BIG YEAR AHEAD FOR FFA CHAPTERS

Streamlined Convention Held August 26-27
New Officers Elected
12 Special Activities For All Chapters
Program Featured Nat’l Officer, State FHA Secretary

 STATE FFA OFFICERS 1946-47—President Edsel Thomaston, Coffee County, is probably telling the other new officers just how the State Association is going to improve this year. Or it might be a tall Navy story. Edsel was released from the Navy in April and is back in Kinston High School this year. Listening in are, left to right, Milford Bonner, secretary, Reform, Pickens County; Joe Pace Palmer, reporter, Leroy, Washington County; Carl Watson, vice-president, Georgiana, Butler County; Kerna B. Tidwell, treasurer, Susan Moore, Blount County.
Check Your Chapter Here

Charles Stringfellow, State Farmer from Greenville and State Sentinel last year, leads the Southwest District discussion on leadership which was a special feature of the 17th Annual Convention.

Right is a list of twelve activities for local chapters this year. Is your chapter doing all these? It is believed that if your answer is YES, you and your chapter will become better during the year.

Payin' Up

Convention delegates are seen here swapping $2.00 for a bed and three meals at the college. Rooms were in Alumni Hall and Auburn Hall. Meals were served in the Quadrangle.

The first one to register in this line was Edsel Thomaston, later elected State President! Reckon there is something to that early bird story?

Special thanks to the fellows who served tables. You really saved the day for the college and fellow FFA members. No other help was available. Thanks to: James Walter Johnson, Mervin Smith, and Otto Evers, Jr. of the Cullman chapter; Lester Veal, Fairview chapter; Lamar Parker, Jimmie Wise, Joe Meacham, Donald Kelly, Junior Griffin, Elba chapter; Dan Brown, Robert Johnson, Evergreen chapter; Ellison McDuffie, Ted Fain, Fred Lacy, and Richard A. Lewis, Geneva chapter.

1. Elect chapter officers for 1946-47, if not already elected, the first week of school.
2. Set a definite time for officers to meet, at least once a month, every school month. These meetings should be mainly for two purposes (1) improvement of chapter, (2) improvement of officers.
3. Set a definite time for chapter meetings. These meetings to be twice a month during school and once a month during remainder of the year. Possibility of a night meeting each month year round to be studied by chapter officers. Every member know when the chapter meetings are to be held.
4. Briefly outline programs for chapter meetings for entire year. This outline adopted at a chapter meeting the first month of school.
5. Develop chapter activity program the first month of school. A committee responsible for each goal set up in the program.
6. Every boy in vocational agriculture an FFA member by October 1st.
7. Every member on an active committee. Each committee with a definite purpose. Committees report to chapter on accomplishments.
8. Every member own an Official FFA Manual. Devote at least two programs to the use of the Manual. (Secure from French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Md. 18c.)
9. Chapter secure 10 copies of "Helps In Mastering Parliamentary Procedure." Devote at least two programs in chapter meetings to parliamentary procedure in chapter. (Secure booklet from Dr. W. F. Stewart, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. 10 for $1.00).
10. Every chapter have three speakers in final chapter speaking contest in January.
11. Every county with two or more chapters organized into a County FFA by November 1st. Minimum of four meetings for the year. Each chapter to take active part. Devote February meeting to speaking contest to determine County Champion.
"The most prompt group of delegates I have seen," said one local adviser during the Convention. The picture shown above is the seating of the House of Delegates. This was done promptly by State Secretary Joe Hughes. Chapters in Lauderdale County were not present due to health regulations on polio. A few other chapters did not have representatives.

To benefit most from the Convention, study the State Activity Program. Note carefully the 12 special activities. Then set up your Chapter Activity Program—with plenty of action!

MONTHLY FFA QUIZ
1. Who is our State President?
2. When is Fire Prevention Week?
3. How can I get anything out of the State Convention when I wasn't there?
4. Who is Alabama's first Star Farmer?

OCTOBER
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1st—State officers meet in Auburn
7th—Greenhand Initiation
8th—Fire Prevention Week
21st—Chapter Farmer Initiation
21st—National Convention in Kansas City
25th—Mail list of members and dues to Executive Secretary.
Mail FFA News to Executive Secretary every Saturday.

Our Friends

These two friends of Alabama Future Farmers have been in the headlines recently. Honorable John J. Sparkman was elected to the Senate over four opponents in July. This special election was to fill the vacancy created when Senator Bankhead died. FFA members will recall that Senator Sparkman was awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree in June 1944, when he was a member of Congress from the Eighth District.

Bradley Twitty, former State and National FFA officer is a candidate for Mr. Sparkman's seat in Congress. Bradley is shown at right above as he conducted the Southern Regional Speaking Contest in Auburn in 1939, while he was a National Officer.
The person you noticed first is Miss Tootsie Moore, State Secretary of Future Homemakers. Her speech gave the delegates another reason for liking her. She told about FHA activities and how Alabama got into the National FHA. Tootsie lives at Vredenburg down in Monroe County and is a member of Beatrice FHA.

The two fellows shown with Tootsie made the streamlined Convention one of our best. State President Max McLaughlin, left, is giving his farewell address. He kept the Convention rolling smoothly.

The other gentleman is from Texas, a special guest at the Convention. He is Marion Baumgardner, National FFA Vice-President. He gave a challenge to every Future Farmer there. He pointed out that boys just like us ran the local, State and National FFA. The thing to do, Marion pointed out, was to think about this and do something about it. He said that our biggest trouble was waiting too late to start. The time to start good FFA work is just as soon as you become a Greenhand. Marion’s challenge will be accepted by many Alabama Future Farmers.

Our Platform for Alabama FFA
1. Every farm boy in high school taking three years of vocational agriculture.
2. Every boy in vocational agriculture an active FFA member.
3. All the State and American Farmers allowed under the Constitution each year.
4. Two State camps owned and operated by and for Alabama Future Farmers.

Coming Attractions
Story and pictures on Joe Minter, Alabama’s first Star Farmer.
Pictures of champion and runners-up in Final Speaking and Quartet Contests.
Letter from President Edsel Thomaston, also a picture and story on our new president.
Picture and story of each Honorary State Farmer.

QUIZ ANSWERS
1. Edsel Thomaston, Kinston Chapter, Coffee County.
2. October 6-12.
3. Talk with your chapter delegate. Study and use the twelve activities adopted by group leadership meetings at the Convention. (Copy of these 12 in this issue)
4. In January, same as last year.
5. Joe Minter, Camp Hill. See next issue for picture and story.
What was your score?
THANKS

The Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America, assembled in the Seventeenth Annual Convention, hereby express appreciation to the following organizations and individuals who so generously contributed to the success of our year’s work in FFA and to the success of our convention:

1. To officials of A. P. I. for furnishing a place for the meeting and for their interest in making our stay pleasant and profitable.

2. To Marion Baumgardner, vice president of the National FFA Association who brought us greetings from the National Association and discussed with us leadership in FFA.

3. To Miss Tootsie Moore, State Secretary FFA for her talk on Future Homemakers activities.

4. To Miss Ruby Lea Robinson, State FFA advisor, for being present at our convention.

5. To M. E. Coleman, American Turpentine Farmers Association, for presenting Victory Bond for Forestry work.

6. To Governor Sparks for his interest in the development of Alabama’s Livestock Industry and his efforts to establish a Livestock Coliseum in Alabama.

7. To all FFA members present, for their gentlemanly conduct while in Auburn.

8. To the Hanceville Chapter for winning in the State Quartet Contest and to Bill Hobbs, Jacksonville, for winning the State Public Speaking Contest and his fine showing in the Tri-State Contest.

9. To the FFA Foundation, for funds used to promote contests.

10. To Mrs. Betty Jenkins, Mrs. Margaret Blanton, and Miss Nell Walker for their efficient handling of all secretarial work in connection with the convention.

Billy Hill
G. H. Hall
Charles Stringfellow, Chairman.

Red Bay will have a regular meeting every two weeks. Number 3 in 12 special activities.

Fairview has already started doing Number 2 in this special list.

FORESTRY PAYS

Good forestry practices got special attention from Alabama Future Farmers last year. The pictures here show two important parts of the forestry work.

The first shows Carl Watson, receiving a certificate and $25 bond from President Max McLaughlin. This was for winning a trip to the Florida Forestry Camp. Carl is from Georgiana, and is our new State Vice-President.

The next picture was made of Vernon Tidmore. He was reporting to the FFA Convention on the Alabama Forestry. Camp. This was the first FFA-4H Camp held in Alabama. Vernon made the report because he was elected as Chief Forester at the Camp. He is a Hale County Future Farmer from Moundville.

Murray Langford from Straughn made the highest grades at the Camp. He is not shown in the pictures. He was introduced to the delegates.

Both the Forestry Camps are to be held each year. One Alabama boy will go to Florida. One from each County will attend Alabama camp.

Fayette is planning a yearbook of chapter programs. Number 4 in the 12 special activities.

Blountsville FFA gave the Jr. 3 boys and girls a nice welcome with a weiner roast. Thirty boys present.
**Facts Philosophy Activities**

Do you like to go camping? Fishing? Swimming? Sightseeing? Do you like to eat chicken, peas, corn, tomatoes? Of course, we all do. Well, Clanton Future Farmers did something about it. Read the article by Thomas Mims in next issue. By the way, Thomas is getting to be a regular writer for *The Alabama Future Farmer*. Why don't you let us hear from you too?

Tanner FFA-FHA started the year off with a hayride and ice cream supper. Good attendance was reported (and why not?)

Largest enrollment yet at Grove Hill with 65 in three classes. Forty boys paid FFA dues first week of school. Good start, huh?

Meadory chapter is already doing number 8 in the 12 special activities for this year. What about your chapter?

Lexington had 114 members last year. This was Alabama’s largest chapter, also one of the biggest in the U. S. Maybe you just can’t have that many but you can have 100% plus!

Yes sir, lots of State Farmers are buying their pins to wear. That’s a good idea for several reasons: Looks good on watch chain or pinned on coat or jacket. Good publicity for FFA, and most important of all, you State Farmers deserve to wear the nice pin to prove you’re the best in Alabama!

If you other fellows want an official key, write the State FFA Executive Secretary for an order blank. As you know, all State Farmer pins must be ordered through the State Office.

Cullman reports prospects for 100 FFA members this year. Look out Lexington!

Marshall County is following Number 11 in the 12 special activities. What about your county?

Arab reports 65 boys in agriculture and 65 active FFA members. Good.

**Adviser Surprises President**

President Max McLaughlin was taken by surprise, above, as Mr. J. C. Cannon presented him a gavel. The gavel was especially made for Max with his name on a silverplate. Mr. Cannon told Max that the gavel was given to him for the 7,500 Future Farmers in Alabama who appreciated his good work as State President. Max expressed his appreciation and said the FFA work had been a pleasure.

The first report of Chapter Farmer Initiation comes from Sand Rock. The time to advance Greenhands is as soon as eligible.

Centre Future Farmers are planning to have a corn growing contest. They are going to give a prize to the champion. With corn at $4.00 a bushel, sounds like a good idea.

New chapter at Millry getting off to a good start with 100% membership.

**SUGGESTED PROGRAM**

**CHAPTER MEETING**

**OCTOBER**

I. Opening Ceremony

II. Songs by FFA Quartet

III. Business

1. Treasurer’s Report
2. Committee Reports
3. Other

IV. Fire Prevention Week

1. Program
2. Plan of action

V. Recreation and Refreshments

VI. Closing Ceremony
Philip Bingert, Chairman of State Activity Program Committee, presents their work to the delegates. Philip is from Foley and other members of the committee were Philip Guarisco, Fairhope, and Glenn Wilcox from Robertsdale.

Delegates showed their appreciation of the good work done by this committee by adopting the program as read.

Pays In Advance

Can you beat this? Festus Richards has paid his FFA dues at Millport for three years! He is finishing high school and wants to be sure that he remains an active member as long as possible. That's the spirit Festus, we need more such loyal members.

The Farming Program that Festus is carrying this year includes 10 acres corn, 11 acres cotton, 1 acre peanuts, a sow and 7 pigs. Last we heard, he was also planning to buy a registered Jersey Heifer.

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**ACTIVITY PROGRAM 1946-47**

**Goals**

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<td>a. Have parents, son, teacher agreement 3 year plan</td>
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<td>2. All chapters conduct one or more project tours</td>
<td>b. Keep accurate records on all projects</td>
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<td>3. All members carrying out practices leading to better farm living</td>
<td>a. Set date for tours</td>
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<td>b. Arrange for transportation</td>
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<td>c. Chapter raise needed funds</td>
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<td>b. Members increase food and feed projects where advisable</td>
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<td>c. Each member repair some machinery at home</td>
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<td>d. Each boy carry out some phase of shop work in his school program</td>
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<td>e. Purchase seed and animals as needed and as advisable</td>
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<td>f. Plan for best use of animals and crops in the community</td>
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<td>g. Prevent livestock losses</td>
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<td>a. Determine the program or programs that the chapter can aid most</td>
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<td>2. Every chapter participate in Forestry Program</td>
<td>b. Sponsor this program in local community</td>
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<td>c. Each member have an active part in the program</td>
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<td>a. Every chapter plant and maintain a demonstration plot</td>
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<td>b. 25 percent of chapter members plant 1,000 or more pines each</td>
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<td>c. Each member work for forest fire control in his community</td>
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<td>1. Each chapter set up one major community service activity, (Such as canning plant, post-treating plant, stockyards, etc.)</td>
<td>a. Determine service most needed and the one that the chapter can best sponsor</td>
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<td>2. All chapters and members conserve resources</td>
<td>b. Develop plans and sponsor activity</td>
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<td>a. Chapter programs on need of conservation in the community</td>
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<td>b. Have chapter &quot;Conservation Minded&quot;</td>
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<td>c. Cooperate in all post-war activities</td>
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<td>1. Each chapter and county FFA hold one or more leadership schools</td>
<td>a. Set date early in fall</td>
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<td>2. Each chapter develop a post-war activity program</td>
<td>b. Plan definite program for all chapter officers</td>
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<td>3. Each chapter advance members as rapidly as they qualify</td>
<td>a. Committee submit program to chapter for adoption during the first month of school</td>
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<td>b. A committee to be responsible for each objective</td>
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<td>c. Post copy of program on bulletin board</td>
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<td>b. Raise Green Hands to Chapter Farmers</td>
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<td>c. Have one or more State Farmer applicants</td>
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<td>d. Plan program and recommend boys eligible for American Farmer Degree</td>
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<td>f. Use degree ceremonies in Official Manual</td>
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<td>a. All chapters hold local contest</td>
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<td>b. Follow State plan</td>
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<td>a. All boys belong to F.F.A.</td>
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<td>b. 50 per cent of members to remain active after completing agriculture</td>
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<td>c. Send dues to State Office by November 1, 1946</td>
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6. Hold annual State Convention
7. Two delegates and the American Farmers to attend National Convention.
8. Keep public informed on what FFA is and does

V. EARNING AND SAVINGS
1. Every chapter financially sound
2. All members practice a THRIFT plan

VI. CONDUCT MEETINGS
1. All chapters conduct meetings with proper parliamentary procedure
2. 100% of chapters using opening and closing ceremonies according to Official Manual
3. All chapters have and use standard equipment
4. All members have access to Official Manual
5. All chapters using the Official Secretary and Treasurer Books
6. Each active member attend at least 90 per cent of the meetings

VII. SCHOLARSHIP
1. All members strive to improve their general scholastic rating

VIII. RECREATION
1. Each chapter develop FFA quartet
2. All chapters have 15 or more FFA books
3. Each chapter have a well planned athletic program
4. Each chapter have a well planned social program

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<td>b. Chapters send State Farmers to receive degree</td>
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<td>c. State office arrange for publicity in daily papers and magazines</td>
<td>d. Chapter have charge of at least two assembly programs</td>
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<td>e. Chapters carry programs into neighboring communities, using quartet and string band</td>
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<td>e. State Association mail copies of &quot;The Alabama Future Farmer&quot; to leaders in Agriculture and education in Alabama</td>
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Far out from the nearest fire department... what will happen if fire breaks out in your home or barn? The best answer is to build with concrete. For concrete can't burn. It resists fire; retards it and helps keep it from spreading. Protects your family. Helps save from destruction the valuable herd and equipment on which your productive capacity depends.

Concrete farm buildings are attractive and comfortable, economical to build and to own. If you need help, get in touch with your concrete contractor or your building material dealer.

Write for helpful suggestions on using concrete for your needed improvements.

Portland Cement Association
Dept. Q8-11, Watts Bldg.,
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Florala is killing two birds with one stone. They are selling subscriptions to the local weekly paper. They're making money and at same time more people will read about FFA activities. Ronald Rudd, Hubert Anderson, and Jack Rhodes are in charge of the sales.