MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Auburn, Alabama
July 12, 1934, 1:00 p.m.

The fifth annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Austin Ezzell at 1:00 p.m. in Langdon Hall. There were approximately 700 boys present. After the singing of the F. F. A. song, the invocation was given by Rev. Milligan Earnest, Pastor of the Auburn Christian Church.

The welcome address was then given by Dr. L. N. Duncan, member of the Administrative Committee of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. After extending welcome to the Association, Dr. Duncan stated he hoped each year the Association would select Auburn as its meeting place. He discussed the New Deal and Agriculture, saying in part:

"The big idea in the new deal for the farmer is to raise the price of his product. There are many other things that arise in connection with the reconstruction of agriculture but if we are going to bring it out of the condition in which it finds itself and erect a new structure for the farmer, the first big thing is to get the farmer more money for the things he raises. They are going to try to raise the price of the farmer's cotton and other products so that the value of his cotton in terms of dollars and cents will be on a parity with the things he is going to buy in the market - his farm tools, fertilizer, and other things he has to purchase.

"One hundred and forty-five thousand two hundred and seventy-seven farmers in Alabama last year plowed up 831,768 acres of cotton that had been planted and was growing. We received for that in rental payments paid the farmers through this process $9,744,920.00. We had 13 million bales of cotton and we had to get rid of the surplus. We still have 11 million, and we plowed under 4½ million. The farmer received $6,658,720.00 on his option cotton. He received 9 million for plowing up the cotton and he got 6 million profit on the cotton he had to option. For the transaction he received about 16 million dollars.

"The average production for Alabama is 1½ million bales. Without the cooperation of the Government, this cotton would have been worth $31,300,000.00. We harvested 980,000 bales. This figured at 12¢ is $58,000,000.00. The transaction from the standpoint of the cotton we did harvest at 12¢ instead of 5¢, what we think it would have been, was a profit of $27,500,000.00. This added to the price paid for plowing up would be $43,000,000.00.

"This year we are following the same idea. We are not plowing up any cotton; that was very drastic. We hope we will not have to do that any more. We do not want to destroy anything. We are now figuring on cutting it down before we plant it, grow about 60 per cent of what we would grow. The South is headed for a production of 10 million bales. With the cooperation of the farmer and with the application of the recent Bankhead Act, cotton is going up to parity. If so, it will be around 15 cents a pound.
"There was splendid work done by agricultural leaders, vocational teachers, F. F. A. members, and others. At the call of our great new President we fell in line and tried the Agricultural Adjustment Act before any other part of the country tried it. We were happy in the main over the results accomplished."

In response to Dr. Duncan's welcome address, Perry Clay, Vice-President, thanked him for extending the hospitalities of Auburn to this convention and for past courtesies to the Association in making it possible to hold interesting and instructive meetings on the campus at Auburn.

**SEATING OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

The House of Delegates was seated in the usual manner. Two delegates from each of 56 chapters took their places in the space provided for the House of Delegates. Below is a list of chapters with names of delegates attending the annual meeting.

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The President introduced Earnest Thornhill, past president of the Association and a member of the delegation from the Holtville Chapter attending the meeting. He was given a rousing welcome, showing the appreciation of the Association for the splendid and outstanding work accomplished during his term as president.

The following committees were then appointed by President Ezzell:

**Nominating Committee**
- Thermon Moore, Marion - Chairman
- Andrew Curlee, Holtville
- Jack Barlow, Evergreen

**Program of Work Committee**
- W. V. Waters, Uriah - Chairman
- Earnest Thornhill, Holtville
- Bill Epperson, Moundville
- Cecil Cobia, Cedar Bluff
- A. C. Allen, Holtville

**New Activities Committee**
- Norman Anderton, Leighton - Chairman
- Phillip Wiggins, Straughn

**Resolutions Committee**
- Harvey Jackson, Holtville -Chairman
- James Shelton, Liberty
- Ennis Young, Mount Hope

**Constitution Committee**
- Seals Menefee, Ramer - Chairman
- G. E. Clark, Reform
- Eugene Blankenship, Wadley

**CHAPTER REPORTS**

Representatives of the following chapters were called upon to give reports of the outstanding accomplishments for the year just closing:

- Milltown
- Citronelle
- Curry
- Reform
- Columbia
- Eclectic
- Uriah
- Ramer
- Lexington
- Belgreen
- Leroy

After the reading of these reports, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to convene again at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 12, 1934 - Night Session**

The convention was called to order by President Ezzell at 7:00 p.m. Dick Rabon of the Uriah Chapter rendered two piano solos. After the F. F. A. song was sung by the group, accompanied by Dick Rabon, Mr. M. H. Pearson of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau was presented by the President. Mr. Pearson presented a fountain pen to each member of the Alabama Association who entered the essay contest last year and failed to receive a cash prize. He also presented a pen to each teacher of vocational agriculture from the chapters represented by these entrants, to the members of the supervisory staff, and to the clerical secretary of the Association.

After the presentation of the fountain pens, Mr. Pearson explained the basis upon which the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau will be in
position to cooperate in demonstrations and essay contests during the coming year, and asked that the House of Delegates take official action upon it. This was done and the plan of cooperation was unanimously adopted.

The business people of Auburn made it possible for the entire membership of the Association present to attend a free picture show given at the Tiger Theater. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and more than 600 of the 700 in attendance went to the show.

Friday, July 13, 1934 - Morning Session

The convention was called to order by President Essell at 8:00 a.m. The F. F. A. song was sung by the entire group, accompanied by Dick Rabon.

REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS

Secretary's Report

I. Membership.

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<td>3. Number of boys holding Green Hand Degree</td>
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<td>4. Number of boys holding Future Farmer Degree</td>
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II. Participation in National F. F. A. Program of Work.

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<td>4. Chapters doing cooperative buying and selling</td>
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<td>6. Chapters working conservation natural resources</td>
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<td>10. Number of father-son banquets held</td>
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III. Savings and Investments.

Treasurer will make this report.

IV. Participation in State Program of Work.

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3. Number of chapters conferring Future Farmer degree as fast as Green Hands are eligible 55
4. Number of chapters assisting vocational teachers in supervised practice work 87
5. Number of chapters sponsoring live-at-home programs with a 5-year plan 38
6. Number of chapters encouraging cooperative projects 83
7. Number of chapters conducting tours 43
8. Number of chapters with F. F. A. nursery 31
9. Number of chapters meeting with home economics clubs 24
10. Number of chapters assisting in adult classes 50
11. Number of chapters paying fees from project income 55
12. Number of chapters singing F. F. A. songs 41

The above is a digest of the work being done by the chapters of the State. There has been a noticeable gain in every phase of work being projected now. In only two instances has there been a loss over last year's program.

(Signed) Edd Christian
Secretary

Reporters's Report

As State Reporter of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America for the year 1933-34, I submit the following annual report, which is correct to the best of my knowledge.

1. News articles sent to state newspapers during the year - 10
2. News letters published during the year - Starting last September and publishing one each month, sending a copy to each chapter in the State, to state officers, and to local advisers. Ten news letters were issued.
3. Number of programs of work received from chapters during year - 20
4. News articles sent in by local chapters during year - 52
5. Lists of accomplishments sent in from local chapters during year - 16
6. Letters received from State Adviser in correspondence - 15
7. Letters received from other state officers - 18
8. Letters received from district supervisors and others - 6
9. Letters received from local chapters in correspondence - 45
10. Letters that I sent out in correspondence - 3 to every chapter president in the State, 35 to state officers, 15 to newspapers, and 20 to other places.
11. Total number of chapters that sent in programs of work, accomplishments, news articles, etc., during the year - 60
12. Number of Executive Committee meetings attended - 3
13. Number of personal visits to make talks, etc. - 3
14. F. F. A. pleasure trips - 2
15. Expenditures - $15.00
16. Total receipts - $7.90.

(Signed) Clifford Manning
Reporter.

Treasurer's Report

Balance from 1932-33 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $110.96
Receipts (State and National dues, fees from delinquent chapters) . . . . . . 918.65
Treasurer's Report (Cont'd)

Other receipts (donations for delegates to national meeting, watermelon cutting, receipts from sale of F. F. A. songs and Parliamentary Booklet) - - $30.65
Total Receipts - - - - - - - - - - - - - $1050.16
Total expenditures - - - - - - - - - - - - - 742.09
Balance on hand, June 30, 1934 - - - - - - - - - $308.07

The President then presented Coach Meagher, Director of the Department of Physical Education and head football coach at Auburn, who gave a brief summary of his experience on the farm and, among other things, stated that, as a rule, farm boys are good athletes because of their moral and physical development in early life.

EXPERIMENT STATION TOUR

At 9:00 o'clock, Dean Funchess was called upon by the President to outline the Experiment Station tour planned by the staff. After the explanation by Dean Funchess, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted urging each member making the tour to participate in the essay contest. The meeting was then adjourned and the time from 9:30 to 12:00 o'clock was spent by members of the Association in studying the experimental work of the Experiment Station. Below is given the plan which will be carried out in the Experiment Station Essay Contest.

ESSAY CONTEST

1. Subject: My Impression of the Experiment Station Work at Auburn.

2. Time: Tour 9:00 a. m. to 12:00, noon, July 13. Essays showing post mark later than August 18 will not be accepted.

3. Method: Five points on station will be visited by groups on Friday, July 13. Each group will visit each point on station. (Notes should be taken by each boy while on tour, and essays of not more than 750 words are to be written, boy's name and chapter on each page of paper. A committee appointed by local chapter president will judge all essays written and determine the chapter winner. Winning essays from each chapter are to be mailed to P. C. Brook, Auburn, Alabama, postdated not later than August 18. Judges for the finals will be appointed by Austin Ezzell, Dean M. J. Funchess and R. E. Cammack.)
EXPERIMENT STATION TOUR (CONT'D)

ESSAY CONTEST


5. Prizes:
   1st- Pure Bred Jersey Bull, donated by Animal Industry Department.
   2nd- Pure Bred Boar, donated by Animal Industry Department.
   3rd- One Dr. Collier Grape or one Methley Plum to each member of chapter represented by winner; donated by Horticultural Department.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1934 - AFTERNOON

At 1:30 p.m., those in attendance at the convention gathered in front of Langdon Hall and had a picture made of the entire group. After this, three baseball teams were organized and played three games. At 4:30 p.m., the boys met in "Ag Bottom" where the entire Association together with invited guests enjoyed a watermelon cutting.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1934 - NIGHT SESSION

The convention was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Ezzell. Sergeant Mozham of Auburn was introduced and entertained those present with several songs. He was accompanied by Dr. Paul Irvin.

President Ezzell then introduced Mr. W. H. Appleton of the Barrett Company, who outlined the plans for the public speaking contest to be sponsored jointly by his company and the Alabama Association during next year. He asked the House of Delegates to take official action on this contest. This was done and the plan of cooperation was unanimously adopted.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Well, friends, I do not intend to try to deliver a long address, but as the program calls for it at this time I shall try to get a few things over to you that weigh heavily on my mind. As chairman of the Executive Committee during the previous year, I have had the opportunity of studying these things closely. Regardless of how they have been performed, I really see how they should be done.

The things that I call your attention to are vitally important to all of us as F. F. A. members, and we should consider them very carefully. In bringing these things before you, I certainly do not wish to leave the impression that my address is all destructive criticism coming from a grumbler, but rather some well meant suggestions. Let me say just now that my work in this capacity has certainly been a pleasure and very interesting. So it is with regrets that I now say these last few words to you. Many times in my life I expect to look back on this year as one of the most interesting years of my life because I have been in position to serve so many striving Future Farmers. I have enjoyed very much my associations with other members of the Executive Committee, the supervisors and advisers concerned, and, indeed, with everyone of you whom I have met this year.
Begging your leave, Mr. Cammaci, I wish to say that one great drawback to the Alabama Association is the fact that each year our State Adviser has to start all over again with a new Executive Committee. I do not feel that any man in the State could better prepare an efficient Committee than our Adviser, but the idea is that we do not need to train a new Committee to do the work already done during the training. Therefore, the cooperation of every local Adviser and every member is essential to making a well balanced, clicking Executive Committee. And without one, we are going wrong already.

During the past year our membership has increased over 50 per cent, indicating that F. F. A. in this State is still young with great possibilities of growing much stronger. As we grow, I feel that we should put forth every effort to grow not only in size but also in strength and accomplishment more year by year. There are many things that as a State Association we have made only a slight start - things that we can double and re-double our effectiveness by developing.

Quite a bit of progress has been made this year in radio progress over small stations in the State. This is one of the best ways of advertising our type of work and we should strive to develop it very much more.

F. F. A. songs and band music have been stressed this year as being important as state activities. We have tried to start a deep rooted interest in this but we still lag behind many states.

During the most of this year we have issued monthly a news letter of interest to all members. Heretofore this had not been done and it seems to be a great step toward coming closer together and working as a unit. Many other things have been improved to a greater or smaller extent but there is still ample room in which to improve.

I would like to say a few words about cooperation in general. As you know, cooperation of farm boys is one thing that we aim to develop. For our spirit of cooperation to work fully we must have more "get togethers." We must learn to cooperate in local chapter work, to cooperate as one local chapter with another and as local chapters with the State Association. To derive the fullest benefit from local chapter work we must, as members, help other members. Great results may be realized if we go farther and form county associations or maybe larger groups. And we must cooperate with what is termed the "State Association."

When printed or mimeographed material is sent out to local advisers or members, and they only scan it, a weak link is forming. Every letter, pamphlet or circular mailed out as F. F. A. matter is very important to the one it is addressed to and if it is not carefully read and given proper response, a great aim has been defeated and some one has failed to do his duty. Let me urge, therefore, local advisers, that you see that all F. F. A. letters coming to your desk are not pushed aside until everything else is finished and then dropped into the waste basket. Many things that every member should know are never read by more than 50 per cent of the members because a slip is made somewhere.
Another thing that should be done with about one-fourth the time and effort generally used is supplying information about such things as State Farmer degree applications, suitable material for state officers, etc. To illustrate just what I mean, let me give a synopsis of our efforts in getting applications for State Farmer degrees this year. At the time that the application blanks were mailed to local advisers a letter was sent them asking that this material be at a certain place by a given date. For several days only a few copies reached their destination per day and as the time drew nearer they gradually increased in number each day. Finally, upon the day that we set as a deadline, more came in than on all others previous. This showed a tendency to lag, but worst of all, several came in the next day, and the next, and the next. With such cooperation as this it is extremely bad, to offer a successful year of satisfactory service.

Allow me to say in closing that I believe each and every one of you will have derived enough spirit and interest out of mixing together here in Auburn that you will want to accord much better cooperation this year than ever before. Let's not only cooperate as an F.F.A. unit with the national organization, but with everything that is upbuilding to our communities, state, and nation - making our purposes correspond with those of the originators of F. F. A. and any cooperative body striving for the general good of all.

May the good work continue and large numbers of you meet together again from year to year to keep the spirit of brotherhood foremost.

ELECTION OF STATE FARMERS

President Ezzell read the names of the boys who had been approved for the State Farmer Degree and asked that they come to the front of the hall. The State Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following:

*Byron Law, Wetumpka*  
*Bill Epperson, Moundville*  
*Davis Phares, Moundville*  
*Rufus Moore, Moundville*  
*Will E. Martin, Isabella*  
*John Scarborough, Blue Springs*  
*Lester Lowery, Geraldine*  
*Brenard Stricklin, Wetumpka*  
*Doyle Leaks, Walnut Grove*  
*Preston Wilder, Columbiana*  
*Andrew Curlee, Jr., Holtville*  
*Phillip Wiggins, Straughn*  
*Harvey Jackson, Jr., Holtville*  
*James Crowell, Holtville*  
*Ernie Lee Robinson, Jamison*  
*Alvin Burrow, Curry*  
*Erlan Wakefield, Jr., Columbia*  
*Leo Lawler, Riverton*  
*Gerald Tucker, Moundville*  
*Seals Menefee, Ramer*  
*Whit Athey, Ramer*  
*Fred White, Fairview*  
*Gay Longley, Wadley*  

*Jack Martin, Gordo*  
*S. L. Broadhead, Jr., Isabella*  
*Woodford Abrams, Gordo*  
*Alton Alford, Glencoe*  
*Ryland Williams, Glencoe*  
*Eugene Blankenship, Wadley*  
*James E. Sisson, Vernon*  
*James Lee Denny, Milltown*  
*Woodrow Durbin, Isabella*  
*Kermit Pearson, Columbiana*  
*Wilbur Harden, Wetumpka*  
*James Whatley, Columbia*  
*Orvill Todd, Belgreen*  
*Chester Taylor, Belgreen*  
*Ralph Lucy, Collinsville*  
*Ernest Oliver, Collinsville*  
*Ray Jones, Collinsville*  
*James Calfee, Isabella*  
*Rudolph Erink, Collinsville*  
*Jack Barlow, Evergreen*  
*Woodrow King, Belgreen*  
*Ennis Young, Mount Hope*  
*J. T. Taylor, Gorgas*
HONORARY STATE FARMERS

The President then requested the following teachers of vocational agriculture to come to the front of the hall. The honorary degree of State Farmer was conferred upon them.

D. R. Harbor, Walnut Grove
L. F. Ingram, Collinsville
E. Q. Scruggs, Wetumpka
J. F. Montgomery, Jemison
L. J. Howell, Reform

A. L. Morrison, Wadley
K. V. Reagan, Atmore
G. H. Dyer, Straughn
C. R. Wood, Belgreen
I. P. Thornton, Leighton

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Nominations, wish to recommend the following for state officers for the year 1934-35:

President – Ernie Lee Robinson, Jemison High School
(Randolph, Alabama, Route 1)
Vice-President – Ennis Young, Mount Hope High School
(Mount Hope, Alabama)
Secretary – J. P. Dodd, Walnut Grove High School
(Walnut Grove, Alabama)
Treasurer – Seals Menefee, Ramer High School
(Grady, Alabama)
Reporter – Sammie Pate, Shelby County High School
(Shelby, Alabama)
Adviser – R. E. Canmack, Montgomery, Alabama
Assistant Adviser – P. C. Brook, Auburn, Alabama

The report of the Nominating Committee was unanimously adopted by the House of Delegates.

The convention was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to convene again at 8:00 a.m. the following morning.

Saturday, July 14, 1934 – Morning Session

The convention was called to order by the President at 8:00 a.m. After the singing of the F. F. A. song, Willard Brown, delegate from Alabama to the National Convention, gave an interesting report of his trip to Kansas City.

The President then called for reports from the several committees.
REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Constitution Committee recommends the following changes in the State Constitution:

1. That amendment No. 1 adopted at the annual meeting of 1932, which reads, "Earn and deposit in bank or productively invest at least $100.00," be eliminated. This amount will remain $200.00 as provided in the original State Constitution and in the National Constitution.

2. That Section D-1, third paragraph, which reads, "Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects (average grade 85 or above)," be amended to read "Average grade B or above."

3. Add No. 7 to Article V, Section A, which shall read as follows:

"State officers shall have attained the State Farmer degree before they can hold office. Officers in local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of Future Farmer after the organization has been established in any given school for one year or longer."

4. That the following be added to Article VI, first paragraph:

"The State Secretary shall submit the following information to the national executive secretary:

"a. A list of the newly elected State officers immediately following each State convention.

"b. A report on any changes in or amendments to the State Constitution and by-laws immediately following each State convention.

"c. A list of official State delegates to the national convention at least two weeks prior to the convention.

"d. An annual State Association report on forms furnished by the national executive secretary, giving such data on status, activities, and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the National Board of Trustees.

"The F. F. A. year shall be July 1 to June 30."

(Signed) Seals Menefee, Chairman

REPORT OF NEW ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The following new and old activities should be stressed during the year 1934-35:

1. Thrift bank.
2. Father-son entertainment.
   a. Change from old to barbecue, fish fry, etc.
3. Project tour.
4. Each F. F. A. member help vocational teacher in at least one night class.
5. Beautification of surrounding schools.
6. Radio broadcast.
7. County or district tournament.
8. County or district meeting.
   a. Summer play.
   b. Selling shrubs (locally).
   c. County fair exhibits.
   d. Entertainments during regular session.
   e. Selling products.

(Signed) Norman Anderton, Chairman

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Resolutions submits the following resolution for your approval:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America in session at Auburn, Alabama, July 14, 1934, desires to express its appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who have contributed greatly to the success of the fifth annual convention:

1. To the Administrative Committee.
2. To those who made the use of the buildings and sleeping facilities possible.
3. To the state adviser, the assistant supervisors, the teacher trainer, and the clerical secretary.
4. Mr. Rogers of the Tiger Theater and merchants and citizens of Auburn.
5. To the Experiment Station staff.
6. To Mr. M. H. Pearson of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau, and to Mr. W. H. Appleton of The Barrett Company.
7. To the retiring Executive Committee.

(Signed) D. E. Young, Chairman

STATE DUES INCREASED

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the state dues for the year 1934-35 were increased from 25¢ to 30¢, making the total for state and national dues for each member 40¢ instead of 35¢.
The committee on program of work suggests the following activities for 1934-35:

1. One hundred per cent of the chapters cooperating with the Secretary of Agriculture in his agricultural adjustment program.

2. Have an active F. F.A. chapter, with not less than four members holding the Future Farmer degree, in every school in Alabama offering courses in vocational agriculture.

3. A state convention to be held in July 1935.

4. Each chapter represented at the state convention by two delegates.

5. Confer the degree of State Farmer on at least 60 members.

6. Send two official delegates to national convention.

7. At least 10 Alabama Farmers apply for American Farmer degree.


9. A thrift bank to be promoted in every chapter with $2000.00 to be saved.

10. A father-son banquet to be held by each chapter.

11. Each chapter do whatever is necessary to keep local chapter in touch with state organization, each local officer to answer all correspondence from State Officers immediately.

12. Each chapter to set up a definite written annual program of work consisting of: (a) agricultural, (b) social-civic, and (c) recreational activities.

13. Each chapter to make a written report of accomplishments during the year to State Adviser by June 1, 1935.

14. Each chapter confer the degree of Future Farmer as rapidly as Green Hand members are eligible.

15. Each chapter to start F. F. A. library with 50 chapters having 15 books.

16. Chapters to aid teachers in supervised practice program by: (a) helping to make project standards for various types of program, (b) promoting the keeping of accurate records.

17. Live-at-home program to be sponsored by each chapter by making a five-year plan to suit the needs of the community.

18. Encourage cooperative projects such as: (a) producing soy bean seed, (b) producing plants for sale, and (c) sowing cover crops.

19. Each chapter conduct a project tour.

20. Start F. F. A. nursery for beautifying homes of F. F.A. members and each member to start his home improvement program.
21. Have joint meeting each quarter with home economics club.

22. Each F. F. A. member help vocational teacher in at least one night class.

23. Each member pay chapter dues out of profit from this year's project.

24. Procure necessary equipment for conducting chapter meeting and conduct meeting as recommended in manual.


26. Each chapter learn to sing at least two F. F. A. songs.

27. Each chapter having a special meeting devoted to fire prevention.

28. Twenty-five chapters participating in radio broadcasts.

29. One hundred per cent of members attending annual meeting participating in essay contest on "My Impressions of the Experiment Station Work."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Approved:

[Signature] 1934