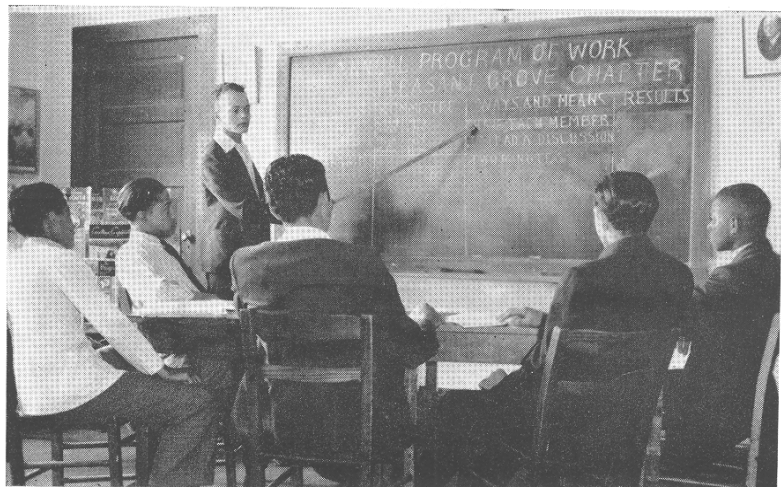


THE NFA PROGRAM OF WORK

The NFA Program of Work is one of the essentials of a live and going chapter. At one of the first meetings in the school year the chapter reviews the old program for strong and weak points. A program committee is appointed by the president to bring in the new or revised program for consideration of the chapter at the next meeting.

ANNUAL NFA PROGRAM OF WORK



The Pleasant Grove Chapter Committee planning the annual NFA program of work.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET SERVES AS GOOD DEVICE FOR ACQUAINTING THE PUBLIC WITH THE NFA PROGRAM



Father and Son Banquet held at the Jordan Sellars Chapter, Burlington, N. C.

ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA

by

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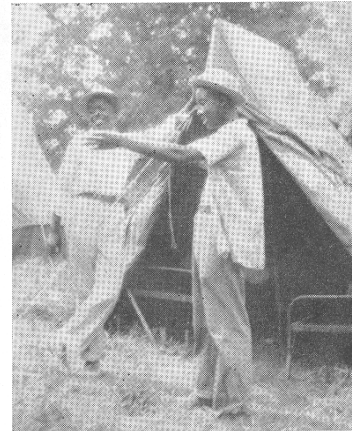


NFA EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY AT THE SEVENTH WORLD'S POULTRY CONGRESS, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Division of Teacher Training
AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Greensboro, North Carolina



The Mess Hall is used for indoor games, for reading, and for lectures as well as for eating.



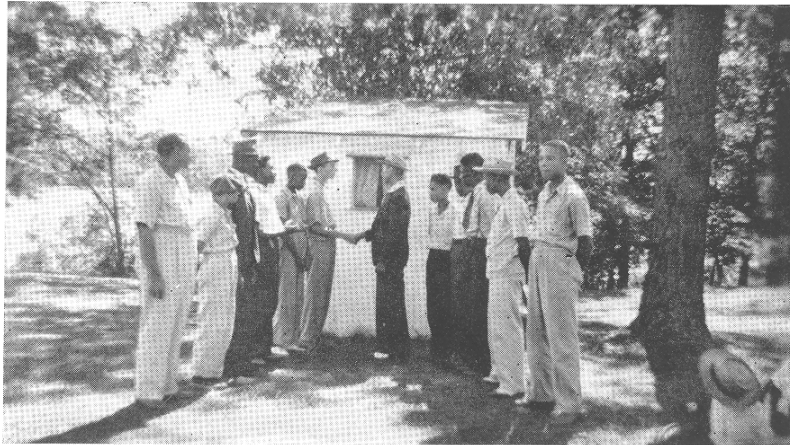
Scout tents are provided as sleeping quarters at the western camp.

Lowering the United States Flag is one of the regular activities taught to all camp groups.



NFA CAMPS

The camps provide mainly, leadership training along several lines. These boys go back to their chapters and help the adviser train other members. Such camps are conducted in the eastern and western parts of the state.



Installation of new camp officers by the old officers—a good method which one of the boys learned from the 1941 National Convention.



Boys being taught to swim are handled in small groups for two reasons—better protection is afforded and more individual consideration is provided.

FOREWORD

As I interpret the program of the New Farmers of America, here in North Carolina and throughout the country where chapters are located, I find that they have succeeded in doing the common jobs in an uncommon way. They are succeeding in making the rural communities, schools, churches and most of the homes better places in which to live. They have proved through their projects that scientific farming will bring better yields and profits in both crops and livestock.

The program of the New Farmers of America has done and is doing a wonderful job in teaching the youth how to cooperate among themselves and get the cooperation of others irrespective of race.

I have witnessed their improvement in public speaking, their mastery of parliamentary procedures, their ability to preside over meetings, their selection of officers, and many other points of leadership during the fifteen annual state conventions which have brought large numbers of rural boys to the college. These boys as a rule make good records when they enter the college for further agriculture training.

The organization provides for its membership many valuable opportunities which are not offered other rural youth. Chief among these opportunities is contact with men of influence throughout the country. Large numbers of our North Carolina farm boys have attended meetings at our leading Negro colleges and universities. They had exhibits at the Seventh World's Poultry Congress, Cleveland, Ohio. Through the NFA, the Negro farmer was represented at the New York World's Fair, in 1939.

I take the deepest pride in the fact that the NFA program is succeeding in getting many of its members successfully established in farming in North Carolina and in other states.

This publication compiled and edited by S. B. Simmons, a member of the college faculty, is designed to acquaint the public with NFA success, and to inspire the membership to even greater undertakings. The Agricultural and Technical College is happy in the fact that it has worked with and will continue to work with the NFA in putting over its program.

F. D. BLUFORD, President
Agricultural and Technical College
Greensboro, North Carolina.

June, 1942

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NFA

The New Farmers of America had its beginning as a state association at Virginia State College, Petersburg, 1927. It was founded by Professor George W. Owens of that college. Other state associations were begun during the following year at the suggestion and guidance of the late Dr. H. O. Sargent, Federal Agent of Vocational Agricultural Education.

It was during the year of 1928 that the North Carolina Association got under way. The first sectional NFA meeting was held at Virginia State College in 1928. NFA was incorporated under the laws of North Carolina in 1932.

In December, 1934, S. B. Simmons attended the Farmers Conference at Tuskegee Institute, and discussed with Dr. F. D. Patterson, President of the Institute, and Professor A. Floyd, Teacher-Trainer for the state of Alabama, the subject of holding the first National NFA Convention at Tuskegee Institute. A written report of the Conference was made to Dr. H. O. Sargent, and later to the Negro Teacher-Trainers of Vocational Agricultural Education. Through the contacts and most helpful cooperation of many interested state and federal officials, the National Body was perfected at Tuskegee Institute August, 1935.



The above picture shows student and adult officers from the states of Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina, who signed the papers of incorporation. The signing took place at Kittrell College, North Carolina, August, 1932, when the State Association was host to sectional organization.



NFA boys in North Carolina are developing a keen interest in forestry, as a result of the District and State Contests. These boys are figuring out the number of feet of lumber in this forest.

VICTORY LUNCH



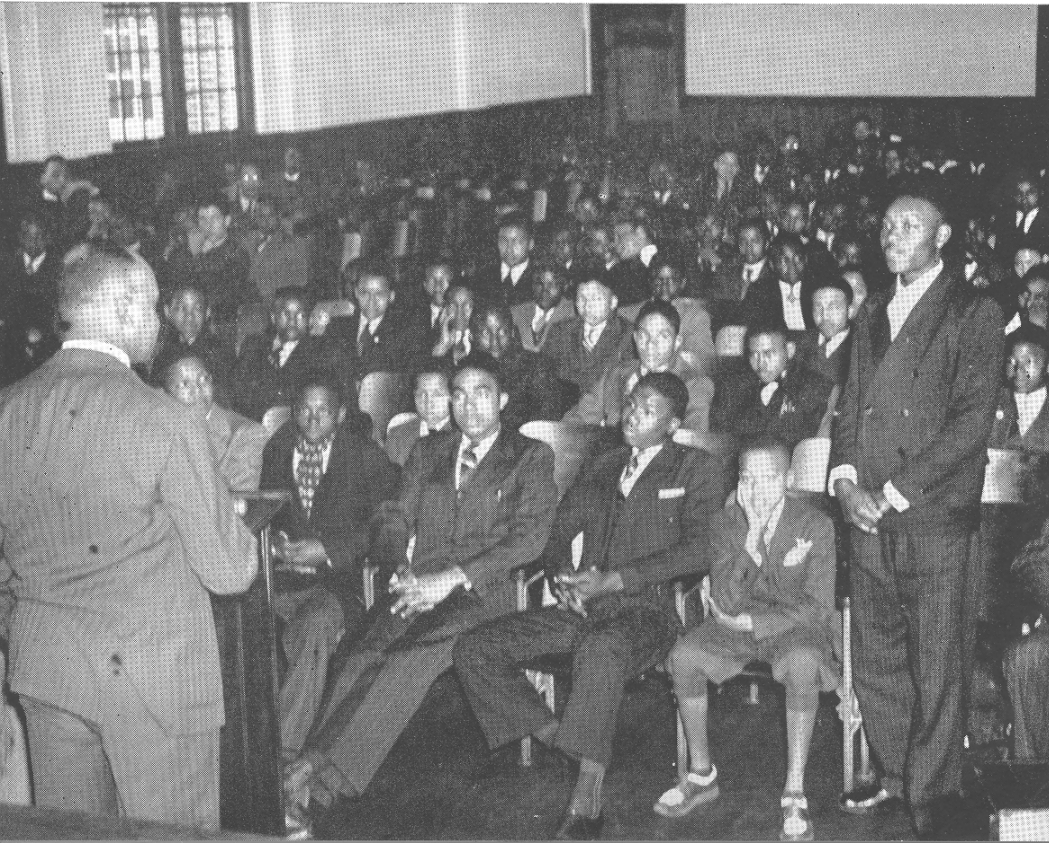
At each of the four district meetings, the members purchased their lunch with War Stamps. The host chapter members gave the food, the Home Economics girls, under the supervision of the teacher, prepared and served the meals. The stamps were used to purchase bonds. Through this means, \$125.00 worth of bonds was purchased by four NFA Chapters.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

NFA District meetings have been conducted in the State for the past several years. This practice has been a means of giving more members a wide experience. The war situation will stimulate more such meetings.

NFA QUIZ

S. B. Simmons, the State Supervisor of Vocational Agricultural Education in Negro Schools, is asking one of the members some questions about the Guide. The quiz has been a means of getting the members to study the official NFA Guide and parliamentary practices as never before. The public is very much interested in this contest.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND H. O. SARGENT

Two outstanding characters in vocational education in this country and particularly with the Negro youth are shown on this page. Because of their influence upon the NFA program, their pictures are found on the walls of chapter meeting rooms throughout the state and country.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Booker T. Washington's birthday is observed by 1,000 chapters and 30,000 active members who give special radio programs—national, state, and local—generally on April 5.



H. O. SARGENT

The H. O. Sargent Loan Fund was approved at the 1936 National Convention, as a means of keeping alive the memory of that great leader. Through the payment of five cents per member, the North Carolina Association Fund has grown to \$600.00. From this fund are drawn loans made to needy active and former members.



THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF NFA AS AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The North Carolina Association of NFA has been very active in the affairs of the National Organization from the beginning.

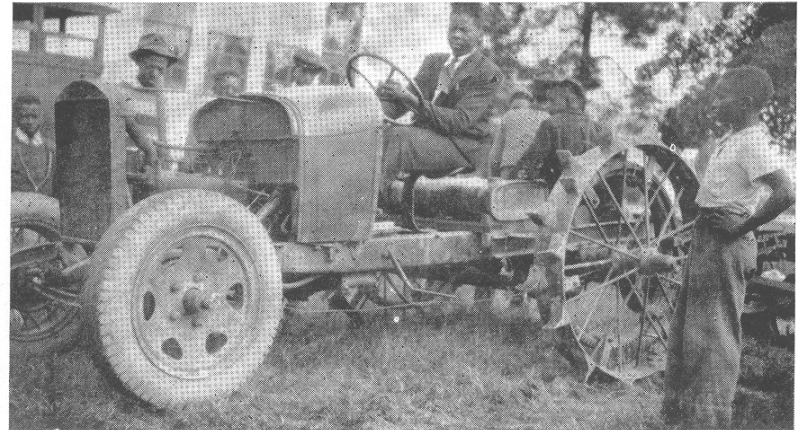
1. Elbert Pettiford presided over the first National meeting and was elected Vice-President at that meeting. The next year he was elected President.
2. J. W. Warren, Jr., has served as Secretary and President of the National NFA, respectively.
3. The structural portion of the exhibit for the Seventh World's Poultry Congress was built in North Carolina under the direction of E. W. McPherson, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Live Oaks, Florida. W. M. Goldsborough, head of NFA Program at Dudley High School, Greensboro, North Carolina, aided with the construction. He was in charge of the exhibit while in Cleveland. Valuable aid was given by W. N. Elam of the United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C. This national exhibit was reviewed by more than 150,000 persons from many parts of the world.
4. Ruffin McGhee of North Carolina is the present National Reporter.
5. S. B. Simmons served as National Executive Secretary of NFA from 1935 to 1941. He is at present National Treasurer.

1942 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

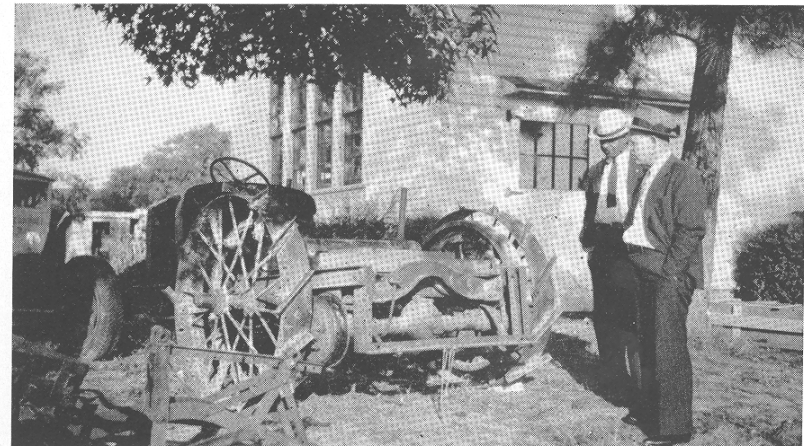


Pictured above are the 1942 National Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council, taken at the annual meeting held at the Tennessee State College, Nashville, March 31, 1942. This body adopted the Tennessee Association's War Pledge for the National Organization.

NFA BOYS MAKE TRACTOR



NFA BOYS OF THE ROCKY POINT CHAPTER TAKE TWO OLD CARS AND A FEW PARTS TO MAKE THE FIRST TRACTOR OWNED BY THE CHAPTER

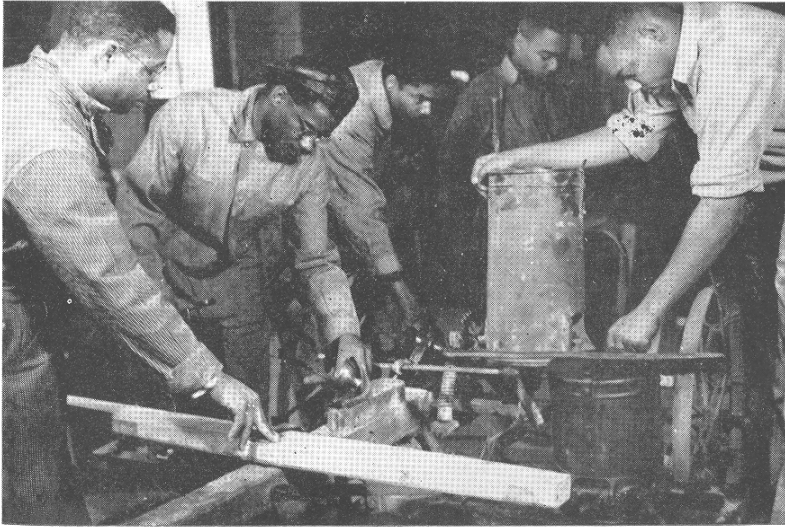


W. N. ELAM, FEDERAL AGENT, LOOKING OVER THE TRACTOR CONSTRUCTED BY THE ROCKY POINT BOYS

FARM MACHINERY REPAIRS

Under the leadership of Professor W. T. Johnson, teacher-trainer in farm shop practice, NFA teachers and boys are doing a great job in repairing and maintaining farm machinery.

A. AND T. COLLEGE TRAINEES AND FORMER MEMBERS DOING THEIR BIT IN GETTING FARM MACHINERY READY FOR USE



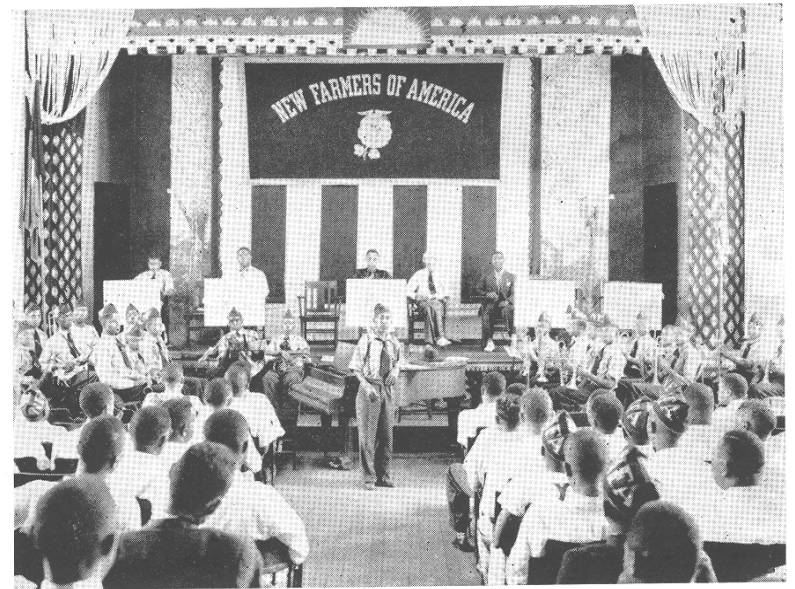
ELBERT PETTIFORD, FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT, HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN MAKING USEFUL OLD FARM MACHINERY



NFA AND MUSIC

Music plays an important part in all local, state and national NFA meetings. Each unit of the organization is encouraged to have a quartette, choral club, and band. Most of the 1,000 chapters compete for state honors at their state conventions. The best state quartettes compete for highest honors at the national contest. The Ahoskie, North Carolina, quartette won first place in 1941.

NORTH CAROLINA BAND AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



The NFA Band of Laurinburg, North Carolina, was the first official band to take part at a national convention, Savannah, Georgia, August, 1938.



NATIONAL NFA BROADCAST

NFA RADIO ACTIVITIES

NFA went on the air April 3, 1941, over the NBC station in the Nation's capital. One of the highlights of the program was the message from President Roosevelt, which is given below.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

March 14, 1941.

Dear Professor Simmons:

I am glad to send this greeting first, because of what your organization stands for; and second, because you are commemorating the life of one of the world's great leaders.

We are hearing much these days about preparation for national defense through the manufacture of implements of war, the development of technical skills, and the recruiting of a great army. These things are important; they are essential elements in our first line of defense. Of equal importance, however, is the production, conservation, and distribution of farm products in order that both our fighting forces and our civilian population may be properly fed and clothed. The progressive agricultural program which your organization is sponsoring, therefore, constitutes one of our most valuable defense measures. Your interest and activities in executing this program have been a source of strength for youth and of hope for adults.

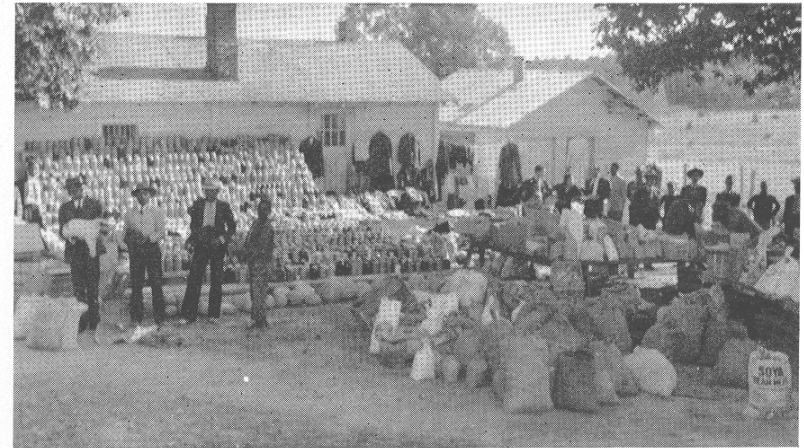
I am happy to join you in paying homage to the memory of Booker T. Washington, whose birthday you are planning to commemorate. Much of the progress in agriculture which Negroes have achieved during the past half century is due to his wise and courageous leadership. He not only understood the problems of his race, but he understood also the problems of the South. The entire Nation is indebted to him for his keen insight, clear vision and sound statesmanship.

I congratulate you on your past achievements, and wish for you success in your present deliberations and future plans.

Very sincerely yours,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Professor S. B. Simmons
Executive Secretary, New Farmers of America,
A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

GIFTS



The gifts consisted of 3,000 jars of canned goods, bushels of corn, sweet and Irish potatoes, clothing, chickens, pigs and \$626.25. Every chapter in the state took part.

YOUNG MAN WHO RAISED THE LARGEST CASH GIFT



Willie Morgan of the Wakefield-Zebulon School raised the largest amount in cash, \$26.66. Others in the picture, Superintendent T. A. Hammee, of the Orphanage, S. B. Simmons, J. T. Locke, teacher of vocational agriculture at Zebulon, and Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agricultural Education.

NFA THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

During the past ten years, the North Carolina Association has given \$9,842 worth of food commodities and cash to needy families. This year these gifts, totaling more than \$2,500 in value, were made for the most part to the Negro Orphanage of Oxford. Such was the largest gift total ever presented to the Orphanage by a youth organization.

The tag at right was used in enabling the members to raise more than \$750.

A Plea That Cannot Be Denied!



**Be A Loyal N. F. A. Supporter
And BUY A Tag To Help 200
Boys and Girls At The
NEGRO ORPHANAGE
at Oxford, N. C.
Thanksgiving 1941**



Allen Spaulding presented the gifts. Allen was a former student at the Orphanage, also a former NFA member. Others in the picture are President Francis and officers of Mary Potter Chapter in Oxford.



GOVERNOR BROUGHTON AND MR. BROWNE MAKING THE RECORDING FOR THE NFA DAY PROGRAM.

STATE NFA DAY

The North Carolina Association observed Booker T. Washington's birthday, April 9. The state-wide program was broadcast over Stations WBIG, Greensboro, and WPTF, Raleigh. Taking part in the program were: Governor Broughton, who spoke on the life of Booker T. Washington; Mr. T. E. Browne, Director of Vocational Education, who introduced the Governor; President F. D. Bluford, who led a group of NFA members in a discussion of the major ideas brought out in Dr. Washington's books and speeches.

Radio Cast which took part in the program given in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium, A. and T. College, April 9, 1942.



ROY H. THOMAS RECEIVES LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN A. V. A.

Mr. Roy H. Thomas
Supervisor Vocational Agriculture Education
State College Station
Raleigh, North Carolina

April 9, 1942.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We, the teachers of vocational agriculture including the teacher training staff and our supervisor, have had the privilege of working under your supervision for from one to twenty-two years. We have always found you to be a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. Not a single man has ever heard you say a discouraging word. Your life and its relationship to us has been a source of great inspiration. We feel safe in saying that that inspiration is passed on to the boys with whom we are working. In view of these most helpful contacts we desire to express our appreciation to you by providing a life membership in the American Vocational Association beginning with the year '42-'43.

Most respectfully yours,

K. A. WILLIAMS, President,
Vocational Teachers Association.

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AVA MEMBERSHIP

Roy H. Thomas receiving the news of his Life Membership in AVA from Professor K. A. Williams at Fifteenth Annual State NFA Convention.



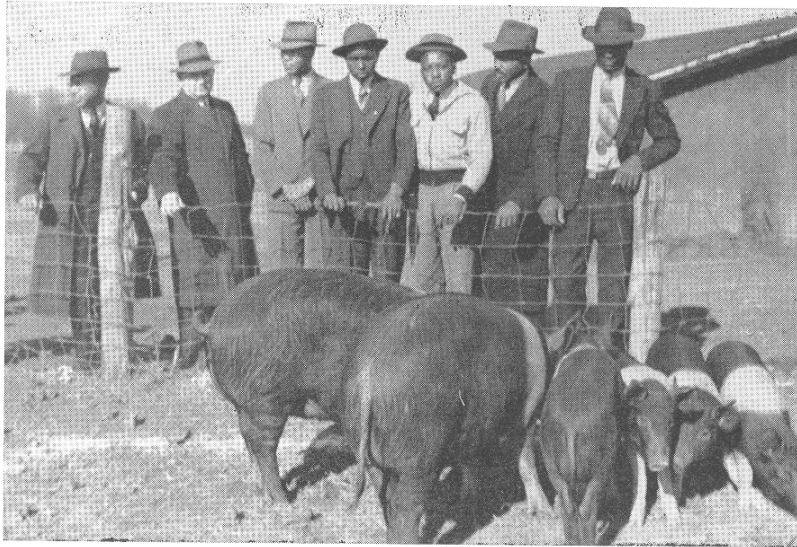
LOGAN BOAR ASSOCIATION

The Logan Board Association was organized by Professor M. M. Woodson, Concord, 1941, its membership being entirely freshmen of the NFA. The organization secured a group loan of \$25.00 from the local credit union, with which their first boar was purchased from A. and T. College. The loan has been repaid, all members have swine projects, another boar and gilt have been purchased, and the farmers have now 215 high grade pigs. Most important of all, the youths have received a valuable lesson in successful coöperation.



LOGAN BOAR ASSOCIATION

HOGS WON BY GUILFORD COUNTY MEMBERS UNDER PROFESSOR DEAN'S TRAINEES



NFA boys have done much to improve swine production. In 1928 there were 75 swine projects with a total of 126 hogs. In 1941 there were 894 projects which produced 1,362,191 pounds of pork. The annual Ham Show has had great influence on this project.

HAM EXHIBIT



The second NFA Ham Show was staged in the heart of Greensboro directly opposite the Court House and a block from the United States Post Office. The exhibit was viewed by 7,563 persons, whose complimentary remarks informed others of the NFA and its food program.



DR. C. C. SPAULDING

Pictured above Dr. C. C. Spaulding is receiving the Superior Degree key from Henry Revels of Louisiana, National President. Dr. J. W. Hale, President of Tennessee State College, is shown in the picture.

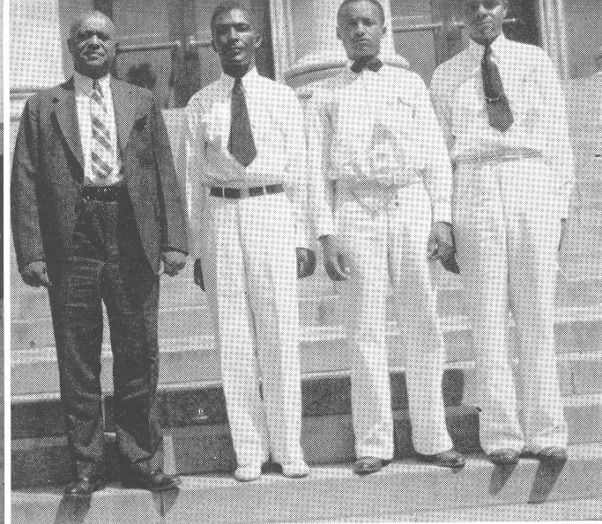
MEN OF INFLUENCE WORK WITH NFA

Much of the success of NFA is due to the coöperation and aid given by men and women of both races in all parts of the country. Two of these men have been given honorary membership by the national organization. Dr. C. C. Spaulding, President of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, gave the first \$100.00 Cash Prize to the ranking Superior Farmers at the World's Fair, New York, 1939.

DR. GLENN T. SETTLE

James W. Warren, a North Carolina member and a former National President, conferring the honorary Superior Degree on Dr. Glenn T. Settle, Director of "Wings Over Jordan," at Booker T. Washington High School, Reidsville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, Dr. Settle's birthplace. NFA has been able to acquaint large numbers of people with its program by having four of its adult officers speak on "Wings Over Jordan," Sunday morning world radio program, on the subject of Booker T. Washington and the NFA.





President F. D. Bluford of A. and T. College and three former pupils, who are: R. E. Jones, State 4-H Club leader; D. J. Knight, County Agent; and Jesse Francis, Senior Agriculture student. Francis thrilled the public with his caponizing skill, demonstrated at the Seventh World's Poultry Congress, Cleveland, Ohio.

FORMER NFA MEMBERS

The type of work the former NFA members are engaged in, in a measure, indicates the usefulness of the program. Outstanding in this matter of occupational status is the Warren County Training School Chapter, Wise, North Carolina, which has more than 110 former members farming. Many other chapters throughout the state and country have large numbers engaged in farming. These youths are making very successful agricultural teachers, county agents, and principals of rural schools.

Felix Draughan, graduate of the Waters Training School, Winton, North Carolina, married, has one son, owns his farm and is a great civic leader in his home community, looks over his fine cotton and peanut crops.



Theodore Sewell, his father and Dean John McLaughlin with one of the college's young male calves, to be used in improving the community cows. Mr. Sewell has just purchased a farm through the aid of the Farm Security Administration. The father's attitude has meant much to the son and his program. Theodore is a candidate for the Superior Farmer Degree.



D. Bullock, of Bricks Tri-County High School, is seen here with a part of his prize flock of Plymouth Rock hens from which he produces most of the eggs that are sold to local farmers for hatching purposes. The eggs are hatched in a co-operatively owned hatchery. The cockerels used in the project were purchased from A. and T. College. Bullock is a good example of what a tenant farm boy can do under proper leadership.

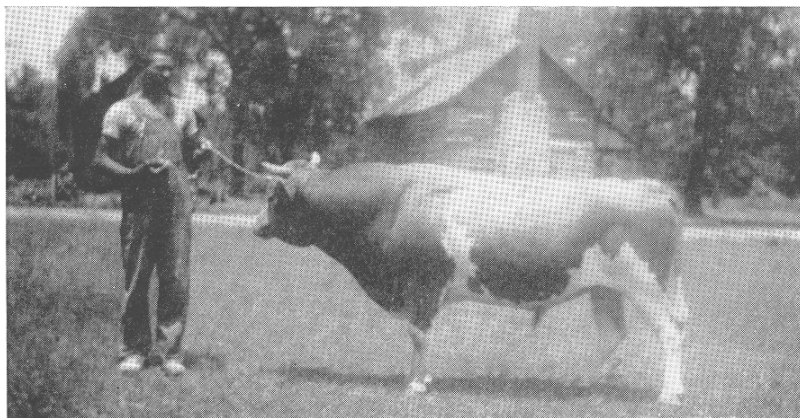
LIVESTOCK SUPERVISED FARM PRACTICE

NFA is doing much to improve the livestock situation on the farms in the state. During the past two years, the A. and T. College has sold a number of young male animals to members all over the state.

NFA STATE TRUSTEES AND JESSE FRANCIS PRESENTING FORMER GOVERNOR HOEY WITH A CAPON IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES



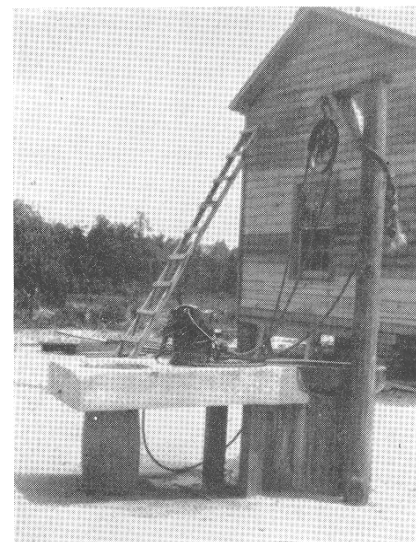
TABORN BULL



Cosby Taborn, a third year member of the Little River School, in Durham County, under the leadership of Professor J. L. Moffitt, has purchased a pure-bred Guernsey bull, which cost \$75.00 at three weeks of age, the money having been earned from his previous projects. The bull has produced a number of high grade calves for Negro farmers in the county. Taborn's 1941-42 Supervised Farm Program calls for: 1 bull, 3½ acres of corn, 1½ acres of tobacco and 3 acres of pasture. He hopes to purchase 2 pure-bred calves this fall.

LEE ALLEN YATES OUTSTANDING FORMER PUPIL

Lee Allen Yates is regarded by many as the most outstanding farming former NFA member in the state. He served as President of the local chapter and State Association, delegate to the National Convention held at Prairie View, Texas, 1937, and Savannah, Georgia, 1938. In 1939, he was a member of the state Poultry Judging Team which competed at Cleveland, Ohio. Studies of his supervised farming program were exhibited at the Florida National Convention, 1941. Yates is the sole manager of his mother's 104 acre farm.



Improved water system installed by Yates at his home.

YATES EXHIBIT



Yates and Professor I. C. Rogers are shown with Yates' Exhibit of his Supervised Farm Practice Program, Arcade Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 30, 1942. His exhibit was a part of the former pupils program.

FORMER PUPILS SPECIAL PROGRAM

On January 30, 1942, about seventy-five former pupils and teachers met in Raleigh, North Carolina, to discuss ways and means of getting more members established in farming. Professor C. E. Dean, in association with two former pupils, two teachers and two fathers, led the discussion. This group brought out factors related to getting a better understanding on the part of pupils, teachers and fathers. Problems the group endeavored to solve, for example, concerned the interests of former pupils who operate home farms after the death of parents while brothers and sisters are away at work taking no part in keeping up the place but expecting to get full share when the estate is settled. Since such operators do all the work, pay for all the upkeep and have all responsibility, their share of the estate should be greater and by all means fixed by the parents during life. The plan is to carry out programs of this nature in all parts of the state.

PICTURE OF THE BANQUET

Former pupils and teachers ended the January 30 program with a banquet at the Arcade Hotel, Raleigh. Guest banquet speakers were R. L. McDougald, Cashier, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham; and R. E. Jones, State 4-H Club leader. Professor W. T. Johnson presided. Jones and Johnson are former members.



NFA SUPERVISED FARM PRACTICE PROGRAM

Supervised Farm Practice Program is the guiding principle in getting NFA members established in farming. These programs are begun during the first year the member takes agriculture, and are expanded each year thereafter. At the end of four years, the individual has his own farm program well under way.



COLA NEWSOME'S POTATO PROJECT

Pictured herewith are two of Cola Newsome's projects, sweet potatoes and wheat. Newsome introduced wheat growing to his community and, in addition, has a large poultry project. He is President of the State NFA Association.

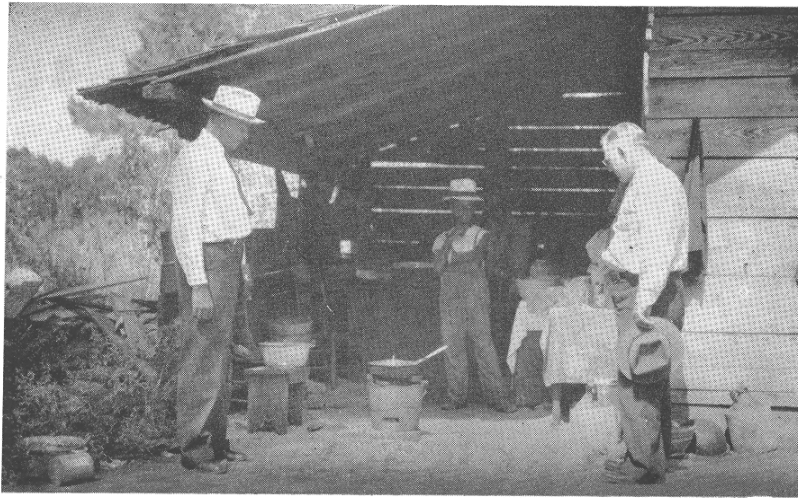


The NFA Chapter at Catawba was the first in the state to grow and store sweet potatoes on a co-operative basis.

NEWSOME'S WHEAT PROJECT

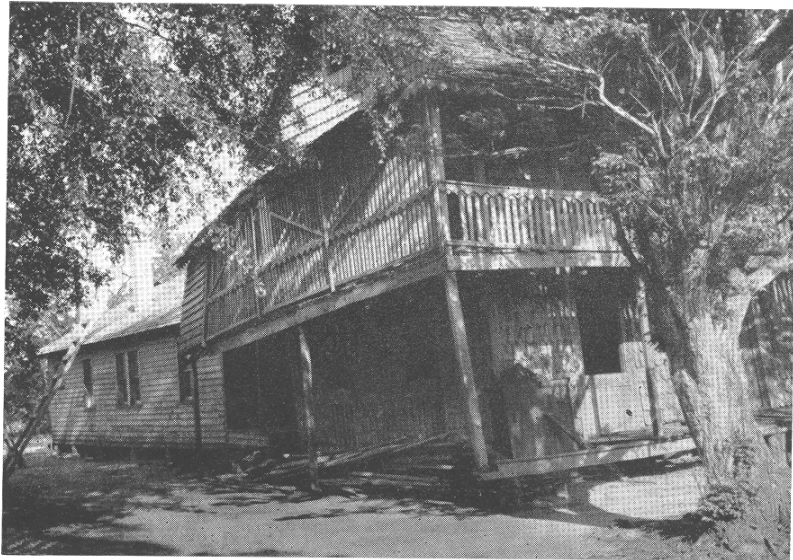


CATAWBA SWEET POTATO STORAGE HOUSE



S. B. Simmons, C. Armstrong, and W. N. Elam, Federal Agent, looking at the farm shed which the family used as a kitchen before new home was completed.

With the help of Professor Anderson and Mrs. Armstrong's three sons, the family has a good home to take the place of the old home seen on this page. The lumber which went into the house came from the family forest.

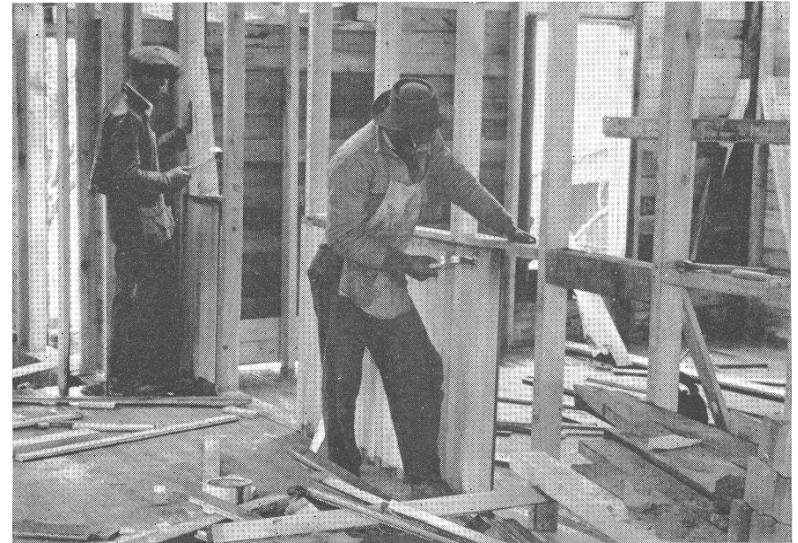


The old house and the new Armstrong house being constructed in the rear. Since the picture was made, the old home has been removed and the grounds beautified.

DEFENSE TRAINING COURSES AND FORMER PUPILS

A large number of former vocational agriculture students and NFA members profited by taking the defense training courses. Immediate results show the construction of many new houses, and the repair of numerous homes and farm machinery. The enlargement of training centers and the addition of sorely needed equipment have made it possible for hundreds of young men to aid the country in building camps, ships, and other essentials of our war program.

PICTURE OF JORDAN SELLARS BOYS



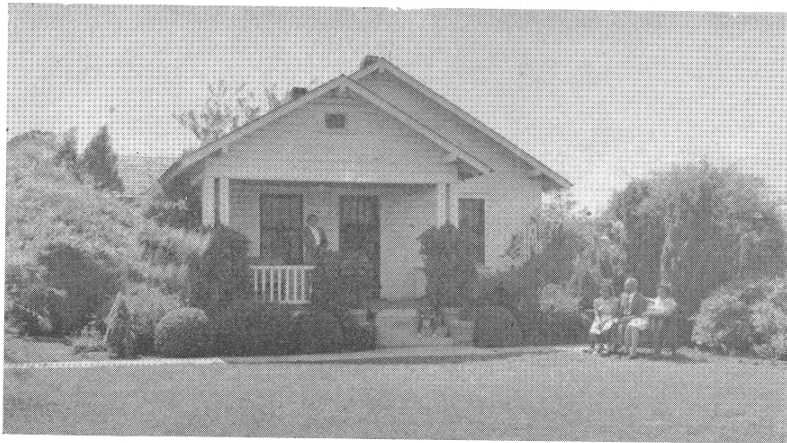
John Edward Thompson and Lacy Williams at work on a six-room cottage being constructed by the defense class as a part of their shop practice. Professor W. J. Fisher, the agriculture teacher, has conducted ten OSY-4 classes at Burlington, North Carolina.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

NFA Home Improvement Programs have been conducted throughout the state. The most successful activity of this nature has been carried on under Professor S. C. Anderson. More than 35 homes have been built and 385 homes, schools, and church grounds beautified. This program has included work all over the county and has benefited members of both races, especially those persons with limited funds.



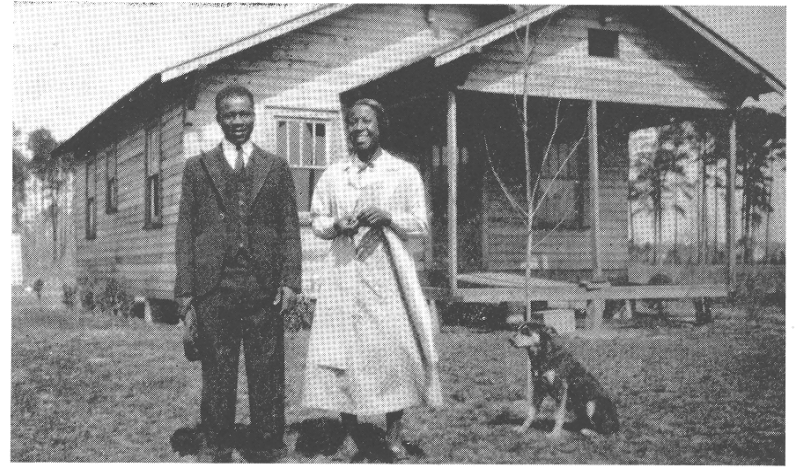
ANDERSON AND HIS FIRST HOME



NEW ANDERSON HOME

When Anderson went to Rocky Point twenty-two years ago he himself had to build a home. Ten years later, he and some of the boys whom he had trained, built the home pictured above, which has electricity, running water and other modern conveniences. All work was done by Mr. Anderson and his students. The young men trained at Rocky Point are in great demand at Camp Davis and the Wilmington Navy yard.

HAYWOOD MALLORY AND WIFE BEFORE HOUSE WAS COMPLETED



The Mallory boys have been very unusual former students, first in providing themselves with a home, and then in developing the home farm. Lawrence Mallory has taught six Number 3 OSY courses, and purchased a farm which he operates, at the same time operating successfully a community store.

HAYWOOD MALLORY HOME AFTER COMPLETION AND BEAUTIFICATION

