All F. F. A. Members Are Encouraged To Enter Chapter Contest

A Story About Public Speaking

A New Story Begins With Chapter Contest Held In January

* State Champion
● State Final Contestants

First number indicates chapters entering contest.
Second number indicates boys entering contest.
The Story of Our Past Record is a Challenge To All Future Farmers.

In many ways the story told by the map is something to be proud of. We are proud of our State Champions, our winners in the elimination rounds, and of all the boys interested enough in their own personal development to enter the chapter contest. But there is a darker side to the story. From the 204 “active” chapters in the state last year, only 121 had as many as one entry in the contest. Only 1520 of the 6,730 “active” members in the state took advantage of this golden opportunity to prepare for leadership! Or could it be that they have found a better way of doing it?

Still many other stories are told by a deeper study of the map. Somewhere within its bounds—in somebody’s county—is a potential leader who may never step forward to use his talents because somebody, somewhere, did not encourage him to do so. Who knows but what a future statesman, a great teacher, or an outstanding leader was lost, never to be discovered, just because somebody didn’t do his duty. Somewhere “somebody is not pushing”!

A NEW LEAF

In looking back at things I’ve done, I’m mighty scared there’s more than one Which ain’t just what it ought to be. But I don’t blame no one but me. I cannot change them now, but then I know that I can try again.

The New Year’s sure to bring to me A host of days in which to be A little better than I was, And I shall hope to be because I’m going to roll my sleeves and then Hitch up my belt and try again. —Selected.

A Tip On Public Speaking
(Mr. E. D. Hess, FFA adviser of Beauregard Chapter, Honorary State Farmer, and former professor of speech at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, gives us a few pointers on public speaking which should interest FFA members who are now preparing their speeches for the Chapter Public Speaking Contest to be held in January. Mr. Hess is familiar with the shortcomings of FFA public speakers, since he has been a judge at a number of State Contests.)

FFA Public Speaking Contest
This contest has become a regular part of the chapter’s program in most schools, and is considered as definite a job as that to be done in the farm shop.

There are seven steps in the composition of a speech.
1. Analysis of speech situation
2. Determining the purpose
3. Selection of subject and title
4. The introduction
5. The body or discussion
6. The conclusion

The above points are fully discussed in Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson, on pages 11, 41, 47, 113 and 171.

The purpose of the contest speech is to impress and inform. This should be kept in mind when composing the speech. The purpose of a good introduction is to get the interest of your audience. It should be definite, and accomplish that purpose.

The body of the speech should have a definite outline. It should not contain more than three main points.

The conclusion that makes an appeal is the best for this type of speech.

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Honorary State Farmer

Mr. Dewey Broom, Cherokee County Superintendent of Education, was given special recognition of leadership in agriculture and education at the annual state convention of Future Farmers of America held in Auburn during the past summer when the Honorary State Farmer Degree was conferred upon him. The citation read at the time the degree was awarded was as follows:

"Superintendent Broom has shown his interest in FFA work through cooperation with 5 chapters in his county as well as the Cherokee County District FFA. Since Mr. Broom has been County Superintendent, departments of vocational agriculture in Cherokee County have increased from 2 to 5. Mr. Broom is a farmer and sincere lover of the soil in addition to his educational activities."

In receiving this degree Mr. Broom made the following statement:

"I appreciate the honor of having been selected to take the Honorary Degree of State Farmer as much if not more than any honor that has been bestowed upon me."

Other state leaders receiving the Honorary State Farmer Degree will be carried in later issues of The Alabama Future Farmer.

COTACO QUARTET

Above, members of the Cotaco Quartet are shown entertaining the delegates at the State Convention last summer. They are, left to right: James Day Williams, Jack Day, Fred Dunn, and Wayne Maxwell, and Mr. A. N. Mitchell, adviser. This year we hope to have quartets representing at least four chapters in the state, from which the Champion Quartet for Alabama will be selected.

Superintendent Broom

FARM BUREAU SPEAKERS

Thad Salmon, president of the Alabama FFA Association, is shown here (right) with A. C. Newman, president of the Alabama 4H Club Council, as they appeared back stage immediately after they had finished their respective report to the Alabama Farm Bureau Convention meeting in Birmingham. Their reports of the activities of their organizations were well received by the older farmers, being termed by one speaker as "Agriculture's hope for the future". Merrill Carlisle, state treasurer of the FFA, was also well received when he spoke on the program devoted to rural youth.
American Farmer

Alton Lowe of the Oneonta Chapter Future Farmers of America was honored at the 17th Annual National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, the first week in October by being awarded the American Farmer Degree. This is a most coveted honor among Future Farmers, since it is the highest degree that can be awarded to a rural boy in vocational agriculture.

Alton was presented the American Farmer Diploma and gold key by Robert Bowman, president of the national FFA, and Dr. W. T. Spanston, national advisor, and director of vocational agriculture in the United States Office of Education. He was also given a $25.00 check by Mr. E. J. Sommer, president of the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Crawfordsville, Indiana, for doing an outstanding job in vocational agriculture and FFA work.

The story of Alton’s success starts in about the same way as that of scores of other boys in vocational agriculture, but since the first year’s work only a few have been able to make the rapid progress that he has. Upon entering vocational agriculture in 1939, he immediately joined the FFA and planned a long-time farming program. His first projects were an acre of corn, one gilt and one heifer. The small profits from these projects were re-invested in more and larger enterprises the second year, and each year since, until today he has a much larger farming program that includes a 40-acre farm, a mule, some farm machinery and equipment, a sow, and several hundred chickens. Working in close cooperation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowe, Alton has been able to establish a sound and well-rounded farm program of his own, while at the same time helping to make many improvements in the home farm. This close cooperation between parents and son has had much to do with the success of both.

Thus at the age of 19, Alton Lowe is well on his way to permanent establishment in farming. His plans are made for further expansion in land and farming operations. Not only has he brought honors upon himself, his parents and school, but he has demonstrated again what the ambitious farm boy can do if he takes full advantage of his opportunities in vocational agriculture and FFA work, if he assumes his responsibilities of leadership in his school and community, works in close cooperation with his parents, and puts into operation the carefully made plans that are essential for any success such as this.

(Father and Son)

Not Father and Son in a stern, solemn way,
But chums and good partners at work or at play!

Not Father and Son separated by fear,
But comrades in friendship and honor and cheer!

Not Father too busy to care for his boy,
Not Son thinking only of personal joy,
But let each be true to the love in his heart
And nothing can draw Son and Father apart!

Not Father and Son for a day or a week,
But loyal companions who constantly seek
To make life a happy adventure in fun,
And welcome the glory of each morning sun
With eager delight, for to them it extends
A chance to become closer comrades and friends.
Oh, nothing could ever mean more to a lad
Than taking his place as a pal of his Dad!
HERE AND THERE IN ALABAMA CHAPTERS

FAIRHOPE—The Fairhope FFA Victory Garden is kept in the school laboratory area by assigning one row to each member who is made responsible for preparing, fertilizing, selecting, planting and caring for his crop. Plans are made and problems solved in the classroom, and their application in the garden is checked by the teacher each week.

Charles Cummins, Reporter

CULLMAN—A registered Guernsey male calf (first prize) and an OIC registered gilt (second prize) will be awarded FFA youths of Cullman County High School who sell the most and next most bonds on the $30,000 quota which was set by Mr. H. T. Pruett, chapter adviser, in the Sixth War Loan campaign. The FFA boys raised $506 in the 1944 War Chest drive.

Freddie Duke, Reporter

NORTHPORT—We are proud of our new “home for fryers” on our campus. This is a poultry house constructed by the FFA boys and paid for out of the FFA treasury at a cost of approximately $65. Last year we had a small fryer project in the shop of the vocational building, and from 125 fryers we made a net profit of $35.56. This year we hope to grow out well over 500 fryers in our “home for fryers” at school. We are enclosing a picture of the “home for fryers” as it was under construction by a group of the FFA boys. We believe that we can gain some first-hand information on chickens by having this project, and at the same time help to relieve the meat shortage a wee bit.

Lewis Springer, Reporter

SILAS—The Silas FFA Chapter has raised $1000. for the building of walks and other needed improvements on their school campus. Many thanks are given to the County Board of Education, the Silas Beta Club, and the citizens of the community for their contributions to this project.

Fred DeVane, Reporter

EVERGREEN—The eight members of the Evergreen Chapter FFA who brought feeder calves for show purposes really mean to win some prizes. All of the boys are preparing for this by (1) making leather halters to use in training the calves and showing them to better advantage, (2) making good feed troughs in the school shop to cut down on wasted feed and make possible more accurate records, (3) preparing shelter during winter months, and (4) adhering to good feeding practices, including the use of winter grazing crops which have been planted.

—Joe David Sanders, Reporter

Good wholesome recreation should rank high in the program of work of every FFA chapter. A chapter that has a well-planned recreational program is always more successful than the one that doesn't have one. The reason for this is simple. A group of boys, naturally, is more interested in an organization that mixes some good recreation along with its work.

Recreational activities popular among chapters in Alabama include: dances—both the old fashioned square dance and the modern jitterbug, chicken frys and Weiner roasts—either jointly with the FHA or strictly for boys; then football, basketball and baseball teams are excellent means of recreation and are also good money-making devices. Some chapters have womanless weddings, Negro minstrels, etc. Contests such as public speaking, fiddlers, hog calling, quartet and pie eating are all very good. If your chapter doesn't have a well-rounded recreational program, let's do something about it. Maybe you can use some of the above suggestions, or maybe you have some ideas of your own that you could pass on to other chapters; but let's get to work on it.

Louie Chapman, State Secretary
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—Selected.

**Chapter News**

**Abbeville**—Treated 35 hogs for cholera; harvested pecans on campus and used money to buy grass seed; raffled off 15 lb. turkey for $45.40.

**Addison**—Selling war bonds.

**Akron**—100% members participating in "School at War Program".

**Alexandria**—Picked bird seed for State Department of Agriculture to raise money for chapter.

**Aliceville**—Initiated 27 Green Hands.

**Arab**—Initiated 9 Green Hands; chapter program on winter cover crops, and music by FFA band.

**Ashford**—Purchased 16 mm. movie projector.

**Auburn**—Chapter bought 5 battery brooders to raise chickens; ordered Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins for members, and official record books.

**Autaugaville**—Initiated 9 Green Hands; pruned shrubbery for churches; posted forest fire protection posters over town; mailed out information sheet on home orchard.

**Baker**—Members set aside Dec.
7 to sell war bonds, calling on every family in school area. Baker Hill—Initiated 5 Green Hands; played Clayton Chapter in softball. Beauregard—Cleared $25, in Nov. FHA store. Bear Creek—Cooperated with school in purchasing a 16 mm picture machine; assisted in 6th War Loan Drive; assisted with waste paper drive and 6th War Loan Drive; made $36.50 on play.


Camden—Making Christmas toys for sale; sponsored drive to build new bathhouse for athletic association. Cedar Bluff—Initiated 31 Green Hands and 6 Chapter Farmers; added 3 new books and a breed study and identification kit to FHA library; built 3 sets of steps on campus. Central—Sold $2,725, in bonds so far in 6th War Loan Drive; helped to finish plumbing and painting on cannery; organized chapter quartet; 5 members entering speaking contest.

Cleveland—Chapter to print newsletter. Chatom—Ordered degree pins and large banner; helping with food processing plant; ordered FHA books; What "Owes", for each member. Clanton—Built scenery for play; aided Farmer Bureau in holding county-wide barbecue; built 3 sets of steps on barbecue. Col d Springs—Initiated 4 new bathhouse for athletic association. Centre—Chapter to print newsletter. Chatom—Chapter to print newsletter.

Hackleburg—Vaccinated hogs for cholera, wormed hogs; ordered chapter equipment; cleared $75, from Hallowe’en Carnival. Haleyville—Initiated 24 Green Hands, 15 Chapter Farmers; added 5 new books to library; sold war bonds. Hamilton—Initiated 1 Green Hand; built table and benches for lunch room. Hanceville—Frinedly shrubbery on school campus; have an FHA quartet.

Huntsville—Ordered 190 fruit trees for community. Heflin—Initiated 17 Green Hands; built table and benches for lunch room. Holtville—Picked kudzu seed.

Jackson—Gathered 50 lbs. kudzu seed for Soil Conservation Service for 25c per lb. Kinston—Chapter bought $50. war bond and added purebred Duroc Jersey gilt to FHA pig chain; initiated 11 Chapter Farmers; made $64, on fiddlers convention and turkey raffle. Leroy—Initiated 25 Chapter Farmers; sponsored "Old Hen Day" when each boy brought in cul hens and donated to chapter, raised $18.50. Lexington—Initiated 16 Green Hands; held special meeting and enjoyed educational films; entertained District FHA. Lincoln—Initiated 12 Green Hands; built a seed treater. Lineville—Inaugurated hammer handle making contest, prize to be given winner. Livingston—Sponsored dance jointly with FHA clearing $16.10.

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Marion—Initiated 12 Green Hands; selling war bonds and stamps. McKenzie—Initiated 28 Green Hands; painted additional room to cafeteria; built benches and tables for cafeteria; sent 2 news reports to newspaper; continuing work on dark room; have 15 members entering public speaking contest, Midland City—Conducted War Bond Drive for Beat 8 Dale County; three cash prizes of $2.50 each to class and individual FHA members. Florence—Sold war bonds; Insulated school pump house. Millport—Planned radio program. Millville—Initiated 10 Chapter Farmers; each box of butter sold on sale raffle, went to O. M. O. Moulton—Repaired school building. New Hope—Gathered corn for poultry. Now Market—Marked vocational agriculture library books; collecting paper. Notasulga—Organized 6th War Loan Drive in school; sponsored contest on sale of war stamps; elected 2 honorary members to club; fixed signs for officers' stations.

Oakman—Repaired desk for grammar school; built terraces on campus; bought 2 calves to grow out for spring show; built shelter for calves. Ochatchee—Furnished shrubbery for 8 members to landscape homes; ordered $15.35 worth of fruit trees for members. Odenville—Initiated 44 Green Hands, 11
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Sand Rock—Furnished paint and painted front of school building; helped with canning plant; placed pig in pig chain. Sardis—Initiated 1 Green Hand; helped with 8th War Loan Drive. Scottsboro—Initiated 44 Green Hands, 23 Chapter Farmers; painted interior of vocational department. Smith's Station—Discussed National Convention at chapter meeting. Southside—Collected 820 pounds of scrap paper; helped a farmer in community pick cotton.

Spring Garden—Initiated 16 Green Hands. Straughn—Treated 30 hogs for worms; initiated 19 Green Hands.

Sulligent—Worked out nursery area; sold $1,275. worth of bonds. Susan Moore—Initiated 3 Green Hands; Alton Love, American Farmer, made talk at chapter meeting. Suttle—Initiated 10 Green Hands; planted oats and vetch in lab area. Tanner—Treated peach orchard for borer; sold war bonds; repaired desk for church. Tanner Williams—Chapter bought project and gave it to vocational agriculture department for use in classes.

Thomasville—Made 25 bee hives; worked out lab. area; initiated 14 Green Hands, 8 Chapter Farmers. Town Creek—Initiated 30 Green Hands; ordered 11 books for chapter library and degree pins.

Vernon—Sponsored rat poisoning campaign. Vina—Distributed enough winter legumes to plant 1,224 acres.

Wadley—Chapter program on pastures. Walnut Grove—Attended State Fair. Waterloo—Initiated 13 Green Hands; cut and bedded 1,000 shrubbery cuttings; pruned school shrubbery. West Limestone—Selling war bonds.

Wetumpka—Purchased 8 registered Jersey heifers; bought venetian blinds for classroom in ag. building; sold $1,000 worth of bonds; sold 2,100 lbs. scrap paper; subscribed for 18 magazines. White Plains—Initiated 6 Green Hands; put on exhibit at Cincholocco Valley Fair; raised $49.40 for war chest.

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