a supply store for students.

Every phase of development is included in the extensive program outlined for the chapter. In training for oratory the boys will have the opportunity to enter the public speaking contests sponsored by a nitrate of soda company and in which the chapter as a unit will compete, and at the commencement exercises next Spring the FFA will hold oratorical and reading contests. The Excel Chapter has planned to investigate the possibility of having an FFA exhibit in connection with the annual county-wide contests held each Spring during March.

"Dad's Day" will be a feature of the program this year. The annual father-son banquet will not be overlooked, but in addition to this social gathering the boys will designate such a day for dads only and on this day fathers or guardians of the members will be invited to spend the day at the school and study the activities of their sons in every field, class work, vocational training, and also

to lunch with them at noon time.

Other aims of the chapter are: to help further beautify the Excel school campus and keep it clean; enter the district stock judging show and contest; hold father-son banquet; give FFA play some time during the year; keep the individual projects 100 per cent up to date; meet twice each scholastic month; conduct chapel exercises before the student body at least twice during the year; give program one night at nearby evening school; serve refreshments at every meeting; fatten hogs on campus "scraps"; sponsor FFA athletic teams; push payment of dues promptly and on 100 per cent basis; have 100 per cent membership among the farm boys in school; raise 50 per cent Green Hand members to Future Farmer degree; each member appear on chapter program at least twice during the year; hold annual FFA camp.

Many of these aims were carried out in 1935-36 program, but new ones with a wider community influence have been added to the new program. A camp was conducted during the recent Summer and was voted the most delightful the boys had ever held up to date. Several fathers and friends of the chapter were invited to the camp.

To promote a thoroughly wholesome community spirit, promote a civic pride and to bring to a better realization the necessity for a sense of true values is the ultimate aim of the program for these boys as is being brought them by S. T. Williamson, Excel High School principal and a teacher of vocational agriculture.

A Future Farmer

(Written by Orlando Todd, 17-year-old American Farmer, member of the Clearwater Chapter, Neb.)

He's up in the cool of the early morn
While the dew is heavy and white;
There are cows to milk and chores to
be done

Whether skies are stormy or
bright.

Then with lunch, and a book beneath
his arm,

Down the lane, past the swimming
pool,

He leaves the peace of the quiet farm,
And trudges away to school.

'Though studies are hard and the day
is long,

He works away with a purpose
true,

Learning right practices from the
wrong,

A Future Farmer, "Learning to
do".

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OATS AND VETCH FOR HAY STUDIED BY VINCENT FFA

The Vincent FFA Chapter is stressing the use of oats and vetch as a hay crop as one of their agricultural objectives. A practical demonstration of better methods in handling oats and vetch for hay has been put on by the chapter this year.

Since there is an abundance of wet bottom land in the community, this type of soil was selected for the demonstration. The land was turned last fall with a two-horse plow as soon as last year's crop was harvested. The area was turned and planted in narrow lands about 20 feet wide with a deep center furrow to serve as a drainage ditch. The open furrows ran into a small ditch at the lower end of the field. This arrangement kept the water level below the roots and prevented drowning out.

Some of the plots had an application of nitrate of soda, while others followed vetch that had been turned the previous spring. The average yield was 3¼ tons of hay per acre on all plots which is above the community average.

Vocational classes studied the plots and numbers of adult farmers also watched the plots with interest. Members of the chapter plan to include hay crops as a part of their supervised practice next year.

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State Executive Committee

A. C. Allen, Jr., Rt. 1, Deatsville, president; William Crawford, Marion, vice-president; Neil Martin, Wetumpka, secretary; Cecil Cobia, Cedar Bluff, treasurer; Joe Camp, Nokomis, reporter; R. E. Cammack, Montgomery, state adviser.

As president of the Alabama Association FFA, I realize that you were as disappointed as were the members of the Executive Committee about the postponement of our Convention. We had planned to have a big, peppy, interesting Convention and prepare the boys for the responsibility they are about to assume during the next year. I am proud to say, however, that we have made some good progress this year. We must not, however, rest on our laurels, we must push ahead and work harder than ever.

The Convention will be held in Auburn on, October 3, in Langdon Hall. It will be only a one-day meeting. The new officers will be elected, the State Farmer Degrees awarded and the activity program worked out.

We of the Executive Committee want to thank the chapters for their splendid cooperation in the past year and ask them to continue this cooperation by sending the chapters two official delegates and the State Farmer Degree applicants to this Convention. If we have good attendance at this Convention, we will be united into one big group. As Benjamin Franklin said, "United we stand, divided we fall." The Executive Committee would like to see every chapter in the State represented.—A. C. Allen, Jr.

Planting of almost 500,000 kudzu crowns has brought under control approximately 475 acres of badly eroded land in the Soil Conservation Service demonstration project near Anniston.

Mr. Cammack's Message

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that it would have been taking too great a chance to have held the convention at that time. As valuable as the state convention would have been to each of us, it would not have been worth taking a chance on permanently handicapping one boy in the State through infantile paralysis.

Since we have been denied the privilege of all the good which would have come from this convention, it is going to be necessary that we redouble our efforts in the districts and the local chapters to see to it that there is no let-down in enthusiasm, publicity, participation, and programs of FFA during the coming year. I know you feel as I do that our organization's objectives are sound; its purposes are worthy; and its membership is devoted to service. We, therefore, are determined even though we did not have the advantage of the convention, to move forward through increased membership, a better activity program, and greater participation on the part of every member.

The Executive Committee decided to call a one-day business session of the Alabama Association to meet at Auburn on October 3 for the purpose of doing three things: (1) elect officers; (2) award state farmer degrees, and (3) set up a state activity program. This meeting will not be in the form of a convention but will be simply a called meeting of delegates to transact the business of the Association. You will be given the full proceedings of this meeting as soon as it has been held. I do not wish to anticipate what the activity program committee will recommend nor what the House of Delegates will approve, but I do wish to emphasize the following four or five important matters for local chapters to attend to early this fall:

(1) Have a meeting of the chapter during the first week of school.

(2) Appoint an activity program committee that will set up an outstanding program of objectives for the chapter.

(3) Start immediately a program of reaching the following objectives:

(a) Increase, if at all possible, the membership during the

present year over what it was the previous year.

- (b) Be sure that all boys who have received the Greenhand degree be advanced to the Future Farmer degree as soon as they are qualified.
- (c) See to it that every member of the chapter has a definite responsibility in connection with the chapter's activities during 1936-37.
- (d) See to it that the activity program includes such items as definite participation on the part of the chapter in the soil conservation program, that it informs the public in the proper way as to its activities, that it becomes a vital factor in the social, civic, and economic life of the community, and that adults who have manifested interest and have taken part in the promoting of the Future Farmer Chapter be made honorary members of the chapter.
- (e) See to it that interest on the part of all members of the chapter is maintained.

I anticipate that the activity program committee is going to set our goal for membership this year higher than it was last year. You will recall that our goal for last year was 3,500 active members. This objective was reached. I anticipate that the committee will move this objective up to between 3,500 and 4,000 members. There may be a few chapters in the state which will not find it possible to increase their membership. There are others, however, that could and should increase the membership.

The state officers stand ready to be of any service possible to individuals and to chapters. If we can serve you at any time, please call on us. We are looking forward to a bigger and better FFA this year.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. CAMMACK, State Adviser.

It is easy to get everything you want, provided you first learn to do without the things you cannot get.

An optimist is a man who believes he can grow even better vegetables than the catalog shows.

FFA On The Air!

The national monthly FFA radio programs may be heard over WAPI, Birmingham, and WSB, Atlanta, during the Farm and Home Hour at 11:30 to 12:30 p. m., Central Standard Time. Chapter advisers will be notified as to the dates of these programs.

Chapter members are urged to hear these broadcasts. They give an interesting picture of what FFA boys are doing throughout the nation.

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Tri-State Winner

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Auburn District FFA Federation. He is a senior in high school this year.

In addition to being a leader and orator, John is putting into practice the things learned in vocational agriculture through his supervised practice program. His supervised practice consists of a poultry flock, cow and calf, and the growing of sufficient feed for each of these. A year-round garden and home beautification project is also included in his supervised practice program.

The number of FFA boys taking part in the public speaking contest in Alabama this year was 365.

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Ramer FFA Chapter

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pleted per member, with an income of \$70.07 per member. In community service work the chapter constructed and set up public playground equipment, purchased 240 knives and forks for use at public entertainments, sponsored rat eradication campaign with 32 farmers cooperating, cooperated with civic club in a clean-up campaign, landscaped new vocational building, assisted two near-by schools with their beautification program, constructed brick-brooder house with concrete floor to be used in producing broilers for annual barbecue.

Cooperative sales and purchases by the chapter were also of much benefit to the community—over 22,000 plants grown in the FFA nursery

were sold at a nominal price to local farms and over 2,000 pounds of protein supplement were purchased for feeding hogs. Sixteen bushels of pure seed corn were placed in the community and over 400 fruit trees were purchased. A propagating bed was constructed in which shrubs are being grown for home and community beautification, and a school lunch room was operated with a profit of \$292, of which \$136 was given to the school. The chapter raised \$30.25 for the crippled children's fund. To provide a demonstration in showing the value of protein supplement for feeding swine, the chapter fed out three pigs which netted the chapter a profit of \$18.50.

The Ramer Chapter has been represented in the public speaking and essay contests for FFA boys and has given ten radio programs over WSFA, Montgomery. It has sponsored benefit entertainments and raised money to send delegates to the National Convention at Kansas City, Mo., yearly. The chapter also gave an informational program for the Rotary Club of Montgomery.

Satisfactory scholarship records have been maintained by the chapter members and a loving cup was presented to the best all-around member on the occasion of the annual barbecue for parents and friends—a recreational feature of the chapter each year. Other recreational features have been carried out, including a three-day camp at Panama City, Fla., joint meetings with Ramer Chapter of Future Home Makers, and entertainment of the district FFA organization.

That the members are thinking in terms of the future is evidenced by the fact that 80 per cent of the members have savings accounts or productive investments. The total amount in savings and productive investment is \$6,750. A trust fund is being established which is to be loaned at a low rate of interest to chapter members who would otherwise be unable to do satisfactory supervised practice work.

Much interest is manifested each year by chapter members in the National Chapter Contest which serves as an incentive in getting chapter activities completed, according to Prof. G. H. Dyar, adviser and local teacher of vocational agriculture.

Sylacauga FFA Chapter Visits Washington, D. C.

Twenty members of the Sylacauga FFA Chapter took an eight-day trip to Washington, D. C., during the month of August.

Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga., was the most interesting sight witnessed on the first day. The first night was spent in Charlotte, N. C. At Norfolk, Va., the boys took a swim in the Atlantic Ocean and then visited the naval base where they were allowed to inspect the *U. S. S. Arkansas* which was anchored there. After crossing the bay by ferry, they went to Fort Monroe.

Arriving in Washington, they made their headquarters at the Washington Tourist Camp on the Potomac river.

Among the many interesting excursions was a trip to Washington Monument, observing Washington from this tower. From here they visited the Capitol, being conducted by a special guide to all interesting rooms of this spacious building. Another interesting feature was a trip through the Smithsonian Institution. Most impressive of the things seen here was the Aircraft Building which showed the development of the airplane from the Wright brothers to the present day. Among the planes on display were the "Spirit of St. Louis" and Wiley Post's famous round-the-world ship, "Winnie Mae". A tour was made also through Washington, viewing Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, the White House and other government buildings.

They concluded their visit in Washington with a trip to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving where the U. S. currency is printed. The boys returned home by way of Mount Vernon, stopping here long enough to visit this famous home.

On the way home they spent the night on Skyline drive where they had a perfect view of that part of Virginia. The last point of interest on the way home was the visit to Natural Bridge, Va.

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David Till, Jr., Lowndes County 4-H club member, this year made a profit of \$77.22 on a litter of 7 pigs. This was an average profit of \$11.03 per pig, which averaged 185 pounds when sold at 10-25 cents per pound.

FFA Activities In Other States

Arkansas.—Four new buildings overlooking beautiful Lake Catherine on the FFA summer camp grounds were dedicated this summer. The buildings will easily accommodate sixty to seventy-five persons and will constitute a permanent summer camp for FFA boys in Arkansas.

Wyoming.—Plans are being completed for building a permanent summer camp for members of the Wyoming Association of FFA. It will be located in the mountains where fishing, swimming, and hiking may be enjoyed by Future Farmer members during the summer months.

Kansas.—The Winfield Chapter has an enviable record. For the past seven years these boys have purchased cooperatively 250 to 300 western ewes. These are distributed to chapter members, handled on the home farms under a definite management plan, and exhibited at an annual fat lamb show. Lambs are graded and shipped cooperatively; last year 1,000 head were sold on this basis. This Chapter also owns stock in the Howard Production Credit Association and is approved for a \$2,000 loan. Annual sheep day, baby beef round-ups, and field days are important Chapter events. On a five-acre irrigated seed potato project this Chapter group netted \$350 last year.

Illinois.—During the late spring months the Havana Chapter tested 9,000 ears of seed corn. This cooperative service was for Chapter members and farmers of the locality. The germination in these tests ran 20-98% good corn.

Missouri.—The St. Louis Vocational Agriculture Fat Lamb Show held at the National Stockyards included about 1,000 entries by FFA members. . . Members of the Smithville Chapter have secured 4,000 black locust seedlings from the United States Forest Service to be used in connection with soil conservation projects.

Kentucky.—The Carlisle Chapter has a home improvement contest: painting, whitewashing, planting trees

and shrubs about the farm home, repairing and similar activities are included. Local citizens provided \$150 in prizes.

Wisconsin.—The Oshkosh Chapter continued its Farm Safety program this year. A resolution was passed to eliminate at least 100 farm hazards during the year and each member is expected to contribute his share to this number.

West Virginia.—The Wayne County Chapter recently purchased cooperatively over 60,000 White Leghorn baby chicks, a carload of Irish Cobbler seed potatoes and part of a car of fertilizer. The Tygarts Valley Chapter purchased 53 tons of mixed fertilizer and 1,200 bushels of certified Cobbler seed potatoes from the Presque Isle, Maine, Chapter.

Maryland.—The members of the Chapter at Reisterstown purchased their strawberry plants cooperatively and saved 38 cents on a hundred plants. The boys at Accident handled their potato spray materials cooperatively this season, both for themselves and for their fathers.

Virginia.—The Old Dominion State reports 5,600 members, an increase of 400 over last year, and 200 chapters representing a 100% membership roll. Twenty-three chapter federations comprise the State association. . . Marshall and Upperville Chapters have a novel cooperative insurance idea for protecting themselves from serious loss in the case of fire. The objective of the plan is to protect all agricultural students conducting poultry enterprises from fire with the minimum cost. The by-laws of the plan set forth the regulations such as amount to be paid per chick, the payment to be made in case of loss by fire, and the method of payment. They also provide that in case there should be no losses all money will be returned to members.

Florida.—The Florida Association shows an increase of 20% in membership this year. . . The Homestead Florida Chapter visited the Shawnee-Mission, Kansas, Chapter in June.

District News

Gadsden.—The Gadsden District FFA, composed of the Albertville, Cedar Bluff, Gaylesville, Glencoe, Sardis, and Walnut Grove chapters, is setting up a program of work that will enable them to do outstanding FFA work this year, according to Prof. L. L. Sellers, Albertville, District adviser.

District officers were elected for the ensuing year at the May meeting. During the latter part of August a meeting of local advisers was held and plans made for each local chapter to set up an activity program and cooperate with the district in every way possible.

At the first district meeting this fall committees for the year will be appointed. One of these committees will be the program of work committee composed of one member from each Chapter. Each member of the committee will propose objectives for the district program. The second district meeting will be devoted to discussing and adopting the program of work submitted by the committee. Each objective will be discussed separately by the house of delegates, and will be accepted, revised or rejected.

When the district program is adopted the president will refer each objective to one of the district committees. It will be the duty of the committee to make plans for the objective being carried out and to report progress to the house of delegates from time to time.

Eastern Wiregrass.—The Eastern Wiregrass District FFA plans to feature training of officers both in the district and local chapter this year. The first district meeting was a meeting of local advisers and district officers. At this meeting the duties and responsibilities of each district officer was outlined in detail.

Each officer in addition to listing his duties and responsibilities also gave his plans for the year. Opening and closing of the district meeting was practiced after a demonstration by the chapter advisers. Each of the local chapters, Abbeville, Baker Hill, Blue Springs, Columbia, Headland, and Midland City plan to follow a similar plan in training chapter officers.

Research on Doves

Harold S. Peters, associate biologist and leader, Alabama Cooperative Wildlife Research Project, is asking all sportsmen and farmers to cooperate in a study being made in Alabama of the mourning dove.

"As a part of our research work on doves, we are trapping doves in several parts of the State and banding them with numbered aluminum bands. We should like to have hunters and farmers report these band numbers to us if any are found on birds they shoot during this year. This will enable us to determine the migration and movement of doves, which is important information needed in our studies," states Mr. Peters.

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EDUCATIONAL TOURS PROVE POPULAR BY FFA CHAPTERS

A number of FFA Chapters have sponsored educational tours this summer. The Akron Chapter visited Washington, D. C., and the Foley Chapter visited Washington, New York City, and other points in the East.

Twenty-six members of the FFA Chapter at Ranburne chartered a school bus and made the trip to the Texas Centennial at Dallas, Texas. The average cost per boy was around \$10, including all expenses.

The trip was planned so that a study could be made of agricultural conditions in the states visited and a number of points of historical interest was also included in the itinerary. Points visited included Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals, Texas Centennial at Dallas including agricultural exhibits, stockyards at Fort Worth, oil fields in Oklahoma and points of interest in Mississippi.

Every member making the trip seemed highly pleased and plans are already under way for an educational tour for next year. Prof. E. L. Fincher, adviser and teacher of vocational agriculture, says that educational tours have created more interest in FFA work than any other activity engaged in by the Ranburne Chapter.

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Success is ten per cent opportunity and ninety per cent intelligent hustle.

News From The Chapters

Akron—Chapter plans to make money this year by sale of farm newspapers, taking "horticulture" orders, and vaccinating chickens.

Alexandria—Chapter took two-day camping trip to Cheaha State Park, Aug. 31-Sept. 1. **Aliceville**—With members of four other chapters, made tour of experimental field where experts in agriculture explained investigations underway. **Athens**—

Continuing sponsorship of 67 cotolaria demonstrations in Limestone County. Chapter has large number of black locust seedlings ready for transplanting this winter. **Atmore**—Awarded pens to those in essay contest; entertained FHA girls with swimming party; entertained district FFA; elected and installed officers.

Beauregard—Plans almost complete for obtaining club loan from Auburn Production Credit Association to finance projects. (See story on page 2.) **Berry**—Sold 868 lbs. crimson clover seed grown by members and harvested with mule-drawn stripper constructed by members in shop. Chapter made a week's tour, visiting Auburn, Montgomery, and points on Florida coast. **Billingsley**—

Chapter hopes to publish news letter. Attended district meeting. **Blue Springs**—Radio program planned for Sept. 12; gave social prior to opening of school. **Blountsville**—59 students attended first meeting after opening of school; 9 of the 25 new members already initiated; plans under consideration for purchase of purebred beef bull. **Brilliant**—30 boys and girls attended watermelon cutting given for FHA. Officers held special meeting for drill in opening and closing ceremonies.

Camp Hill—Chapter's first tour made this summer carried members into five southern states and covered 1,000 miles, including Birmingham, Muscle Shoals, Lookout Mountain, Smokey Mountains of North Carolina, and Gainesville, Stone Mountain, Atlanta, and Warm Springs, Ga. Boys camped out on the trip, prepared meals, and held expenses to less than \$1 per day per boy for six-day trip. **Centerville**—Chapter as a group will attend State Fair in Birm-

ingham. **Citronelle**—Hand ball, a new sport for the chapter, has proved popular among members. **Cold Springs**—A new FFA chapter, organized in September. **Cuba**—Constructing bath house at school to facilitate athletic program. Alfred VanHoose and Melvin McElroy to represent chapter at State convention in Auburn.

Danville—Cooperating with local Farm Bureau in staging community fair. **Daviston**—Five members and adviser made extended tour through Florida and Georgia, visiting several FFA chapters, spending a night on the coast, and attending Tri-State Public Speaking Contest at Tallahassee, Fla., on August 28. Visits were also made to a large hatchery and nursery.

Enterprise—Played three-game baseball series with Frisco City FFA. Chapter made two-day return visit to Frisco City on Aug. 13-14. **Excel**—Program of work outlined for year; one meeting devoted to parliamentary procedure. **Five Points**—Chapter plans to attend Southeastern Fair in Atlanta, Ga., this fall. **Frisco City**—27 members attended the Little River State Park District FFA on Aug. 12. **Foley**—Three interesting articles for the local paper were written by Charles Haupt, Anthony Sute, and John Luders while the Chapter was on its tour to Washington, D. C. The articles described visits to Stone Mountain, Ga., Natural Bridge, Va., and numbers of other points, including several colleges.

Gaylesville—Sponsored moving picture at school opening which netted profit of \$24. 39 boys enrolled in all-day classes. **Goodwater**—85 per cent of membership attended Chilean nitrate of soda demonstration conducted by Robert Nabors. **Gorgas**—Chapter made five-day educational tour, visiting Birmingham, Montgomery, and Pensacola, Fla., where boys enjoyed boating and swimming in the Gulf. Boys also enjoyed visits to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola and Ft. McPherson, Ga. **Grant**—Chapter to be organized at Kate Duncan Smith D. A. R. School. **Guin**

—Chapter has plans for a much improved nursery and the construction of a camp cabin.

Hanceville—Allan Horton, chapter president, and Elwyn Creel, secretary, took part on the evening school program at White City School on Aug. 17. Subject of the program was "Cotton Improvement". **Headland**—Summer activities: picked cotton from laboratory area; pruned shrubbery in community; vaccinated hogs for cholera—dogs for rabies; planted fall gardens; cleaned up school ground for opening of school; culled flocks of pullets; treated chickens for worms and fowl pox. **Holly Pond**—Check-up on one-variety cotton shows promising results. **Jackson**—70 farmers attended guessing contest on Chilean nitrate of soda cotton demonstration. Chapter gave contest wide publicity through posters and by post cards. **Jemison**—Held guessing contest for two Chilean nitrate of soda guessing contests.

Leighton—Chapter was host at meeting of Muscle Shoals District attended by 50 representatives of nine chapters. Meeting consisted of baseball game, chicken stew dinner, and business session. Truck crops will be major project of most members this year. **Leroy**—Fishing trip to coast cost boys \$1.50 each; visited experiment substation at Fairhope. **Lexington**—Host to district meeting on Aug. 29, which opened with baseball game followed by business session. Chapters represented were Belgreen, Cherokee, Leighton, Moulton, Phil Campbell, Rogersville, Central High, and Mount Hope. **Lineville**—Three candidates for State Farmer Degree: Jewel Whatley, Henry Upchurch, and Herbert McKay.

McKenzie—Chapter enjoyed fishing trip in July to Bon Secour, Gulf Shores, and Orange Beach. **Midland City**—Attended district meeting; added cuttings to nursery plot; cleaned up school ground. **Millerville**—Chapter plans trip to State Fair in Birmingham. **Millport**—Educational and recreational tour taken to Muscle Shoals, visiting Wilson Dam and nitrate plant; spent three days on Lake Wilson—camped and fished; sponsored three fertilizer demonstrations during summer. **Milltown**—Held project tour; transplanted 600 rooted shrubs into cold frames; went

on fishing trip; held guessing contest. **New Hope**—Members enjoying set of boxing gloves bought by chapter; project tour to 15 projects taken by 22 boys. Will sponsor play early this year—hope to make enough to buy several pigs to be fattened for barbecue next spring. Four members visited Texas Centennial.

Ohatchee—With proceeds from fertilizer sales, boys made trip to Texas Centennial—enroute visited Muscle Shoals, Hot Springs, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn. **Orrville**—Chapter enjoyed trip to Ft. Walton, Fla. Trip financed by growing Irish potatoes, building wagon bodies, and entertaining clubs—only \$1 additional cost to each member. **Pell City**—Kept up laboratory area during summer; members made two project tours; plan to affiliate with district. **Pine Apple**—Plan FS-MD banquet early this year. Frank Derby, being impressed with the fine spirit of several boys who sold him hogs, has invited entire chapter to make week-end visit to his estate in November. Mr. Derby feeds daily over 400 head of fattening hogs. **Pine Hill**—35 farmers and members attended Chilean nitrate of soda guessing contest.

Ramer—Chapter won first place in the Alabama national chapter contest and will represent the State at the National Contest in Kansas City, Mo., this fall. (See story on page 1.) One member won first place in the ton-litter contest held recently in Montgomery. **Reform**—Chapter visited experiment substation at Aliceville where talks were made by experts on the Auburn staff. Chapter will sponsor a two-day community fair and will visit the State Fair. **Riverton**—Chapter will have attractive exhibit at the Madison County Fair.

Sylacauga—20 members made an eight-day trip to Washington, D. C., at cost of \$8.50 each. (See story on page 5.) **Tanner-Williams**—Chapter enjoyed an excellent four-day fishing trip to Mobile Bay. **Town Creek**—A new FFA chapter is being organized. **Slocomb**—Plans are underway for a rat-poisoning campaign; chapter sent congratulatory telegram to John W. Calhoun of Notasulga at the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest at Tallahassee, Fla. **Smith Station**—Two-day camping and fishing trip taken to Lake Martin. **Sweet Water**—New officers elected with prospects for largest all-day classes and chapter membership in school's history.

Uriah—Attended district meeting at Atmore; held demonstration, "How to Stratify Peach Seed". **Vernon**—Cooperative broiler-raising project planned by chapter to be conducted on the school grounds. Tests of various feeds will be made; sack-cement poultry houses will be used; various methods of brooding will be tested. **Ward**—Constructed concrete steps at school; building log cabin at chapter camp. **Wadley**—Added 1,500 cuttings to propagation bed; arranged for distribution of winter legume seed; arranged joint social with FHA. **Weogufka**—Plans underway for purchase of shades and chairs for vocational department. **Wetumpka**—Plans were completed for chapter to serve as host to district meeting, including elaborate program and barbecue, but meeting was canceled on suggestion of county health officer. Prizes have been arranged for members growing best fall gardens. Three members will attend National Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Radio programs over WSFA in Montgomery will be continued this year.

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