

New Farmers Of America Program Explained By Leader

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BY W. J. FISHER

The matter of interpreting the aims, objectives and purposes of the NFA as set forth in the National Constitution is a matter of great concern to the persons fostering the Vocational Education Program in Agriculture today, because during times like these when laymen in all walks of life are attempting to evaluate the good and bad of all programs and give it the results of an atomic blast, it is fitting that we try to interpret the aims and purposes as set forth in the Smith-Hugh Act of 1917 out of which grew the organization of New Farmers of America.

The NFA is an organization rooted in the belief that practical training of the hand and mind is the type that shall develop within the individual the desire to become a first class citizen of the community, county, state, and nation.

The objectives of Vocational Agricultural Education are to make a beginning and advance in farming, produce farm commodities efficiently, market farm products advantageously, manage a farm business, conserve soil and other natural resources and maintain a favorable environment. These objectives have been embodied into six stanzas of a poem that has become known as the "Creed of the New Farmers of America" to which each boy subscribes when taken into the organization.

The first task in Vocational Agricultural Education is to develop within the boy when he enters high school a longing for the joy and satisfaction that can be his in putting dignity into farm work. We also strive to teach him that as in learning the arts and skills of a trade or profession he shall prosper in preparation as he learns the secret of putting knowledge and skill into the occupation of farming, because it has been clearly emphasized that no man can prosper until he learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem. Thus the burden of leading, advising and guiding the farm youth in our Rural Secondary Schools rests upon the shoulders of the teachers of Vocational Agriculture who have pledged themselves to provide the leadership in making the farm a better place on which to live.

The second task becomes that of teaching the boy in his all day classes of Vocational Agriculture the secrets of producing better crops and livestock. It is here that he is taught the value and importance of improved practices for crops and livestock as recommended by the Department of Agriculture. These practices are taught and evaluated in the class room and put into practice on the home farms. It is through his farming activities that we strive to teach the New Farmers that the road to success comes only from mastering the situation and analyzing the results, thus giving him a practical philosophy of the success and failure in life.

The first purpose of the NFA as outlined in the National Constitution is to develop competent, aggressive, agricultural and rural leadership. This has been one of

the primary factors in the success of the state and local programs as fostered by the teachers of agriculture Booker T. Washington, who has been selected as the NFA ideal, first called for the developing of a medium whereby Negro rural leaders could be developed to take their places in society. This challenge has been embodied into the programs of the NFA and we see special leadership training work in Parliamentary Procedure thought in every chapter of the state. As one looks around in the communities of the state where Vocational Agriculture has been taught, we can plainly see the results of such training over the past 24 years in the type and quality of men who are leading the rural people today. The credit for such an outstanding program of training rural leaders must be given to the source from whence it has come. This source is the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina at Greensboro which in 1899 has pledged its grounds, facilities and personnel to the training and developing of rural leadership for the rural south. It is to be expected then that these persons who have entered the portals of A. and T. College have been endowed with a spirit of UNSELFISHNESS, coupled with a desire for service, thus giving them the ground work for success as a leader in all phases of rural life whether on the farm, in the civic, social or public life of their communities.

It is to be expected, then that the NFA members are taught to believe that the life of service is the life that counts, and that happiness comes only from having helped lift the burden of others. This has been demonstrated many times since the early days of the organization when

each chapter in the state started giving baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving, and since that time have donated

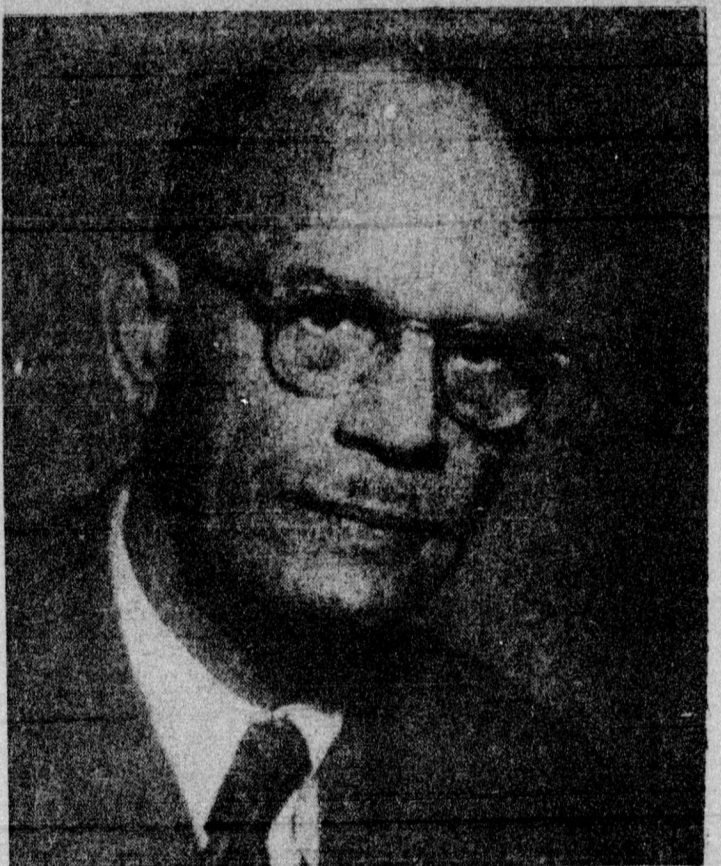
over \$55,000 in cash, food and clothing to the Negro Orphanage since 1899 has pledged its grounds, of service in their annual program of work.

This idea of service is not only demonstrated in the cooperative efforts of the State Association but

is carried over into the local program of each chapter. It is the belief of the NFA Advisers that a practical appreciation of the meaning of service is the best means of developing within the students a desire to lift the burdens of others. Cooperative practices in the buying of Agricultural products, livestock and equipment is being demonstrated in many areas of the State as New Farmers of America put into practice the sound teachings of Agricultural Economics. These cooperative practices are carried out in the form of chapter Credit Unions, chapter thrift banks, poultry, seed and swine cooperatives. These cooperative projects, which are carried out as part of the regular Vocational Agriculture training, has given many farm students first hand experience in understanding the cooperative movement.

In closing it may be interesting to give the foundation upon which the organization is built, because the aims and objectives of an organization has much to do with the factors that make up its foundation. Taking as its overall purpose that of building for useful citizenship we find, thrift, service, leadership, character development, sportsmanship, improved agriculture, cooperative, organized recreation, citizenship, scholarship and patriotism, are playing important roles in shaping the lives of the New Farmers of today. It is our sincere belief that these factors when developed into an educational program as fostered by the NFA sets the core of the problem in developing the individual as completely as possible.

Sarah Virgo's PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



DR. DELANY

This week I have chosen another long time resident of Raleigh as our Personality of the Week, Dr. L. T. Delany.

Dr. Delany, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Delany, was born September 12, 1887 in Raleigh.

He attended and graduated from St. Augustine's College in 1907 and Leonard Medical College in 1911. He was a special student at the University of Pennsylvania 1911-12.

Dr. Delany was resident physician at Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia. He was admitted to staff of St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh. On June 1912 as assistant surgeon. He has practiced surgery here in Raleigh and in 1946 was appointed Surgeon in Chief at St. Agnes Hospital, and later he was appointed to the Consultant Staff of the Surgical Department.

His father was Suffragan Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, his mother is also a member, and he too is a member of said Church.

Dr. Delany is a Mason 32nd degree, an Elk and an inactive Phi Beta Sigma.

He is the father of three children and has three grand children.

The guidance of his mother and father and the encouragement and instruction of his friend and teacher, Dr. H. A. Royster, caused him to enter the profession of medicine. The determination never to embarrass his family and friends caused him to work hard and stay in the narrow path which has led to his success.

Dr. Delany said the most interesting experience in his life was the rearing of his family.

It was through Dr. Delany's efforts, and as a matter of fact with his own cash, that a successful campaign against the challenging of Negroes who sought to register and vote by Raleigh election officials was waged over 25 years ago so that no where in the City of Raleigh are Negroes restrained.

from voting.

Although he was born in Raleigh, Dr. Delany stressed the fact not only had he never attended a public school, but that none of the older members of his family were educated in the public schools.

He is a member of the draft board, having been appointed directly by the President of the United States, and can be removed from office only by the president. He recently gave up his position as chief surgeon at St. Agnes Hospital because of his health and to enable him to devote more time to his own private professional practice which is largely consultation, but he explained nobody but the President can remove him from his position on the draft board and the president won't accept his resignation.

When asked to sum up his successful career he said the only thing to be said about it is that he has been a successful physician and surgeon and has worked hard.

NC UNIVERSITY DEAN WILL BE PARTICIPANT

DURHAM, N. C. — Announcement was made in Durham, North Carolina by the Catholic Convention on Saturday, May 3, Mrs. Wettsch will be the principal speaker at the annual rally of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association which is scheduled for the Main Ballroom of the Washington Duke Hotel, Durham, North Carolina at the 8:00 p.m. Saturday session. Mr. John B. Murphy, President of the Catholic Laymen's Association, will introduce the guest speaker from the Greater University of North Carolina. The subject of her address will be "Our Apostleship For Youth."

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Raleigh Gra-Y Club Represented At Club Meeting In Salisbury

SALISBURY — Floyd Peacock, Robert Sanders, Green Monroe and Harold Ridley represented the Crosby-Garfield Gra-Y Club at the annual conference at Salisbury on April 18-20, theme of which was "Youth Facing the Present Crisis".

The opening address was delivered by the Rev. O. P. Godwin of Winston-Salem. Sanders served as chairman of the Time and Place Committee and Monroe was selected to serve on the Nomination Committee.

On Saturday afternoon the boys went on a tour of Salisbury, visiting interesting places such as the Southern Railway Shop, Livingsstone College, Boone's Cave and the national cemetery. Saturday night the annual banquet and dance was held, the final business sessions was held at the Soldier's Memorial AME Zion Church Sunday, the final general conference will convene at Asheville during the week of April 2.

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FINAL RITES FOR MRS. PERRY HELD

RALEIGH — Final rites for Mrs. Della Perry, 66, who died suddenly at her home at 410 E. South Street, Friday morning were conducted from the Raleigh Funeral Home at 4:00 Monday afternoon, and followed by interment in the Mount Hope Cemetery.

Surviving are a son, James Perry of Norfolk, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Mattie Faulkner of Washington, D. C.; two grandsons, Grant and Burton Jones; four great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

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Pageant At Saint Paul on Good Friday

RALEIGH — As the Easter season fades away hundreds of persons who witness the showing of The Crucifixion of Christ, five-act drama presented by the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church on Good Friday at St. Paul A. M. E. Church are still commenting on the pageant.

The first act shows Christ communing with his disciples, the second act shows Him in the Garden, the third act shows Him being led in council, the fourth act depicts Him on the Cross and the fifth act shows Him victorious, having risen from the dead.

The drama was also presented at the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning.

The drama was presented under direction of Mrs. Esther Jones of Winston-Salem, and consisted of 75 characters. Mrs. Jones has since been asked to present the Drama in Durham and New Bern.

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Accrued Interest	544,478.65
Loans and Discounts, Less Reserve	65,350,684.00
Banking Houses, Furniture, Fixtures and Building Sites, Less Depreciation	1,018,288.44
TOTAL	\$ 185,176,011.30

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock, Common	\$ 1,200,000.00
Surplus	6,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	853,428.62
Reserve Accounts—Accrued and Unearned Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Other Reserves.	6,842,602.29
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