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CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

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Statement of Problem - The problem of this study may be posed in form of a question: What are some of the aspects of the activity programs of all-day boys studying vocational agriculture in the Crockett District, Texas, and how effectively are they carried out?

The Purpose of This Study is to determine, through a very complete survey the extent and methods of conducting the following aspects of the activity programs of all-day boys studying vocational agriculture in the Crockett District, Texas: Father and Son banquet, summer camp, N. F. A. Fairs, and financing N. F. A. activities.

Scope of This Study - This study is based on data from thirteen vocational agricultural schools in the Crockett District, Texas, located in Houston, Walker, Trinity, and Madison counties. These schools are located as follows: Post Oak School, Route four, Crockett, Texas; Hopewell High School, Route three, Crockett, Texas; Glover High School, Route one, Crockett, Texas; Kennard High School, Kennard, Texas; Williams High School, Crockett, Texas; W. R. Banks High School, Grapeland, Texas; Sam Houston High School, Huntsville, Texas; Trinity High School, Trinity, Texas; Groveton High School, Groveton, Texas; Pennington High School, Pennington, Texas; Midway High School, Midway, Texas; Madisonville High School, Madisonville, Texas; and Center Grove High School, Love-lady, Texas.

Method of Collecting Data - The material for this study was collected by the use of questionnaires and, also, by school visitation. The teacher of agriculture of each school was sent a form to be executed, and the writer held personal interviews with each teacher; such questions were asked as were found on the form sent to the teacher on a previous date, and additional questions were asked to get further information as to the extent and methods of participation in each activity included in this study.

CHAPTER II

PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA

Case Study Number one, Groveton High School - Among the outstanding activities of the chapter of the N. F. A. in Groveton Colored High School under the leadership of Professor Artie Brailsford is the annual Father and Son banquet which is held in the school building each year in March. The members of the chapter furnished most of the food necessary to be prepared for the affair. It is necessary to have a little extra finance to supplement the goods furnished and this is secured by charging each member a small fee.

In order that the affair may be smoothly run several committees are appointed to divide the duties. There is an invitational committee to write and issue invitations to those who are expected to attend. The decoration committee makes and puts up the decoration of whatever kind is decided upon, which, of course, varies from year to year. The food committee decides on the menu and takes the initiative in gathering the food that is to be served as well as seeing to its preparation and service. The finance committee collects money, looks after purchasing of supplies for decoration, food, invitation, et cetera. The dish-washing committee and the clean-up committee see that the surroundings are inviting and attractive before and

during the affair and look after the cleaning-up afterwards. The reception committee receives the guest and makes each feel at home.

The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members and their advisor with the assistance of the homemaking teacher. The program which is rendered at the banquet of this chapter is not formally prepared, but does include the formal opening and closing ceremonies of the chapter. There is a special speaker who has been asked previously to serve. Members of the organizations of various sorts are called upon to make short talks as are also the parents and friends. In addition there are musical numbers including group singing and also a variety program, including stunts, tap dancing, et cetera. Parents and other guests are introduced to the group. The table service is informal with plates served and placed on the table.

Another interesting activity carried on by this chapter, which the writer noted was a summer camp. The purpose of this camp was to render programs, for recreation and leadership training. The camp site was a lake view which was beautiful and an ideal spot for camping. This camp is carried on for a period of one week at the cost of four dollars per member. The amount paid is used to defray the expenses of the camp.

While at the camp the boys engage in many types of activities, some of which are swimming--which, by the way, is a great favorite of the boys. The writer found water carnivals, boat trips, volley ball, group singing, base-

ball, fishing, stunts, and tap dancing to be popular sports.

To reach the camp site the regular school bus is used and the cost of transportation is paid by each member paying his share of whatever expenses are involved.

The writer found, upon further inquiry, that the Groveton chapter of N. F. A. put on an annual Fair, for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of the chapter. It also serves to display the wares of the members that have been successful in raising during the preceding season. In addition to these purposes, it serves educational and entertaining ends as well. This Fair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of agriculture, and the citizens of the community. It is held in October at the Fair Ground at the county seat, Groveton, for about one week.

In order to let the public know about the Fair, posters are placed in strategic places about the town and community. Groups are sent out to advertise; circular letters are sent and notices are placed in local papers. These and other plans are made during the fall of the previous years and some plans are made during the present year. To facilitate the plan, officers are selected including president, secretary, treasurer, and chairman of the Fair committee. These officers are selected from the agricultural department of the school and from those of the community who are interested in farming.

The types of exhibits which are displayed include

poultry and livestock, farm products, educational exhibits, discoveries, canned goods, needle work, and cooked food. In order to finance the Fair, a charge is made at the gate, and also, there is a small entry fee for each industrial exhibit. Business men also help to finance the Fair by contributing sums, previously. For entertainment, there are sometimes student demonstrations, at other times, style shows, musical numbers, short talks by the superintendent of schools and sometimes during each day, there are athletic contests. A parade is a feature of the week which is both educational and entertaining.

To finance the various activities of the chapter, speaking contests are held, modern farmer's awards are given, livestock and other judging contests are carried on, and farm-home improvement awards are given. Other methods used include: fattening and marketing feeder hogs, collecting and selling garbage from school lunch program, making chapter exhibits at State and local Fairs, vaccinating hogs at small fees, playing basketball games, raising hogs on 50-50 basis, and giving box-suppers.

Case Study Number Two. Madison County County Training School - Four activities are selected, to determine to what extent they are carried out in Madison County Training School. They are as follows:

1. Father and Son banquet
2. Summer N. F. A. Camp
3. Community Fair
4. Financing the N. F. A. activities

The Father and Son banquet is held annually in the main building of the school. The walls of the classrooms are taken down from three classrooms and one large room is formed for the purpose of holding the banquet. This banquet is held the latter part of March each year.

In order to finance the banquet, members are asked to bring along a small fee to supplement the farm products brought by each member of the chapter. The money collected is used to buy items not furnished by the members.

The Banquet Committees - The committees are appointed during the regular meetings of the N. F. A. chapter. The committees are as follows: (1) the invitation committee, purchases stationery, writes, and issues invitations to prospective guest; (2) the decorating committee, purchases decoration and get the room in proper condition; (3) the food committee, whose business it is to decide what shall be served, how it shall be served and to perform the tasks of preparing and serving refreshments; (4) the dish-washing committee supplements the clean-up and food committees; this committee cleans up after the meal has been served and sees to it that the room is in clean and orderly condition before and after the banquet; (5) the finance committee has charge of collecting fees and making such purchases that are necessary.

The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members with the assistance of the vocational agriculture teacher. A program consisting of numbers from the N. F. A. chapter members is given. This program consists of opening and

closing ceremonies of the N. F. A. chapter, musical numbers from talented members of the organization, short talks by N. F. A. members and parents. In addition, there is a special speaker to bring some good thoughts to the chapter relative to certain aspects of the N. F. A. organization. Other guests are introduced and are asked to make a few remarks.

The guests are seated at the table and plates are served and placed on the table by waiters who are prospective N. F. A. members. Much light conversation is indulged in during the course of the meal and the boys are very happy while learning one of the most valuable lessons of life--how to entertain.

Another activity in which the Madison County Training School N. F. A. chapter participates annually is the Summer Camp. The main purpose of engaging in such activity is to develop leadership. In addition this activity furnishes one of the most wholesome types of recreation. It helps the boys to develop a worthwhile hobby. This N. F. A. chapter and other chapters in the vicinity take part in this camp which is held near the Carter's Ranch in Madison County on the Trinity River. The camp meets for one week and the expenses while on the camp are about four dollars per member.

Many types of activities are carried out in this camp. Some of these are swimming, which is a daily activity enjoyed very much by all boys and leaders as well. Volley

ball is an activity that utilizes the energies of a large number of boys at the same time, as well as table tennis, baseball, softball, stunts, tap dancing, and horseshoeing.

In order to get to and from the camp a school bus is used, each member paying a small fee for transportation.

The Madison County Training School does not have a Fair annually. The reason being, lack of interest among the N. F. A. members, lack of farm products suitable for showing, lack of information about a fair, inconvenience of getting to and from school because of distance, the lack of finance, and the lack of having a suitable place to hold the fair.

The activities of the Madison County Training School chapter are financed by the students giving their own money. The P. T. A. has charge of all money raising at the school; hence, students and teachers cannot put on money-raising projects.

Case Study Number Three. Kennard Colored High School -
Investigation of the activities of the N. F. A. chapter at the Kennard Colored High School revealed that they take an active part in four activities selected for consideration. The ones which the writer first noticed was the Father and Son banquet which they carried out each year in grand style. They met at the school building in the month of March.

To finance the affair, money is drawn from the N. F. A. treasury and N. F. A. members bring products from home.

Several committees are appointed to make preparation

and carry out the affair smoothly. Committees appointed are: invitation, decorating, food, finance, clean-up, and reception. Each had a special duty to perform, in order to make the banquet a success. This affair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members of the chapter, their advisor and the teacher of Home Economics. A group program is prepared consisting of the opening and closing N. F. A. ceremonies, talks by N. F. A. officers, talks by parents, group singing, and a special speech by invited outsiders.

The table service is informal. The food is generally served on plates and each individual present is given a plate.

The Kennard chapter also takes part in summer camp, conducted on a district bases. This camp is generally held on the Trinity River, from three to four days, at the cost of about five dollars per member. At the camp boys engage in swimming, volley ball, singing, fishing, softball, baseball, stunts, tap-dancing, and horseshoe pitching.

The method of transportation is by school bus, and the trip is financed by each member paying individually.

The Kennard chapter of N. F. A. also has organized and conducted annually a Fair for the purpose of showing the accomplishments of its members in farming during the previous season. It serves also for entertainment of the community and to replenish the treasury of the local chapter.

The Fair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, teacher of agriculture, and the citizens of the community. Since there is no special Fair building, the Fair is staged at the school building and is carried on for one week.

The public is made aware of the approaching Fair by means of posters, circular letters, advertising in local paper, announcements made in public places, such as churches, lodges, and other meeting places. Advertising groups are sent out on tours to neighboring communities. Plans for the Fair are made in the fall of the previous year, and of the current year. Officers are elected the previous year. They are as follows: President, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer and a Fair committee or board. These officers are elected from the agricultural department.

The type of exhibits are varied; there are livestock and poultry exhibits, farm products exhibits, educational exhibits, exhibits of canned goods, needle work and cooked food.

In order to finance this Fair each entry is charged a normal fee and money is solicited from business men of the town. For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, style show, musical numbers, short addresses and athletic contests. There is a parade which proves educational and entertaining.

To finance all of these activities the chapter conducts a N. F. A. Speaking contest, and the public is charged a fee to attend. The chapter collects and sells garbage

from school lunch program, makes hot bed and sells plants to the public, sponsors dances, sells scrap paper, sells papers and gets commission, raises hogs on 50-50 bases, gives box suppers, prunes fruit trees and makes small charge to vaccinate hogs and cows and charges a small fee for the job, and plays basketball on a percentage bases.

Case Study Number Four, Porter Springs Colored High School - In the writer's survey of the agricultural department of Porter Springs School, he found that one of the affairs to which each member of the N. F. A. looks forward each year is the Father and Son banquet held at the school building in March. Money is used from chapter funds which have been collected during the year. Since they do not wish to deplete the treasury, each boy agrees to furnish something toward the refreshments from his store of products raised on the farm.

The preparation for the affair various committees are formed, including: an invitation committee which writes and sends out invitations, a decorating committee which looks after the appearance of the hall from the artistic standpoint, a food committee whose business it is to see to the refreshments, a finance committee to collect money and see after the purchases, a dish-washing and clean-up committee to see to the cleaning up and the orderly arrangement of the banquet hall; the reception committee is to receive the guests and make them feel comfortable.

The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. boys, their advisor, and the homemaking teacher. They do not have a special program prepared and practiced for the occasion, however, they use the opening and closing ceremonies of the N. F. A. with which the boys are already familiar. There is a toastmaster who calls on members and parents and introduces the special speaker of the day, whom they have invited. There is also group singing, musical numbers and variety numbers. The table service is quite informal, but table manners are stressed beforehand and the boys are expected to conduct themselves well along that line.

The Porter Springs chapter of the N. F. A. also takes part in summer camping activities. The purpose of this type of activity is to train leadership and also furnish recreation for members of the N. F. A. chapter. The camp for this particular chapter is held in the nearby woods near a stream of water. This camp lasts from three to four days; the expenses are about four dollars for food.

The activities engaged in for recreational purposes are: swimming, volley ball, group singing, fishing, stunts, tap-dancing, and horseshoe throwing. To reach the camp the school bus is used and to defray the expenses, members pay individually.

The Porter Springs chapter of N. F. A. also sponsors an annual Fair in order to display the products from the projects of its members. It also helps to raise funds to

replenish the treasury and for educational purposes. The Fair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of vocational agriculture, and the citizens of the community. This Fair is held at the Fair grounds at the county seat, during the month of November each year. Its duration is one week. To make it known to the public posters are put up, groups are sent out on advertising tours; announcements are made in churches. It is also advertised in local schools. The plans are made during fall of the previous year. To formulate plans the following officers are selected: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of Fair committee.

The type of exhibits include livestock and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, canned goods, needle work, and cooked food. To finance this project a fee is charged at the gate to see games which are played during the duration of the Fair; business men of the city contribute as does also the Chamber of Commerce. For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, style shows, high school bands, short addresses, and athletic events. A parade is held which proves both educational and entertaining.

In order to finance these activities, speaking contests are held with N. F. A. members. Other activities for raising money include collecting and selling of garbage from school lunch program, basketball on percentage bases, box suppers, making hot beds and selling plants, vacci-

nating hogs and cows, sponsoring dances, and having a Sweetheart contest.

Case Study Number Five, Trinity Colored High School -

An investigation of the activities of the N. F. A. chapter at Trinity revealed that they take part in several activities. The one first claiming the writer's attention was the Father and Son banquet which they carry out each year in some form at the school building in the month of March. To finance the affair money is drawn from the chapter funds. Several committees are appointed to make preparation and carry out the affair smoothly. Committees selected are: invitation, decoration, finance, clean-up, and reception. Each committee has its duties to perform in order to make the occasion enjoyable.

This banquet is sponsored by N. F. A. members, their advisor, and the teacher of home economics. A program is prepared, consisting of the opening and closing ceremonies of the N. F. A. organization, talks by officers, members and parents, group singing, a variety program. A special speaker is invited. The table service is informal, with plates previously prepared.

The Trinity chapter conducts a summer camp for its members, for the purpose of recreation and leadership training. This camp is held on the Trinity River for four or five days, at the cost of five dollars per member. At the camp the boys engage in swimming, volley ball, singing, fishing, softball, stunts, tap-dancing, and horseshoe throwing. The method of transportation is made by school

bus and the trip is financed by members paying individually.

The Trinity chapter of N. F. A. conducts a community Fair, the purpose of which is to show the accomplishments of its members in farming during the previous season. It serves also as entertainment for the community and as a money raising measure for the chapter.

The Fair is sponsored by the teacher of agriculture and the N. F. A. members, and citizens of the community. The Fair is held in the month of October. Since there is no special building for holding the Fair, it is held at the high school building, and it is carried on for one week.

The public is made aware of the approaching Fair by means of poster, circular letters, advertisement in local papers, announcements in churches, schools, and at lodge meeting. Advertising groups are sent out on tours to neighboring communities. Plans for the Fair are made the previous year and also the fall of the present year. Officers are selected the previous year from the agricultural department. They are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fair committee or Board.

The types of exhibits vary. There are livestock and poultry divisions. An exhibit of farm products, educational exhibits, canned goods, needle work, and cooked foods. In order to finance this Fair each entry is charged a small fee, and money is solicited from business men of the town. For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, a

style show, musical numbers, short addresses, and athletic events. There is a parade which proves both educational and entertaining.

To finance all of these and other minor activities, the N. F. A. chapter conducts speaking contests, collects garbage, and sells it to hog raisers, makes hot beds and sells plants to gardeners, sponsors dances, raises hogs on 50-50 bases, gives box suppers, plays basketvall on percentage basis and vaccinate hogs and calves, making a small charge for service rendered.

Case Study Number Six. Gudeblye High School - In checking the activities of the N. F. A. in the Gudeblye High School, the writer found that they hold annually a Father and Son banquet at the school building, in the month of April. The banquet is financed by a small charge covering items not donated by the members, of which a large number are.

In making plans for the banquet a general committee is asked to look after such matters as invitations, decoration, food purchases, cleaning, dish-washing, and receiving guests. This committee is aided by a similar one from the homemaking department.

The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, their advisor and the homemaking teacher. They have a program which is not previously prepared. It includes the opening and closing ceremonies of the N. F. A. chapter, talks from parents, members of the office staff of the

N. F. A. Group singing, a variety program, and introduction of parents and friends to the group present, consist of the form of entertainment for the evening. The type of table service is informal.

Gudeblye chapter also organizes and conducts yearly a summer camp. This camp is held in the nearby woods near the school, where there is a body of water suitable for swimming and fishing. They remain at this camp for three or five days at the cost of five dollars per member for food and other necessary items needed in camping.

While at the camp the members engage in swimming, fishing, baseball, soft ball, boxing, wrestling, stunts, tap-dancing, horseshoe pitching. To reach the camp an open truck is used which the boys enjoy very much since the weather is generally warm at this season. The cost of transportation is paid by members individually.

The chapter also organizes and conducts an N. F. A. Fair each year. These Fairs serve to display the accomplishments of the members of the chapter as well as those of the other persons of the community. It also helps to raise funds for the treasury of the chapter. The Fair is both educational and entertaining. The Fair is sponsored by the members of the N. F. A. chapter, the teacher of agriculture, and the citizens of the community. Since there is no special Fair building, it is held at the high school building for three days.

To remind the people of the approaching Fair and to get them in the frame of mind to attend, circular letters

are sent out, posters are placed about in public places, where most of the people congregate or pass; announcements are also made in churches, schools, and meeting of various sorts.

Plans are made for carrying out the Fair in the previous and current fall. Officers are selected the previous year. The officers are as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Fair committee. Officers are selected from both the agricultural department and the homemaking department.

The type of exhibits include: livestock and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, canned goods, needle work, and cooked foods.

To finance the Fair a charge is made for each entry; charges are made to witness the athletic events; and money is solicited from business men. For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, style show, musical numbers, short addresses, and athletic contests. There is a parade which proves both educational and entertaining.

All these activities which have been mentioned need to be financed, and to do this, certain plans are put into operation; such as, public speaking contests, Modern Farmers' Awards, livestock judging contests, dances, basketball, box suppers, Sweetheart contest, and special programs.

Case Study Number Seven. Pennington Colored High School - In checking on the activities of the N. F. A. chapter of the Pennington High School of which Mr. C. L.

Davis is Vocational Agricultural teacher, the writer found that this chapter holds a Father and Son banquet each year, at the community school building, in the month of May. Each member pays a small fee to cover items not donated by the members of the chapter.

In making plans for the banquet a general committee is asked to look after such matters as invitations, decoration, food purchases, cleaning, and receiving guests. This committee is aided by a similar one from the homemaking department.

The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of agriculture, and the home economic teacher. They have a program prepared for the occasion, including the opening and closing ceremonies of the local chapter, talks by the officers, members, parents, and visitors; and group singing. Parents and visitors are introduced.

The purpose or objective of this banquet is to acquaint the public with the agricultural program of the community.

The table service is informal. Plates are served and passed to each one present.

The Pennington chapter also organizes and conducts summer camp each year for chapter members only. This camp is held in the month of August. Chapter members look with anxiety for the camping season to come. The camp seems to be the highlight activity of the year. It is generally held on the White Rock Creek about five miles from the center of the community.

The White Rock Creek site affords good water for swimming and fishing. This event runs from three to five days during the camping season. Each member is taxed about four dollars for food and other necessary camping items. Activities engaged in include swimming, fishing, baseball, soft ball, boxing, wrestling, tap dancing, and horseshoe pitching.

An open truck is used for transportation. The cost of transportation is paid by individual members.

The chapter also has organized, and it conducts an N. F. A. Fair each year. These fairs are spotlights which serve to exhibit the accomplishments of each member of the chapter, as well as of other persons of the community. They also serve as means of maintaining finances in the chapter treasury. The Fair is both educational and entertaining. It is sponsored jointly by N. F. A. members, their advisor, the home economic teacher, and the citizens of the community.

Since there is no special building for the fair, it is held in the school building. It lasts for one week. To bring to the minds of the people the approaching Fair, and to get them into the frame of mind to attend, circular letters are sent out; posters are placed in public places; announcements are made in churches and schools; and advertising groups are sent out on tours to neighboring communities. The following officers are elected to plan for the Fair: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Fair committee. Officers are selected both

from the agricultural and the home economic departments. Included as entries are livestock and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, canned goods, needle work, and cooked foods.

To finance the Fair an entry fee is charged industrial concerns that have displays. Money is donated by interested business men.

For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, style show, musical numbers, short addresses, and athletic contests. A parade is generally staged at the opening of the Fair.

All the above-mentioned activities need to be financed, and to do this, certain plans are put into operation; such as, selling garden seeds on a commission basis, making hot beds, selling garden plants to farmers, selling papers on a commission basis, giving box suppers, sponsoring subscription dances, playing basketball on a percentage basis, and having a Sweetheart contest on a vote selling plan.

Case Study Number Eight. Madisonville High School -

This study was made of the Madisonville High School of Madisonville, Texas. One of the main activities each year of this N. F. A. chapter is the Father and Son banquet which is held at the school building in the month of March. The things necessary for the banquet are furnished by members of the chapter and also by the boys in other families. In order to facilitate preparation for the banquet a general

committee is selected to do such things as, issue invitations, decorate, look after food, clean-up, and receive guests.

The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, and their advisor. The program presented is not specially prepared in advance; the opening and closing ceremonies of the N. F. A. are conducted. Talks are made by parents, officers, and members of the chapter. A special speaker is invited. There are musical numbers, including group singing. The table service is informal family style.

This chapter also takes part in a summer camp given on a district basis, mainly for the purpose of recreation. Incidentally, it offers opportunities for training of N. F. A. chapter leaders.

The camp is held in some nearby woods with a stream of water suitable for swimming and fishing. The boys remain at the camp for four days; the cost of four dollars a person covers the cost of food. While there, they engage in swimming, fishing, water carnivals, volley ball, group singing, field events, soft ball, stunts, tap-dancing, and horseshoe pitching.

In order to reach the camp, several of the boys' parents furnished cars for transportation of equipment and personnel. The cost of transportation is paid by members individually.

The Madisonville High School also conducts an N. F. A. Fair for the purpose of raising funds to finance N. F. A. activities during the year. The Fair also serves as a

means for displaying accomplishments of members during the year. This event is both educational and entertaining.

The Fair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of agriculture, and the citizens of the community. These Fairs are held in the local community at the school building. It is scheduled for three or five days during the month of October.

In order to inform the public of the coming event, posters are placed in public places about the community, in the school, and churches in the neighboring communities. Circular letters are sent out to local citizens, and to people in neighboring communities. Announcements are also made through the local paper. Plans are made in the fall of the year. Officers are selected at a meeting called by the local N. F. A. chapter president. The following officers are selected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasury, and Chairman of the Fair committee.

Entries include livestock and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, canned goods, needle work, and cooked foods. To finance the fair, a small fee is charged each entry. Also games are played, and charges are made to see them. Business men contribute to the Fair committee.

For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, a style show, musical numbers, short addresses, athletic contests, and a parade.

In order to finance all these activities the chapter sponsors selling of papers on commission, selling garden seed on commission, selling scrap paper, selling scrap iron,

and other scraps. Other methods used are pruning trees and making small charges, vaccinating hogs and calves and charging a small fee for service rendered, playing basketball on a percentage basis, giving box suppers, sponsoring dances, and having an N. F. A. Sweetheart contest.

Case Study Number Nine, Glover High School - This study was made of the Glover High School, located in the rural district of Crockett. The main activity toward which the boys in this N. F. A. chapter look each year is the Father and Son banquet, which is held at the school in the month of March.

The things necessary for this banquet are furnished by the members of the N. F. A. chapter and other boys in the agriculture classes. In order to facilitate preparation for the banquet a general committee is selected to do such things as, issue invitations, decorate the place of meeting, look after the food, clean up, and receive guests. The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, their advisor, and the principal. An unrehearsed program is planned for the occasion. The opening and closing ceremonies of the N. F. A. are carried out, together with talks from parents, members of the N. F. A., officers, special speakers, and musical numbers--including group singing.

The table service is informal--in family style. The food is placed on the table and each person serves his own plate.

The N. F. A. chapter of Glover High School also takes part in a summer camp, with the main purpose being recrea-

tional. Incidentally, it offers opportunity for training N. F. A. leadership.

The camp is held in some nearby woods, along a stream of water suitable for swimming and fishing. The boys remain at this camp for four days. The cost is three dollars per person for food and other necessities for camping.

While at this camp the boys engage in swimming, fishing, water carnivals, volley ball, group singing, field events, soft ball, stunts, tap-dancing, and horseshoe pitching.

Several of the parents furnish cars for transportation of equipment and personnel to the camp. Each member pays individually for this transportation services.

The Glover High School N. F. A. chapter conducts an N. F. A. Fair for the purpose of raising funds to finance N. F. A. activities and for displaying accomplishments of members during the preceding year. The Fair is both educational and entertaining. It is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, their advisor, and the citizens of the community. Other neighboring N. F. A. chapters are invited to participate in the Fair. The neighboring members share the burden of financing as the same home members. The Fair is held at the local school building in the month of October. The public is informed of the approach of this event by posters placed in public places, such as store windows, in town, and other places of public gathering; circular letters are sent out to each family in the community; announcements are made in the local paper. Plans are made for the Fair in

the fall of the previous year. Officers are selected to work up the Fair are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Fair committee. These officers are selected from the agricultural department. The types of exhibits include livestock and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, needle work, canned goods, and cooked foods.

To finance the Fair an entrance fee is charged, and business men are asked to make contributions.

For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, style shows, musical numbers, short addresses, athletic events, and a parade which is both educational and entertaining.

In order to finance these activities which the writer has mentioned, the Glover High School N. F. A. members make articles in the farm shop and sell them, spray fruit trees and make small charges; sell papers on commission, scrap paper, iron, and other scraps; play basketball on commission; give box suppers; and sponsor dances.

Case Study Number Ten, Sam Houston High School - Upon investigation of the N. F. A. chapter of the Sam Houston High School in Huntsville, Texas, the writer found that the Father and Son banquet was held annually at the school in the month of March. The things necessary for this banquet are furnished by the members of the N. F. A. chapter and also by other members of the farm families.

In order to facilitate the working and preparing for the banquet a general committee is selected to do such

things as issuing invitations, decorating, preparation of food, cleaning up, and receiving guests. The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of agriculture, the homemaking teacher, and the G. I. teachers. They have a prepared program, containing the opening and closing ceremonies of the New Farmers of America, talks by selected parents, introduction of all parents, visitors; a special speaker, and musical numbers, including group singing. The type of table service is informal--family style.

Another activity in which Huntsville chapter engages is a summer camp. The purpose of this camp is to render programs, recreation, and leadership training. These camps are held at the N. F. A. camping grounds for one week at the cost of five dollars per member to cover the food expenses. The type of recreation in which they engage during the camping period are: fishing, swimming, boat trips, singing, soft ball, hikes, tap-dancing, stunts, field events, and horseshoe pitching.

In order to reach the camp grounds the school bus is used and the expenses are paid by taxing each member a small amount.

Each year an N. F. A. Fair is held in this community whose purpose is to raise funds to replenish the chapter treasury, to show products produced by N. F. A. members, and for entertainment. The Fair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of agriculture, and the citizens

of the community. The Fair is held in October at the county seat, Huntsville, Texas. They have a regular fair-ground for this affair. This Fair is held for one week. To make it known that the Fair is to take place at a special time; it is advertised in the local paper, by means of posters; groups go on advertising tours.

Plans are made for the Fair in the fall of the present year and also during the previous year. Officers selected during the previous year are as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fair committee. The officers are selected from the agricultural department.

The type of exhibits are livestock and poultry, farm products, needle work, canned goods, and cooked foods. To finance the Fair a fee is charged to enter the Fair-grounds, and money is solicited from the business men of the community.

For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, stunts, style shows, musical numbers, short addresses from local talent, addresses from outstanding speakers, athletic contests, and a parade, all of which proved both educational and entertaining.

In order to finance the various activities at the Sam Houston School N. F. A. chapter, there are speaking contests, livestock judging contests, fattening and marketing feeders, hogs, collecting and selling garbage from the school lunch program. They also make hot beds and sell garden plants to community people, spray fruit trees and

make small charges for service rendered, sell garden seeds on commission, vaccinate hogs and make small charges, sponsor dances, play basketball on percentage, give box suppers, and sponsor N. F. A. Sweetheart contests.

Special Attraction at the Sam Houston High School of the N. F. A. Members, Huntsville, Texas, May 9, 1947.

Pig and Poultry Show - The pig and poultry show held at the Sam Houston High School on May 9, 1947, was a special attraction added to activity programs during the school year, 1946-1947.

An exhibition of more than \$5000.00 worth of hogs and poultry drew a mammoth crowd of admirers to witness the great event of the year.

A special program was rendered along with the showing of the livestock and poultry. Addresses were delivered by the following business men of the city: Mr. Jewel Thompson, President of the First National Bank of Huntsville; Mr. J. R. Griggs, President of the Kiwanis Club; Superintendent of the city schools, and Mr. Beck Hughes, President of Huntsville Chamber of Commerce.

Professor J. R. Powell assisted by Professor Bagwell and Professor Davison, were in charge of the show. This affair was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and the all-day boys studying agriculture in the Sam Houston High School, Huntsville, Texas, furnished the animals.

The writer feels that this special attraction was one

of the outstanding activities of the Crockett District.

Case Study Number Eleven, W. R. Banks High School -

The W. R. Banks High School N. F. A. chapter holds a Father and Son banquet annually in the Vocational Agricultural building with an average of about seventy-five present. This entertainment is held usually in the month of March, near the latter part of the month.

In order to finance this banquet members of the N. F. A. organization bring products from their projects--chickens, pigs, turkeys, and vegetables. Each boy donates a small fee to get items that are not furnished.

Banquet committees are appointed during the regular meeting of the N. F. A. chapter. The committees are as follows: Invitation, committee on purchasing, writing, and issuing invitations to prospective guests; decorating committee, purchases, makes, and places the decoration and sees to it that the hall and other rooms used are in proper condition, and properly decorated for the banquet. Of importance also, is the food committee whose business is to decide upon what is to be served and to perform the tasks of preparing and serving refreshments. The dish-washing committee supplemented the food committee by assisting with cleaning up dishes after the meal has been served; the clean-up committee sees to it that the floors are clean before and after the banquet. In addition, there is a finance committee, which has charge of collecting fees and making such purchases as necessary.

The banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members with the assistance of the agricultural teacher. This program is rendered by the members of the N. F. A. chapter officers staff and is previously prepared with opening and closing ceremonies of the chapter. The program consists of musical numbers from talented members of the organization and short talks by N. F. A. members and parents. In addition, there is usually a special speaker to bring some refreshing thoughts concerning the valuable aspects of farming to the attention of the members and others interested in agriculture. Parents and other guests are properly introduced.

The guests are seated and the plates are served and placed on the table by N. F. A. waiters or aspirants. Light conversation is indulged in during the course of the meal, and boys are very happy while learning one of the most valuable lessons of life--how to entertain.

Another activity which the writer noticed that the W. R. Banks High School chapter participated annyally is the N. F. A. summer camp. The main purpose of this camp is to develop leadership, and for entertainment. This activity furnishes one of the best and wholesome type of recreation. It helps the boys to develop worthwhile hobbies. These N. F. A. chapter members meet with other chapter members of Crockett District. This camp is held in the vicinity of the Carter's Ranch in Madison County on the Trinity River. This camp is held for three days; the cost is \$1.50 per member per day. This fee covers the cost of living while on the camp.

Many types of activities are engaged in at this camp; some of which are swimming, fishing, hunting, which is a daily activity and enjoyed by all. They are as follows: volley ball, baseball, tennis, tap-dancing, stunts, and horseshoe pitching.

To reach the scene of the camp an open truck is used for transportation. Each member pays his own fare to and from the camp site.

N. F. A. Fairs are held by the W. R. Banks N. F. A. chapter members annually for the purpose of raising money to help with the expenses involved in various other activities. Not only do these Fairs serve to raise funds, but they are also used to show the accomplishments of the various members of the chapter during the preceding year, and thereby encourage them to do better work in the future. They are also educational in many other ways as by seeing displays than one's own, one is able to make worthwhile comparisons. The time set for this annual observance is October of each year. And it is held in the local community. There is no special building for the Fair. This Fair is usually held at the high school building. The length of observance is three days.

In order to make it known to the general public that the Fair will take place as usual, when it will be held, and where, a circular letter is mailed to each family in the community and the surrounding communities.

Plans for the Fair are made in the spring of the pres-

ent year and the previous year. In order that these plans may be carried out effectively, officers are selected. These included are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Fair committee. These officers are selected from the agricultural department of the local school. There is no added expense to the members.

The type of exhibits that are displayed are: live-stock and poultry, educational exhibits, needle work, canned goods, and cooked foods, and farm products. In order to assist in financing the Fair, a fee is charges for each entry. Business men of the town are asked to donate prizes for contestants, which keep up interest in the Fair. Programs are given; style shows and parades are given for their entertainment. Banquet is served. The food

In addition to the ways that have been mentioned under such separate activities, in order to finance the activities of the N. F. A. chapter, several means are used by this chapter; they sell papers on commission, sell garden seeds on commission, give dances, give box suppers, vaccinate hogs and cows and make small charges, make hot beds and sell plants to farm families, play basketball on percentage basis, and sponsor N. F. A. Sweetheart Contests.

Case Study Number Twelve. Post Oak High School - In the Post Oak High School of which Mr. John Williams is vocational agricultural teacher, an interesting program of vocational agricultural activities are carried on. As a result of the writer's survey, he found that a Father and Son banquet is carried on each year at the school. The

time scheduled for this activity is in the spring of the year, usually in the month of March.

In order to finance this affair, money is drawn from the N. F. A. treasury; members of the chapter are asked to contribute products to supplement the money drawn from the chapter funds. There is no added expense to the members. As to the products that are given, they come from the members' projects of the previous year.

In order that the banquet might have an even chance of success, certain committees are appointed. The invitation committee issues invitations to the fathers and other who are expected to attend. The decoration committee looks after the displays and other decorations that are used to beautify the hall in which the banquet is served. The food committee sees to the menu, and the food that is given is gathered and prepared on time for the banquet. Other necessary items are secured and placed in the proper place. The finance committee takes care of the purchases of articles needed; the dish-washing committee and the clean-up committee were set up together. They look after the dish-washing and the cleaning off the tables and clean up the building after the banquet; they do all the other cleaning that is to be done before and after the banquet.

The banquet in this school is sponsored by the members of the N. F. A. chapter, the teacher of agriculture, the mothers of the community, homemaking teacher, and the N. H. A. girls.

The program for this affair is not prepared in ad-

vance, but different members of the N. F. A. chapter and fathers are asked to make impromptu speeches concerning their ideas about vocational agriculture and effect it has upon the community. There are musical numbers by individuals, also group singing, tap-dancing, and various other types of numbers. The type of table service is informal, family style.

Another activity which the members of this chapter engage yearly is the N. F. A. summer camp. The purpose of this type of activity is to train for leadership and to furnish wholesome recreation for the farm youth and to teach them the type of entertainment they should engage in during their leisure time. There is plenty of evidence that this chapter is working out. This camp is held in nearby woods where there is plenty water. The boys remain at this camp about four days at the cost of four dollars per member which covers the expense of food while at the camp.

While at the camp the N. F. A. members engage in swimming, fishing, boat trips, volley ball, baseball, glee clubs, field events, tap-dancing, and horseshoe pitching.

In order to get to and from the camp, a bus is chartered from Crockett, and each member pays the amount necessary for transportation.

The Post Oak chapter also puts on an N. F. A. Fair each year. The purpose of this Fair is fourfold: financial, educational, recreational, and entertaining. This

Fair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, teacher of agriculture, and the farmers of the local community. This Fair is held in the month of October at the local school building, since there is no special place prepared for the Fairs in this community. The duration of this Fair is three days.

The methods used to advertise the Fair are by means of: posters placed in public places (relative to the Fair), sending out advertising groups to neighboring communities, and circular letters to all who might be interested in the community Fair.

Plans are made for this activity in the fall preceding its being held and during the present year. Officers are selected during the previous year at a call meeting of the N. F. A. chapter, and they are as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Fair committee. These officers are selected from the agricultural department of the local chapter. The type of exhibits are as follows: livestock and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, needle work, canned goods, and cooked foods.

The Fair is financed by charging to enter the building to see the exhibits. Business men are asked to help finance the Fair. The Chamber of Commerce helps with prizes. For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, a style show, musical numbers, short addresses from business men of the community, talks from superintendents of various schools. A parade is held on the opening day of the Fair whose aspects are both educational and entertaining.

The activities of Post Oak School's N. F. A. chapter are financed by sponsoring speaking contests, livestock judging contests, quartet singing, fattening hogs and selling, collecting scrap metal and selling, selling papers on commission, selling garden seeds on commission, spraying fruit trees and making small charges for service rendered, making hot beds and selling garden plants to local farmers, and sponsoring a Sweetheart contest.

Case Study Number Thirteen, Center Grove High School -

Upon the investigation of the activities of Center Grove's N. F. A. chapter at Lovelady, Texas, it was revealed that they take an active part in several types of activities. The one the writer first noted was the Father and Son banquet, which they carried out each year. This banquet is held in the main building of the high school in the month of March. To finance this activity money is drawn from the chapter funds. Several committees are selected to make preparations and carry out the affair smoothly. The committees are: invitation, decoration, food, finance, clean-up, and reception. Each committee has its special duty which it must perform in order to have an enjoyable time. This banquet is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, their advisor, and the homemaking teacher. A program is previously prepared, consisting of the opening and closing ceremonies of the N. F. A. chapter, talks by members and parents, group singing, a variety program, and a special speaker. The table service is informal with plates previously served and placed on the table.

The Center Grove N. F. A. chapter conducts a summer camp for its members and others who are interested in agriculture. The purpose of this camp is leadership training and recreation. This camp is held on the White Rock Creek for three days at the cost of four dollars per member. At the camp the boys engage in swimming, fishing, hunting, volley ball, soft ball, baseball, singing, tap-dancing, chapter conducting, and horseshoe pitching.

The method of transportation is by school bus and the trip is financed by each member paying his fare.

The Center Grove N. F. A. chapter also has organized and conducts annyally an N. F. A. Fair, whose purpose is to show to the public the accomplishments of its members in farming during the previous year's season. It serves also for entertainment for the community and replenishes the treasury of the chapter.

The Fair is sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of agriculture, and the citizens of the community. The Fair is held in the month of October, at the local school building for the duration of three days.

The public is made aware of the coming Fair by means of Fair posters placed in public places and advertising in the local paper. Plans are made for the Fair during the present year. Officers are selected as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of Fair committee. These officers are selected from the agricultural department.

The types of exhibits are varied. There are livestock

and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, needle work, canned goods, and cooked foods. In order to finance this Fair each livestock entry is charged a small fee. Money is solicited from business men, and the Chamber of Commerce. For entertainment, there are student demonstrations, style shows, musical numbers, short addresses, and athletic contests. There is a parade given on the first day of the Fair, which proves educational as well as entertaining.

To finance all these activities and other minor ones for the N. F. A. chapter, these are the following activities that take place: public speaking contests, livestock judging, collecting and selling garbage from school lunch programs, making hot beds and selling plants to farmers of the community, selling garden seeds on commission, selling papers on commission, playing basketball on percentage basis, sponsoring dances and Sweetheart contests.

of ways by which these projects were financed, but the most prevailing method was using money from the chapter funds to supplement products furnished by the N. F. A. chapter members. The committees for carrying out arrangements for the affair usually numbered from six to eight, though a few instances there was only a general committee. In the majority of cases the banquet was sponsored by the N. F. A. members, their advisor, and the homesteading teacher. The general trend for programs at the banquet was that they were unprepared, but in all cases the opening and closing

CHAPTER III

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

This survey made of the thirteen N. F. A. chapters in the Crockett District revealed that the chapters engaged in four aspects of the activity program of all-day boys studying vocational agriculture in some form, but did not come up to the writer's expectation. The four aspects were the Father and Son banquet, summer camp, N. F. A. Fairs, and financing N. F. A. activities.

In making an over-all study of the Father and Son banquet activity the writer found most of the chapters held the affairs in the main school building. The time which the banquet was held was in the spring of the year, in all cases, although not in the same month, but usually in the months of March and April. The writer found a variety of ways by which these banquets were financed, but the most prevailing method was using money from the chapter funds to supplement products furnished by the N. F. A. chapter members. The committees for carrying out arrangements for the affair usually numbered from six to eight, though a few instances there was only a general committee. In the majority of cases the banquet was sponsored by the N. F. A. members, their advisor, and the homemaking teacher. The general trend for programs at the banquet was that they were unprepared, but in all cases the opening and closing

N. F. A. ceremonies were used, had short talks by parents, and N. F. A. members, special speakers, musical numbers, parents, and friends are introduced to the groups. In all cases the table service was informal.

The writer found that the purpose prevailing in all camp activities were recreation and leadership training. In the location of camps the trend was toward nearby woods where streams of water was available. The duration of the camping in most cases were from three to five days, and the cost ranged from three to six dollars. The type of recreational activities indulged in for most cases were swimming, fishing, volley ball, baseball, soft ball, tap-dancing, field events, stunts, and horseshoe pitching.

The method of transportation was by school bus in most cases, which is financed by each member paying individually.

All chapters surveyed reported that organizing and conducting N. F. A. Fairs were two of their activities. The outstanding purposes were educational and entertaining. In all cases the Fairs were sponsored by the N. F. A. members, the teacher of agriculture, assisted by the citizens of the community as sponsors. The Fairs in all cases were held in the fall of the year usually in October. Most of the Fairs were held in the Community school building, and a few were held at the county seats. The duration of the Fairs were from three to five days. The writer noted five methods of advertising as follows: circular letters, placing posters in public places, in local newspapers, group advertising, and announcements at public gatherings. Few of the chapters

used only some of the methods.

Plans for the Fairs were made in the fall of the year in most cases, both previous and present year. For organizing, officers are selected from the agricultural department. The exhibits included were livestock and poultry, farm products, educational exhibits, needle work, canned goods, and cooked foods.

The Fairs were financed in various ways, donations from business men of the city, Chamber of Commerce, Civic organizations, entry fee, gate fees, and athletic events. The entertainment varied. There were parades in all cases, most of them educational and entertaining.

The writer found that each used some methods of financing chapter activities. These include speaking contests, livestock judging contests, marketing hogs, collecting and selling scraps, playing basketball on percentage basis, giving box suppers, vaccinating livestock and poultry and making small charges, making hot beds and selling plants to farm families, spraying fruit trees and charging small fee, sponsoring dances, and N. F. A. Sweetheart contest.

5. It will offer a splendid opportunity for discussion of the community work, such as activities of all-day boys studying agriculture.
6. It is valuable training in leadership and cooperation for the N. F. A. members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. That ever N. F. A. chapter in the Crockett District makes improvements on its methods of conducting the Father and Son banquet.

A. Reasons why they should make improvements on the methods of conducting the Father and Son banquet.

1. It will help to develop a closer fellowship and comradeship between the father, mother, and the son.
2. It will help the parents to have a better understanding of the agricultural courses and the N. F. A.
3. It will bring parents into closer contact with the school in general as well as the agricultural department.
4. It will create a friendly, educational, and social meeting of the people who are needed to cooperate in making the N. F. A. and agriculture program a success.
5. It will offer a splendid opportunity for discussions of the community work, such as activities of all-day boys studying agriculture.
6. It is valuable training in leadership and cooperation for the N. F. A. members.

7. It affords a fine opportunity for exhibiting the work of the department.

8. It offers opportunity for explaining the objectives of the N. F. A. and accomplishments of the local chapter.

9. It gives the members an opportunity to entertain their friends and parents.

II. The N. F. A. members should sponsor the banquet with closer supervision or guidance of the advisor. The girls of the Home Economics Department should be asked to cooperate by serving the banquet.

III. All banquets should be well organized and planned before any attempt is made to give it. Now if the banquet is to be a success, it must be properly organized and planned in the beginning. The planning should begin well in advance of the date of the affair in order that there will be sufficient time for effective planning. The following suggestions are offered for the planning of banquets:

1. The advisor should explain the banquet, stressing its importance to the local superintendent and the principal, asking that a date for it be placed on the school calendar of activities.
2. The local homemaking teacher should be consulted, and her cooperation solicited.
3. The advisor should develop enthusiasm on the part of the N. F. A. members.
4. He should aid in appointing student committees.

5. He should advertise it, urging every member and parent to be present.

IV. All people who are interested in agriculture should be invited to take a part in the Father and Son banquet.

1. All N. F. A. members and other boys enrolled in the department, if any.
2. Parents of the members.
3. Superintendents and principals.
4. School board members and school trustees.
5. Local business men.
6. County agents, other agriculturalists, and neighboring advisors of N. F. A. chapters.
7. Prospective students and N. F. A. alumni.
8. Honorary members of N. F. A.
9. State supervisors, State directors, and teacher trainers.
10. Other teachers in the high school who have contributed to the success of the chapter.
11. Other members who have shown special interest in the chapter and who have contributed to its success.
12. Persons who are to be awarded honorary degrees and membership.
13. Other persons whom the chapter is desirous of acquainting with the N. F. A. activities.

Be sure to invite mothers. They will appreciate it and will be some of the best boosters for the chapter and department. Many times influences of mothers keep the boys in school.

V. The banquet should be held at the school building, provided that you don't have a chapter room large enough to accommodate the people. (An N. F. A. room is preferable).

VI. The banquet should be held during the school year when it is convenient for those who are interested to attend. Perhaps one of the best times of the year is early fall and not in the spring as most of the chapters do. It should not be held until the school is well under way and members have exhibits of their accomplishments in readiness. When a banquet is held early in the year it gives an opportunity to discuss with parents some of the needs of the community and the students supervised farming programs.

The evening is the most convenient time to hold N. F. A. banquets. Since the farmers are generally busy during the daytime, there will be better attendance.

VII. The banquets should be financed the following ways:

1. By having farm products donated by families of boys.
2. By small charges to cover items not donated.
3. By money in chapter funds, raised for this purpose.
4. Farm cooperative production projects, such as, beef, dairy, swine, or poultry.
5. From wild game shot in season.
6. By mothers who prepare food dishes at home and

bring them to the banquet.

7. By charging a flat rate per plate to all but guest.

8. By school boards financing all or part of it.¹

VIII. Each local chapter should improve on the N. F. A.

Fairs each year. It has been the experience of many teachers that well-planned and conducted Fairs sponsored by the New Farmers of America are very beneficial in creating and stimulating community interest in vocational agriculture and N. F. A. A few of these benefits are:

1. They provide a place for students to exhibit products produced in their supervised farming program.
2. They help the community to have a better understanding of the objectives of vocational agriculture and their achievements of students.
3. They develop students' interest and pride in showing their products and their achievements.
4. They provide a public meeting of all persons interested in agriculture and develop a better school community spirit.
5. They provide opportunity for development of leadership abilities.
6. They, through exhibits and demonstrations,

¹Hall, L. F., "F. F. A. Banquet That are Planned and Conducted by Members." Agricultural Educational Magazine, Vol. 13, No. 11, 1941, pp. 226-227.

provide opportunity for improvement of agriculture and farm family living.

7. They provide for exchange of products between exhibitors.

8. They provide desirable relationship between parents and son.

9. They promote interest in prospective students of vocational agriculture.

10. They provide many opportunities for N. F. A. members to show the work of the chapter.

IX. N. F. A. members along with the homemaking department may be used to organize and sponsor the Fair.

X. The planning of the N. F. A. Fairs should begin in the winter if possible, of the previous year. As soon as the Fair is over plans for the next one should begin.

This is essential:

1. In order that newsitems may be written for the local papers, frequently, so that the Fair will be well advertised.

2. That proper arrangements for financing the Fair may be made early.

3. That the general plans for the Fair may be made early.

4. Premium list may be written before school is over in order that it may be distributed during the summer months. Exhibitors like to know several weeks in advance of the Fair what entries are provided. Many of the exhibits

should be planned during the summer.

5. In order to have sufficient time to plan and prepare special exhibits, demonstration teams and the like.

XI. There should be some procedures to the following plan:

1. The teacher of agriculture should talk over the proposition with the superintendent or the principal.
2. After he is assured of cooperation of his school administrators he should next consult the homemaking teacher and endeavor to get her cooperation and that of all the other teachers in the school system whose department is represented.
3. He should thoroughly discuss the plan with the members of the N. F. A. chapter and others in the vocational agriculture classes, stressing what such an undertaking will mean to them, the school, and the community.
4. He should next explain the proposition to the entire school body if all the departments are to be included.

XII. The school should be the logical place to have the Fair. In this way there is a closer cooperation between the parents and the school.

XIII. Because of community differences no one can say just when such affairs should be held. This should be determined by one or more persons sponsoring the

movement. There are some very good reasons which indicate that the fall is the most opportune time for the average community. A few suggestions as to the fall being the best time for the Fairs are as follows:

1. It is ordinarily the time of the year when the student's individual project records are being completed for the year.
2. Animals and crop projects in general have reached a stage of maturity and are ready for the market in the fall of the year. These projects should be shown before they are marketed.
3. Grain samples that are saved for winter Fairs may become infested and unfit for showing.
4. Weather conditions are more favorable in the fall than in the winter; hence better attendance may be had if the Fair is held before cold winter.

XIV. These Fairs should not run over three days.

XV. The following officers should be elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and in addition, the officers there should be student members and a Fair board elected.

XVI. The officers should be elected from the Vocational Agriculture department and home economics classes.

XVII. These methods should be carried out in financing a Fair of this type:

1. Premiums should be given in the form of

1. merchandise; each merchant is solicited to give a piece of merchandise or so much in trade to be awarded as a premium. This method is used by some.
2. Personal solicitation for cash may be made by N. F. A. members.

3. A small admission charge may be made, but this is not advisable.

4. A special school program may be given to raise money for this purpose.

5. Stands may be run by students and the proceeds used for premiums.

XVIII. The Fairs should be well advertised, but economy must be practiced in the kind of advertising that is done. The following methods are suggested:

1. Local paper.
2. Small cards advertising the fair.
3. Posters.
4. Window displays.
5. Handbills.
6. Announcements in public places or meetings.
7. Send out a group on an advertising tour.

XIX. The entertainments should have an educational value.

The following are some types of entertainment which may be used:

1. Student demonstrations.

2. Style shows.

For further information on Exhibits see Methods of Instruction, Agricultural Magazine, Vol. 12, No. 2, March, 1940, p. 157.

3. High school bands; glee clubs.
4. Rodeo.
5. Short addresses.
6. Short talks, by superintendents of schools;
Fair officials.
7. Athletic contests.
8. Carnivals.

XX. Each Fair should start with a parade. The parade should always be entertaining and may be educational. The parade should show the nature of the work carried on in the vocational agricultural department. For example; floats may be used to illustrate:

- (1) milk testing; (2) poultry culling; (3) egg grading; (4) grain grading; (5) welding; (6) forge work; (7) soldering; (8) farm machinery maintenance; (9) Motor work; (10) labor saving devices; (11) foods; (12) health; (13) sewing; (14) cooking; (15) canning; (16) fine arts; (17) rural schools. And animals and clowns may also be shown in the parade.¹

XXI. The writer further recommends that N. F. A. camps be given at a place where a better program or variety programs can be offered. And that the chapters come together and build an N. F. A. camp. The writer feels that the activities carried on at these camps should have an educational value as well as an entertaining

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XXII. The chapters should finance their chapter activities by the following methods:

1. Joint basketball tournaments with N. F. A. and N. H. A. teams.
2. N. F. A. Sweetheart contests.
3. Make hot beds and sell garden plants to farmers.
4. Sell papers on commission.
5. Collect scrap material and sell.
6. Sponsor dances.
7. Give box suppers.
8. Vaccinate livestock and poultry and make small charges for service rendered.
9. Have livestock judging contests.
10. Sponsor moving picture shows at school.

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APPENDIX

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Sent to Vocational Agricultural Teachers of Crockett District

From: E. R. Lee.

Name of Person Answering Questions _____

Position _____

Address _____

Date _____

Please check ()

I. Father and Son Banquet

1. Where held

- a. Church
- b. School
- c. Hall
- d. Others (Specify)

2. Time held

- a. December
- b. January
- c. March
- d. April
- e. May
- f. Others (Specify)

3. How was banquet financed?

- a. Products furnished by N. F. A. members
- b. Parents financed it
- c. Money from chapter treasury or funds
- d. From wild game killed in season
- e. By charging flat rate for plates
- f. By the school board
- g. By having products furnished by family boys
- h. By a small fee to cover items not donated
- i. Other ways (Specify)

4. Banquet committees

- a. Invitation committee
- b. Decorating committee
- c. Food committee
- d. Finance committee
- e. Dish-washing committee
- f. Clean-up committee
- g. Reception committee
- h. Others (Specify)

5. Banquet sponsored by:

- a. N. F. A. members
- b. Homemaking teacher
- c. Advisor of local chapter
- d. Some other teacher in the system
- e. By the principal
- f. Business men of town
- g. Parents
- h. Lodges
- i. Others (Specify)

6. Type of program:

- a. Prepared program
- b. Unprepared program
- c. Opening and closing N. F. A. ceremonies
- d. Have toast master
- e. Introduction of guest and parents
- f. Talks by N. F. A. members
- g. Talks by parents
- h. Have a special speaker
- i. Musical numbers
- j. Group singing
- k. Variety program
- l. Others (Specify)

7. Type of table service:

- a. Formal service
- b. Informal service
- c. Buffet or cafeteria style
- d. Others (Specify)

II. New Farmers of America Camps

1. The purpose of the N. F. A. camp

- a. Leadership training
- b. To render camp programs
- c. Recreation
- d. Others (Specify)

2. Where camps are held

- a. N. F. A. camping grounds
- b. Some water front
- c. Y. M. C. A. Camp
- d. National Park
- e. College campus
- f. CCC camp
- g. N. Y. A. camp
- h. Others (Specify)

3. Duration of camp (to the season and month)

- a. One week
- b. Two weeks
- c. Three weeks
- d. One month
- e. More or less (Specify)

4. The cost of camping

- a. \$2.00 to \$4.00
- b. \$4.00 to \$6.00 (School, Church, or
- c. \$6.00 to \$10.00
- d. More or less (Specify)

5. Type of recreational activities (Underscore ones used)

Swimming, string bands, water carnivals, boat trips, volley ball, glee clubs, group singing, field events, ping-pong, table games, baseball, boxing, fishing, minstrels, soft ball, tennis, wrestling, hicks, stunts, tap-dancing, horse-shoe pitching, other games carried on, (Specify)

6. Method of transportation

- a. By car
- b. By school bus
- c. Chartered bus
- d. Open truck
- e. By train
- f. Others (Specify)

III. Organizing and Conducting N. F. A. Fairs

1. Purpose of the Fair (local paper)

- a. Finance
- b. To show accomplishments in N. F. projects
- c. For entertainment
- d. Educational purposes
- e. Others (Specify)

2. Who sponsors the Fair

- a. Chamber of Commerce
- b. Merchants of the local community
- c. N. F. A. members
- d. Teacher of agriculture
- e. Citizens of the community
- f. Teachers or principal of the school
- g. Others (Specify)

3. Time of Fair (as to the season and month)

- a. September
- b. October
- c. November
- d. February
- e. Others (Specify)

4. Where Fair is held

- a. County Seat
- b. Local community (School, Church, or Community Center)
- c. Largest town in district
- d. Others (Specify)

5. Place of holding Fair

- a. Fair grounds
- b. School building
- c. Community center
- d. Unoccupied building in the community
- e. Others (Specify)

6. Length of Fair

- a. One week
- b. Two weeks
- c. Longer
- d. Shorter
- e. Other (Specify)

7. Method of advertising Fair

- a. Circular letters
- b. Posters
- c. Advertise in local paper
- d. Announce on screen
- e. Send groups on advertising tours
- f. Make announcements in public places and meetings
- g. Other ways (Specify)

8. When plans are made

- a. Winter
- b. Spring
- c. Present year
- d. Previous year
- e. Fall
- f. Others (Specify)

9. Officers

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Fair committee or board
- f. Others (Specify)

10. Selecting of officers

- a. Agricultural department
- b. Home Economics department
- c. Both: Home Economics department and Agricultural department
- d. Others (Specify)

11. Types of exhibits

- a. Livestock and Poultry
- b. Farm products
- c. Educational exhibits
- d. Discoveries
- e. Inventions
- f. Canned goods
- g. Needle work
- h. Cooked foods
- i. Others (Specify)

12. Financing Fair

- a. Charge to enter gate
- b. Charge each entry a small fee
- c. Money from games
- d. Money from business men
- e. Money from Chamber of Commerce
- f. Others (Specify)

13. Entertainment

- a. Student demonstration
- b. Style shows
- c. Musical numbers
- d. High school bands
- e. Glee clubs
- f. Rodeo
- g. Short addresses by outstanding speakers
- h. Short talks by superintendents of schools
- i. Demonstration by specialists
- j. Athletic contests
- k. Others (Specify)

14. Parades

- a. Educational
- b. Entertaining
- c. Both, educational and entertaining
- d. Others (Specify)

IV. Financing Chapter Activities

1. Budget of expenses
2. Credit Loans
3. New Farmers Foundation
 - a. N. F. A. speaking contest
 - b. Modern Farmers Awards
 - c. Superior Farmers Awards
 - d. Farm Mechanics Awards
 - e. Livestock Judging contest
 - f. Projects Awards
 - g. Farm home improvement Awards
 - h. Others (Specify)
4. Other Methods Used by Chapters
 - a. Fatten and market feeders hogs
 - b. Collect scraps from school lunch program and sell
 - c. Make chapter exhibits at state and local Fairs
 - d. Purchase chicks and market broilers
 - e. Make hotbeds and market plants
 - f. Vaccinate livestock and poultry and make small charges
 - g. Prune fruit trees and make small charges
 - h. Treat small grain, and make small charge per bushel
 - i. Treat cotton seed and make small charges per bushel
 - j. Spray fruit trees and make small charges
 - k. Make articles in farm shop and sell
 - l. Sell garden seed on commission
 - m. Sell papers on commission
 - n. Play basketball games on percentage basis
 - o. Sponsor carnivals
 - p. Collect and sell scrap metal and rags
 - q. Sponsor dances
 - r. Raise hogs on 50-50 basis
 - s. Give box suppers
 - t. Hatch eggs for members of the chapter and charge a small fee.
 - u. Others (Specify)