

LITERARY EFFORTS

AN ADDRESS TO OLD GLORY OUR DEBT TO THE FARMER

Old Glory, I wonder if you truly realize just what you mean to Americans. Your stars and stripes mean more than just red, white, and blue bits of cloth; they stand for our country that we so love, honor, and obey; this land called by some just America but by us the United States of America. This word united brings together all classes of people, the wealthy, the poor, the strong and the weak, to be classed in one great division—Americans. Your brave colors recall to our mind the great battles which were fought and the hundreds of men who willingly gave their lives that you might still display your glory and splendor to the public. We also remember that you were not established in your domain without great effort on the part of our forefathers. As we watch you proudly waving in the breeze, we are reminded too that the freedom which you represent is not to be found in other countries bearing a different banner. While we watch you bravely fly, we hear the laughter of children at play, not men and women digging in the ruins of their homes to find their once valuable possessions; we hear the hum of industries, not the roar of planes and bombs. When we think of these things, we offer the prayer, "Thank God that we are Americans." And, Old Glory, may you ever wave o'er this land of the free and the home of the brave.

BAILEY BOYS ORGANIZE FOR PRACTICE

Each Saturday night finds the Y. M. A. A., a club of Bailey boys headed by Jack Farmer, meeting at the Bailey gym. The purpose of the club is to promote better athletics by having more practice. A fee is charged to cover expenses.

The greatest debt of all mankind is due the farmer. It was he who carved the way to success with his ax, hoe and plow. It is the farmer who wrestles with the soil and raises the food to sustain the human body. He breeds and tests seeds and raises more and better livestock. He beautifies the country side with homes made by his tireless labor. He helps to support the schools for his own as well as his city neighbor's children. The framers are the hub of the wheel of this great universe. Very few people ever stop to think of what the farmer has done for America. May God give him strength to keep it up.

F. F. A. SEED JUDGING

TEAM SELECTED

In order to participate in the Nash County seed identification contest held at Nashville, January 20, and the state seed judging and identification contest to be held at Greensboro, N. C. February 1, all F. F. A. members made a study of seed identification. After a week's study of 114 different seeds of field crops and common and noxious weeds collected from this state and others, Mr. E. A. Howton, advisor gave a test with 100 of the different samples. Scoring highest on this test was Charles Medlin, identifying 98, Thomas Finch and Braxton Honeycutt, 96, and Jack Farmer, 94. These four boys composed the team to represent the Bailey Chapter in the two contests. The winner in the county contest has not been announced.