MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Auburn, Alabama
July 15, 1937

The eighth annual convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America was opened with the regular ceremony at 1:00 P. M. in the WPA Hall by C. W. Wells, Jr., President. There were approximately 758 boys present. Preceding the opening ceremony, music was furnished by the FFA brass band, composed of FFA members from various chapters over the State.

INVOCATION AND WELCOME ADDRESS

The invocation was given by the Rev. Shores of Camp Hill. After another program by the FFA band Dr. L. M. Duncan, President of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, welcomed the FFA boys to Auburn. In his remarks, Dr. Duncan stated that, in his opinion, the three most important issues facing the country at this time are the Supreme Court bill, the labor bill, and the bill involving the policy of the Government with reference to agriculture. He emphasized the importance of FFA members training themselves through high school and FFA work and later college courses, so that they may have a part in the solving of these important questions.

William Crawford, Vice-President, gave the response to Dr. Duncan’s welcome address.

SEATING OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Secretary called the roll of chapters and two delegates from each of 125 chapters took their places in the space provided for the House of Delegates. The delegates are listed below.

Blountsville State Sec. Agric. Ottis Keller, Morris Murphree
Hamilton State Sec. Agric. Harrison Palmer, J. H. Mixon
Chambers County High Billie Adams, Charles Slay
Chilton County High Clive Aldridge, Grady Williams
Choctaw County High Robert E. Britton, Jessie Britt
Clay County High Lofton Carpenter, Joe Barroughs
Coffee County High Wilson Harrell, Billy Gunter
Colbert County High Jack Masterson, Herman Sockwell
Coosa County High Thornell Perkins, George McDonald
Covington County High Alphus Driggers, Shirley Sightsler
Dale County High John Deloney, Travis Byrd
DeKalb County High Dewey Hardaman, Phillip Bukley
Elmore County High Jack Johnston, Aubrey Smith
Escambia County High Eugene Lowery, Melvin Nall
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Talladega County High
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Akron
Albertville
Alexandria
Aliceville
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Baker Hill
Bear Creek
Beauregard
Berry
Billingsley
Blue Springs
Carrollton
Camp Hill
Central
Cedar Bluff
Cherokee
Cold Springs
Collinsville
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Crossville
Cuba
Curry
Danville
Deviston
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Excel
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Felix
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Foley
Frisco City
Fyffe
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Geraldine
Glencoe
Goodwater
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Robert West, Joe Bill Knowles
Charles Moore, Edward Wade
Billie Reed, J. E. Cakes
Allen White, Nile Goode
Marion Montgomery, James Simms
Hubert Morgan, Kenneth Kirkwood
John Calhoun, Grady Fuller
Pearce Miller, Rex Black
Tharen Broadway, Maxwell Lewis
Allen Duncan, Wayne Perkins
Claborn Brazeal, Lafayette McKee
Lakey Albert, McGrew Howard
Will Mack Neely, Clarence Henley
Fred Canada, Gene Pace
Bill Blalock, Edward Gray
John W. Colvin, D. K. Christenberry
Byron Oliver, Buron Callman
T. C. McDonald, Charles Sider
George Owens, Hugh Killingsworth
Rex Hupp, Louie Porch
Charles Rubanks, Q. W. Clenney
Otto Putnam, Roger Vickery
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Mack Griffin, Henry Oscar Garrard
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Wilson Elliott, Harwell Wood
Bradley Twitty, James McWilliams
Bewitt Dooley, Dual Freeman
Jack Ingram, Niemann Henderson
George Dockins, Dewey McMickens
Luther Erwin, Billie Young
James McElroy, James Culpepper
Ray Rutledge, Garvin Drummond
James Orr, Otta Glasgow
Ray Cotney, Winford Laney
Bo Ware, Herbert Hill
J. W. Roundtree, Horace Faison
Charles Brown, Owen Chapman
Donald Johnson, Jack Morgan
Jack McGraw, William Chapman
Dick Gardner, Tommie Kinsey
Marvin Smith, Doyle Earwood
William Knight, Wiley Hardwick
Marvin Edwards, Franklin Hughey
Mack Howell, Willard Scott
Homer Leach, Quitman Cooper
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The President appointed the following committees:

**Nomination Committee**
Arnold White, Jamison - Chairman
Billy Gunter, Enterprise
Kenneth Kirkwood, Auburn

**Constitution Committee**
J. T. Smith, Millport - Chairman
William Harbor, Collinsville
Rex Wright, Slocomb

**Resolutions Committee**
Wilson Elliott, Cedar Bluff - Chairman
Henry Bailey, Frisco City
Murland Smith, Red Level

**DISTRICT AND CHAPTER REPORTS**
Representatives of the following chapters and district organizations gave reports of outstanding accomplishments of the year:
- Pell City Chapter
- Red Level Chapter
- Vernon Chapter
- DeKalb County District
- Muscle Shoals District
- West Wiregrass District

**SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**
From four to six, swimming and softball tournaments were engaged in by those in attendance on the convention.

**Evening Session**

**ELECTION OF STATE FARMERS**
The Secretary read the names of the boys recommended by the Executive Committee for the State Farmer Degree. On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following boys were elected to the degree:

- Butler: Roland Allen, W. R. Lanier, Robert Britton
- Enterprise: Illoyd Martin
- Leighton: James Goodwin
- Fort Payne: Phillip Buckley, Calvin Jones
- Headland: Bruce Stinson, Marvin Walden, Jr.
- Columbus: Charles Moore
- Moulton: James Simms, Marion Montgomery
- Notasulga: James Casaday, E. B. Darnell
- Rehers: Tharon Broadway, Maxwell Lewis, Dan Murrell
- Columbiana: Howard McEwen, Alvie Wolf, J. D. Falkner
- Akron: D. K. Christenberry, David P. Clary
- Beauregard: Charles Wright
- Cherokee: Joe Rutland, William Owen Foster, Bradley Twitty
- Collinsville: William Harbour
- Crossville: Johnny H. Davis, Barnard Hanelson
Dozier J. W. Rountree, Ray Sport 
Evergreen Tom Angle, Herman Johnson, Laula Middleton, Fred Dean, Roland Johnson 
Fairview Marvin McCoy Smith, Haskell A. Pinkerton, Doyle F. Earwood 
Falkville Dolphus Price, William Knight, Wiley Hardwick, Owen Reeder 
Foley Frazier Holladay 
Fyffe Everett Ables 
Isabella Willard Davenport, Herbert Morgan 
Jemison Erdis Atkinson, Archie White, Hobson Cost, Arnold White, James Smith 
Leroy John B. Richardson, Evan Lynes 
Lexington Edwin Braly 
Lineville James Jackson, Elvin Hill, Charles Allen, Reagen Britt, Durell Shivers 
Millerville Horace Dick 
Millport John Ussery, J. T. Smith, Grady McAdams 
New Brockton J. A. Wilkes, Jr., James T. Sawyer 
Pine Apple E. B. Williamson, Jr. 
Red Level Morland Smith 
Robertsdale Thomas Roberson, Clinton Knowlton, John L. Cwalney 
Slocomb Luther Hidle, Rudolph Armond 
Walnut Grove Allen Wynn, Cecil Stanfield, Marvin Pratt, George Campbell, Jr. 
Wetumpka O'Neill Sewell, Henry Harris 

HONORARY STATE FARMERS

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following teachers of vocational agriculture were elected to the degree of Honorary State Farmer:

- W. C. Friday, Millerville
- W. D. Hunt, Winfield
- J. W. Locke, Pell City
- G. S. Williams, Frisco City
- D. T. Rogers, Foley
- E. L. Fincher, Ranburne
- R. W. Montgomery, Riverton
- S. J. Gibbs, Sulligent
- J. F. Turner, Evergreen
- E. L. Stewart, Milltown

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1937

Morning Session

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A. M. by the President. Following the opening ceremony, a program was rendered by the FFA string band. The officers were then called upon for their annual reports.
Secretary's Report

Having served as your state secretary during the past year, I have the following report to make concerning the activities of the Future Farmers of Alabama:

At the beginning of the year 1937, we had 3,500 active FFA members enrolled in the Alabama Association. At the present time, we have 3,758. In October 1936, we had 137 active FFA chapters. At the present time we have 4 new chartered chapters which gives a total of 141 active FFA chapters.

We were represented at the national convention held in Kansas City this year as usual by our President, C. W. Wells, and I had the honor of being chosen the other delegate. At the national convention this year, one of the members of our executive committee received the highest honor possible to be awarded by a national organization. William Crawford, our vice-president, received the American Farmers Degree.

At a recent executive committee meeting held in Montgomery, the question of whether a permanent FFA camp should be established was discussed, and after some discussion it was decided that, in view of the fact that numerous FFA chapters went on fishing trips and educational tours, a permanent FFA camp at this time would be inadvisable.

(Signed) Roger Nance, Secretary.

The Secretary's report was approved by unanimous vote.

Reporter's Report

1. Attended three executive committee meetings and took an active part in the discussions.

2. Served on the committee to prepare a suggested library list for F.F.A. Chapters.

3. Made a trip to Auburn to help prepare one issue of newsletter. Seven newsletters were issued this year by the State Association. During the past year the Association has been given an added amount of publicity through press columns, civic clubs, and organizations of the kind, and also by agricultural magazines.

4. Attended a meeting of the West Wiregrass District FFA held at Elba and discussed their activity program with them.

5. Served on committee to audit books of the Alabama Association.

6. Carried out my part of the activity program and helped plan parade.

7. Looked over applications for State Farmer Degree and either rejected or approved them.
8. Went over one-fifth of the activity programs turned in by chapters throughout the State and made constructive criticism of each one.

(Signed) Ronald E. Sellers, Jr., Reporter.

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the House of Delegates accepted the report of the State Reporter.

Vice-President's Report

1. Attended all executive committee meetings and took an active part in the discussions.

2. Wrote articles on the things I was assigned on the state activity program.

3. Worked as chairman of the Initiation committee which reworked the Future Farmer Initiation.

4. Went over all applications for the state farmer degree and passed or rejected them.

5. Went to Montgomery and worked with a committee to audit the FFA books.

6. Worked over one-fifth of all chapter programs and gave suggestions on them.

(Signed) William Crawford, President.

The House of Delegates accepted the Vice-President's report by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the report of the Treasurer was approved. (Copy of Treasurer's report is herewith attached.)

REPORT OF TRIP TO KANSAS CITY

Roger Nance, State Secretary and one of the delegates to the last national convention, gave the following report of his trip to Kansas City. It was approved by unanimous vote.

We arrived in Kansas City about 3:00 o'clock and immediately on registering we made a bus tour around the city, seeing some of the most interesting places. Immediately after returning to the hotel, we attended the get-together banquet for the delegates, which was the first of its kind to be held at the convention.

Monday morning was the opening session of the Ninth Annual Convention, in which Mr. Tabor, Master of the National Grange, was the principal speaker. Monday morning was also the time for the officers' reports, which included a report of a month's tour of the Hawaiian Islands by our president. Monday night, we attended the public speaking contest held in the Power and Lights Building, which was won by Kenneth Jackson of West Virginia. Tuesday, we visited the American Royal Horse Show,
which is one of the largest of its kind in the world. Tuesday night, we were given a buffet supper by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Immediately after the supper, we returned to the American Royal for the Arena Parade.

Wednesday, we had a short talk by Mr. Ogg, Secretary of the Farm Bureau, who commended us on the work we were doing and the splendid way in which we were carrying it out. Wednesday night was the official FFA banquet, at which Dr. J. W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, was the principal speaker. Thursday, the election of national officers took place, Julian Black of Wyoming being elected president.

One of the most interesting personalities at the convention was the representative of the Hawaiian Association. Some of the most interesting questions that came up at the convention was the question as to whether or not extemporaneous speakers would take the place of the public speaking contest. This occupied the floor for about two hours, and was finally tabled. Another one was the question as to whether or not girls should be admitted to the F.F.A. This occupied the floor for a whole session and was finally tabled.

Next year, which will be the tenth convention, they plan a jubilee, in which there will be eight bands instead of one, Michigan being the official band. I can speak for myself, and I feel sure for the rest of the boys, when I say this was the greatest FFA gathering that we have attended. We have been rewarded for all the time that was spent, and feel that any chapter that could send a delegate would certainly be repaid doubly for the money that was spent in the active FFA work that would be brought about.

(Signed) Roger Nance, Secretary.

STATE FARMER DEGREES CONFERRED

The President requested all those who had been elected to the State Farmer Degree and the Honorary State Farmer Degree, at the session on Thursday night, to come to the front of the hall. The degree was then conferred upon them and State Farmer certificates awarded.

REPORT OF ACTIVITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following Activity Program was adopted for the year 1937-38:

1. One hundred per cent of chapters in the State entering all contests sponsored by State Association.

2. Each chapter affiliated with a district organization and presenting well planned radio programs regularly where possible.

3. State organization strive toward a student placement division.

4. Continue to have committees handle business at the convention.

5. Each chapter establish a chapter calendar setting specific dates to work on chapter and state objectives, such as, dues on old members
to be remitted by November 1; on other members initiated after November 1 to be remitted by April 1, with convention fee of $2.00.

6. Each chapter study the guide for National Chapter Contest, and follow the guide in entering contest.

7. Each chapter sponsor cooperative organization of buying and selling for vocational students, and encourage cooperative effort among adults.


10. Each chapter have a Greenhand initiation team; the Future Farmer initiation to be put on by a district initiation team.

11. Where possible let the chapters be instrumental in assisting the supervisory force in establishing new vocational departments.

12. Each chapter organize a cooperative savings department.

13. One hundred per cent of chapters add at least one half as many books as they have members in the chapter.

14. Each chapter conduct a nursery.

15. Let one hundred per cent of chapters cooperate with national agricultural program.

16. Each chapter hold a father and son banquet.

17. Each chapter encourage and develop musical talent.

18. State F.F.A. Association encourage chapters to take educational tours.

19. Each chapter become thoroughly familiar with State Activity Program.

20. Each chapter be encouraged to advance members from one degree to the other as rapidly as possible under the provisions of the constitution.

21. Each chapter submit to the State Secretary by May 15 an annual report on the accomplishments of the year.

22. Each chapter set up an activity program in line with the state and national activity program and adapt it to the needs of the local community.

23. Increase active membership in State Association to 4,000.

24. Each chapter sponsor a live-at-home program.

25. The President appoint a special committee to work out new initiations for Greenhand and Future Farmer Degrees and report back to the 1938 convention.
28. Each applicant for membership in the F.F.A. be thoroughly familiar with the F.F.A. manual and chapter objectives, and satisfy the chapter officers to that effect before being initiated.
29. Each chapter sponsor conservation program for wild life (including birds, fish, and any other wild life of local interest), this activity to be carried out in cooperation with the Commissioner of Game and Fisheries.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTESTS

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following recommendations prepared by the Committee on Contests were adopted by the House of Delegates:

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee in session deemed it advisable to make certain changes in policies governing contests sponsored and participated in by the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America, we do hereby recommend:

1. That the Chilean Nitrate Demonstration Contest be discontinued and that no similar contest be sponsored by the State Association in the future.
2. That the Essay Contest be continued for one year and that a committee be appointed to study the advisability of the State Association taking over the sponsorship of the contest, this committee to be composed of members of the 1937-38 Executive Committee and to report at the next annual meeting.
3. That the Public Speaking Contest be continued for one year with the understanding that the following statement will be added to Item 9 of the Rules and Regulations governing this contest: "This record is to be used only in judging district winners," and that the committee studying the essay contest make a similar study and recommendations one year hence relative to the public speaking contest.
4. That the Thrift Contest be discontinued and that a new program of thrift sponsored by the State Association be inaugurated.

PARADE

After a short talk by Dr. J. B. Hobdy, State Director of Vocational Education, the entire group formed in front of the WPA Hall for the annual parade through the City of Auburn.

TRAINING PROGRAM

Two-hour training programs were conducted for secretaries, treasurers, reporters, vice-presidents, and presidents of local chapters. In this
training program, experienced FFA members, members of the supervisory staff, local advisers, and Mr. Kirtley Brown were leaders. It is anticipated that much good will come from the discussions held in these group training programs.

At 3:00 o'clock, the training program was adjourned for the finals in the softball tournament, after which watermelons were cut and enjoyed by more than 800 FFA members and their guests in Ag. Bottom.

Evening Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by the President. Following the opening ceremony and programs by the brass and string bands, the President delivered his annual address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

When one is about to give up and leave behind something to which he has given much time and effort, something that he has greatly cherished - and something that has almost become a part of him, it is hard to express the mingled feelings of joy and sadness that he experiences.

Those are the feelings that are mine tonight, my term of service as your president having drawn to a close.

Joy because of the progress that the state association and the Future Farmers of America as a whole have enjoyed - and because of the knowledge that the business of the state association will fall to hands more worthy than ours - and because of the knowledge that the organization will always advance as long as it has the cooperation that we have had this year.

Sadness because I shall not again have the privilege of working for this group in the capacity of your president - sadness because I shall not again enjoy the wide association with boys of my own age and interests which has been my privilege this year.

Our organization in the state has advanced far this year. It is but natural that we should pause, at the close of the FFA year, and look back over the accomplishments of which we are justly proud.

The growth of the state association has been a steady, healthful growth, not an inflated membership as a result of membership drives. The membership in the state association now stands at a figure of thirty seven hundred fifty eight members - just eight more than the objective set up in the activity program. There are now 141 chartered chapters in the state association. Aside from the membership status, there are two other objectives which I wish to discuss briefly with you.

The F.F.A. library has advanced in importance more this year, possibly, than ever before. Due to the push given the matter at the convention, and making the addition of ten books to each chapter a part of the state program, there has been a great increase in the amount of reading material that is available to the chapter members. The Executive Committee has just finished the preparation of a suggested library list which we strongly recommend for the local chapters. The list was made out under the supervision of Professor S. L. Chesnutt, and contains some
hundreds of books on which state aid may be obtained equal to the amount furnished by the chapter. If pressed, this one item alone can make membership in the FFA worthwhile.

Another matter which I had in mind was that of the educational trips that so many of the chapters are taking to places of interest. This is indeed one of the best things that the FFA members can engage in. The educational features, the recreational features, and the social benefits that the members may derive from such trips make them one of the most profitable activities that the state association has encouraged. We hope that these activities will be continued and still further encouraged in the future.

That there has been much interest taken by members in supervised farming is evidenced by the fact that there is now actually invested in farming among members in the state an amount approaching one hundred fifty thousand dollars. There is on deposit in Thrift Banks nearly ten thousand dollars.

This shows, that along with our learning to farm, we are learning to save. Learning to save and to invest wisely. What could be a better indication of the fact that the Future Farmers of America is an institution for leadership. Learning, first of all to farm, then learning to save and invest wisely our earnings from that farming. An eminent business man, James Hill, once said, "If you want to know whether you are destined to be a success in life, you can easily find out. The test is simple, and it is infallible. Are you able to save money? If not, drop out for you will lose. You may think not, but you will lose. The seed of success is not in you." How many of you can honestly ask yourselves that question and answer in the affirmative? If you can, you have derived some worthwhile benefits from your vocational agricultural training.

We must remember that the chapter is the very heart of the FFA organization. It is the local chapter that creates and holds the interest of members in the organization. Through worthwhile activities engaged in by the chapter the state association and the national organization become worthwhile units.

There is another, comparatively new, unit that has appeared in recent years in the FFA set up -- The District. The organization of FFA district was instituted a few years ago to promote interchapter activities among those in certain localities of the State. Progress of the districts has been rapid, but we have by no means reached the top in district organization. This being the case, it is our problem as intelligent individuals to "take stock of the situation" and see where in lies the trouble. Within the past few months I have visited district meetings in practically every section of the state. Some of the meetings indicated that the districts were accomplishing something; others indicated just the opposite. Members of the active districts undoubtedly had been at work; the others undoubtedly had not.

In those districts that were progressing rapidly, you would notice, first of all, the manner in which the meetings were conducted. There was no stalling, no seat-warming. They were interested in their district and meant to set it out in front. Always there was a definite program mapped out for the meeting, and practically always the opening and closing ceremonies were used. Interest was inevitably created. The successful districts had a definite program of activity for the year.
Now that we have started these districts, other opportunities for service have developed. The state association now advocates that the district award the Future Farmer degree to members who are recommended by the local chapters.

In many ways the District associations fulfill along-felt need in the set-up of the FFA organization. They can and do act as a "stepping stone" between the chapter with its comparatively small number of members and the large and more inflexible state association. Therefore, it may be seen that there is much that the districts may do.

A few suggestions might be helpful to the officers of the districts. Having visited and studied district associations for almost a year now, I have gleaned some ideas of how to pep up a district and keep it going. First, a district must have a good program of work. This may be set up by a committee appointed by the district president. Second, there must be a definite and well-planned program for each meeting. It is highly important that the meeting begin and close on time and that each officer perform his specific duties.

Third, the program must be varied. Having merely routine business session or formal lectures will not make a successful meeting. Have on the program such features as songs and yells. Make use of local talent, music, readings, and poetry; mix them well and the result will be a meeting that captures and holds the interest of members -- it will make them want to attend the next month. And don't forget the refreshments; they are easily obtained and add so much to the meeting. A small contribution from the members will take care of the expenses or the refreshments may be paid for out of the district treasury.

Fourth, be sure to perform the opening and closing ceremonies with some pep and spirit -- don't let them drag for in doing so they entirely lose their effectiveness. The secret to carrying out the ceremonies in good style is to have the officers rehearse and really learn their parts.

Last of all, study the FFA manual. In it you will find all the information necessary to a successful organization. Adapt this information to your local situation.

Let me earnestly request that each chapter in each district send delegates to the district meetings to support and build this all-important unit in our organization.

As farm boys of today, we have opportunities that were unheard of twenty-five years ago. We have modern machinery to reduce the drudgery of farm work. We have modern conveniences to make home life pleasant. Automobiles and radios contribute their bit toward making farm life happy.

But perhaps standing above all these in importance is the opportunity of the modern farm boy to attain an education. An education that will fit him for life on the farm -- or to aid him in whatever vocation he may select, that and the wide range of associations open to the school boy of today offer unlimited opportunities to the fellow with a mind that is open and willing to learn.

But, why, you ask, should I study vocational agriculture if I am going to do something else -- the answer: because vocational agriculture will
help you in any occupation you consider. The training that you receive, learning to think for yourself, the association with other boys, learning to keep records, to be economical - all go to make the type of education that is usable in the world of today.

But why join the F.F.A.? Again we may answer: for educational benefits - but we may add for fellowship, recreation, and service.

The public is beginning to learn what kind of boys the FFA turns out - boys that are prepared for life - therefore the public is demanding boys trained by vocational agriculture, and that members of the Future Farmers of America stand a better chance of employment was shown by a recent state-wide investigation.

Mr. J. A. Linke, National Adviser, gives an interesting report that shows the international scope of the organization of young farmers. From Greece comes reports of a large and growing organization known as the Future Farmers of Greece. From South Africa and from Australia come reports of FFA. In other places also the young farmers are joining together to pool their efforts, energy and resources in group enterprise. All over the world the young men who are destined to become the farmers of tomorrow are taking hold of the opportunities that are theirs today, and preparing to take hold of the responsibilities that will be theirs tomorrow when they assume the duties of managing farms, managing businesses, and managing their countries.

We should be proud of our organization and all that it stands for. Those of us who have had the privilege of leading some unit of the organization have come to know the fine type of boys that come from the American farm homes. We have come to know that there is a tremendous spirit of cooperation in the farmer, at least so far as the younger generation of farmers is concerned, for we have had that cooperation this year. We wish to extend to you our thanks for this most successful FFA year. We realize that without your cooperation it would have been impossible. We are leaving you charged with a large responsibility - to keep this organization alive - growing and worthwhile. Do nothing that would harm the organization, try to live up to the ideals and traditions that the Future Farmers of America have set up.

We have had a successful year of work - not only in the state, but in the organization as a whole. But we must not rest on our laurels. We must press forward, ever forward, to the day when all farmers will have been students of vocational agriculture and farming will be lighted with the light of science in agriculture - and a new day will have dawned on the horizon for the American Farmer.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Mr. Cammack explained the public speaking contest in detail. The following judges were then introduced by the President: Mr. Dryden Baughman, Chairman, Dr. Leo Gosser, Professor E. D. Hess, Mr. Kirtley Brown, Mr. L. C. Brackeen, Mr. P. M. Norton.

There were five participants in the state elimination contest. They are listed below with the subjects of their addresses.

Edward Dismukes - "Farm Tenancy"
J. E. Oakes - "Farming and Fertilizer Practices in My Community as Compared to Experiment Station Recommendations"
Dewey Hardeman - "The New Era in Agriculture"
Roy Fuller - "Reclaiming Our Lost Acres"
Dan Curlee - "Vocational Agriculture Enriches Country Life"

Following the delivering of the addresses, the judges retired. During the intermission, pencils, awarded to all participants in the essay contest, were delivered. At 9:15 the judges announced their decision in the public speaking contest and declared Roy Fuller, of the Notasulga Chapter, as winner of the contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 with the closing ceremony.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1937

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 A.M. After the opening ceremony, the President called for committee reports as follows:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Constitution Committee

After a careful study of the Constitution of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America the Committee found no changes or amendments necessary and voted to make no recommendation for changes.

(Signed) J. T. Smith, Chairman
William Harbor
Rex Wright

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the report of the Constitution Committee was adopted by the House of Delegates.

Report of State Placement Committee

Duties. To determine whether or not a member of the F.F.A. stands a better chance of employment than a non-member; in other words, to find out whether or not the training in business and leadership given in F.F.A. fits him better for employment than one who has not had such training, and to determine how the State Association might function in connection with this matter.

F.F.A. does fit the boy better for employment.
1. It increases self confidence which is essential in any business.
2. It develops a spirit of loyalty in the members.
3. It develops a spirit of cooperation.
4. It develops leadership.
   A. Through ability to write. Essay contests, etc.
   B. Ability to speak in public.
   C. Through knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
5. It develops thrift in its members.
6. It increases the boys personal acquaintance.
   A. State Conventions.
   B. District F.F.A. meetings.
7. It broadens the member's vision of activities of other boys over the State.  
   A. State and District newsletters.

There are opportunities for the employment of worthy F.F.A. members in the  
following fields.

1. Soil Conservation Program.  
   A. County terracing associations.  
      (1) Running terrace lines.  
      (2) Operating machines.  
   B. Cotton program.  
      (1) Cotton committeemen.  
      (2) Office helpers.  

2. Testing milk.

3. Cooperative marketing associations (County Exchange).

4. Nursery and landscape work.

5. Commercial poultry plants.

6. Helpers on experiment sub-stations and demonstration farms.

7. Salesmanship.

How the state might help to place worthy F.F.A. members.

1. Set up a State F.F.A. Placement Bureau, this bureau to set up standards to be attained by applicants and take applications.

   A. Bureau to be composed of State Supervisor, Assistant Supervisors, and members of Executive Committee.

2. Investigate what has been done by other State Associations to aid its best F.F.A. graduates.

3. Put increased emphasis on a program for educating the public in regard to the special qualifications of F.F.A. trained boys.

4. Contact the officials of the most logical agencies that would employ these boys at regular intervals.

(Signed) C. L. Conn, Chairman.

This report was adopted by unanimous vote.

Report of Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America has enjoyed a pleasant and profitable convention,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we go on record in expressing our appreciation to the following:

1. To Dr. L. N. Duncan for permission to use the WPA Hall and cottages for the accommodation of the convention.

2. To the retiring officers for their untiring efforts in the interests of the Association for the past year, and for arranging the splendid program which we have just enjoyed.

3. To Professor R. T. Butler and the members of the brass band for the excellent music furnished during the convention.

4. To the members of the DeKalb District F.F.A. string band for the splendid and delightful entertainment furnished this convention.
5. To the entire supervisory force for their cooperation in making the
convention one of the best yet held.

6. We also wish to congratulate the Association on the large number of
members raised to the State Farmer Degree this year.

7. On behalf of the administrative staff, we further wish to congratulate
each and every F.F.A. member for their commendable conduct during their
stay in Auburn.

8. On behalf of the Association, we wish to thank Mr. Dryden Baughman,
Chairman, Dr. Leo Goser, Professor E. D. Hess, Mr. Kirtley Brown,
Mr. L. O. Breckeen, and Mr. P. M. Norton for their excellent service
rendered in judging this year's public speaking contest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions go to Dr. L. N.
Duncan, Professor R. T. Butler, and to the Dekalb District F.F.A.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Wilson Elliott, Chairman
(Signed) Murland Smith

The House of Delegates approved this report by unanimous vote.

Report of Nominating Committee

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the report of the Nominating
Committee was accepted and the following boys elected as members of the
Executive Committee for the year 1937-38:

President - O'Neil Sewell, Wetumpka
Vice-Pres. - Marvin Smith, Fairview
Secretary - Bradley Twitty, Cherokee
Treasurer - Pete Turnham, Milltown
Reporter - Maxwell Lewis, Ramer
Adviser - R. E. Cammack, Montgomery
Asst. Adviser - H. F. Gibson, Auburn

ADJOURNMENT

President Wells then called O'Neil Sewell to the chair, turned the gavel
over to him, and made a short farewell speech. The convention adjourned
with the closing ceremony at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Approved:

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President

_________________________, 1937
TREASURER'S REPORT
1936-37

RECEIPTS

Balance 1935-36 .......................................................... $ 995.26
State and National dues (3756 - one member state dues only) .... 1,503.10
News Letter ................................................................. 365.20
Convention Fees ............................................................ 263.50
Ads .................................................................................. 104.63
Miscellaneous ................................................................. 36.35
Note on mortgage ............................................................ 94.49
Progressive Farmer ......................................................... 59.00
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EXPENDITURES

Annual meeting .............................................................. $ 177.12
Stenographic assistants .................................................. 360.00
Delegates to Nat'l Convention .......................................... 112.60
Executive Committee ...................................................... 197.36
Miscellaneous (typewriter, table, charters, certificates, etc.) .... 136.26
National dues ................................................................. 375.70
News Letter ................................................................. 717.78
Stationery and postage ................................................... 204.99
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Balance July 1, 1937 ....................................................... $ 1,134.72

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