MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Montgomery, Alabama
October 31, 1936

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the State Department of Education at 10:00 A. M., Saturday, October 31, 1936. The following members were present: C. W. Wells, Jr., President; William Crawford, Vice-President; Roger Mance, Secretary; Pete Turnham, Treasurer; R. E. Cammock, Adviser; H. P. Gibson, Assistant Adviser.

The meeting was called to order by the President. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting and on motion duly seconded they were approved as read.

STATE F. F. A. ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The State Activity Program for 1936-37 was thoroughly discussed and responsibility for each item delegated to the members of the Executive Committee as follows:

President

Item 5. A committee be appointed by the president to investigate placement opportunities for vocational agriculture students who are members of F. F. A. organization, and determine how the State Association may function in connection therewith, this committee to be composed of representatives of the Executive Committee, local advisers, and members of the House of Delegates, and to be instructed to report at the next annual convention.

It was decided that presidents and advisers of district organizations be appointed as members of this committee, and that the State Adviser and State President would arrive at a definite decision by November 15, 1936, regarding the committee.

Item 7. Where possible delegate the business of the convention to committees.

Committees will be appointed when the program for the annual convention is formulated in the spring.

Item 9. Each chapter sponsor cooperative organizations.

It was decided that the President would issue a letter to chapter presidents regarding cooperative organizations, not later than December 1, 1936.


Article to be written and mailed to Mr. H. P. Gibson, Auburn, by Dec. 15, for publication in the news letter; also letter to the president and adviser of each district, this letter to include suggestions regarding chapters financing their trips to district meetings.
President (Cont'd)

Item 16. Each chapter hold a father-son banquet.

Article for news letter to be mailed to Mr. H. F. Gibson not later than December 15, 1936.

Item 27. Each chapter represented at state convention by two delegates.

In the official call for the convention issued in June, this item will be stressed.

Item 28. Each chapter sponsor a live-at-home program.

Article for news letter to be mailed to Mr. H. F. Gibson not later than December 15, 1936.

Item 29. Each chapter take as a central or main objective for the year the Conservation Program in its various phases and forms as it relates to increased benefits and happiness to the farm family.

Letter to be mailed to chapters on various phases of Conservation Program by December 1, 1936.

Item 30. That a committee composed of the State Executive Committee be instructed to investigate and report at their first meeting "The possibilities of establishing a permanent State F.F.A. Camp"; that the appointment of any other necessary committees be left to the discretion of the State F.F.A. President and Adviser.

It was decided that this item would be brought up for thorough discussion in the January Executive Committee meeting, a letter to be written to each member of the committee sometime in December asking that he come to the meeting prepared to give constructive suggestions relative to this matter.

Vice-President

Item 1. At least five boys from each chapter entering essay and demonstration contests.

Article for news letter to be written and mailed to Mr. H. F. Gibson, Auburn, not later than November 15.

Item 2. One hundred per cent of chapters entering public speaking contest.

Article for news letter to be written and mailed to Mr. Gibson not later than December 15.

Item 3. Each chapter secure national chapter contest instructions and follow same.

Letter to chapters to be mailed by December 1, each chapter to be urged to enter contest, one winner from each district to be selected, and exhibits brought to annual meeting where state winner will be selected.
Vice-President (Cont'd)

Item 16. Each chapter conduct a nursery for the purpose of furnishing shrubbery to beautify school grounds, churches, cemeteries, and homes of P.E.A. members.

Article to be written for news letter and mailed to Mr. Gibson not later than December 15, encouraging chapters to continue this activity.

Secretary

Item 19. Each chapter properly equipped and having regular meeting date.

Letter to be written to chapters by December 1, 1936.

Item 22. Each chapter devote one or more meetings to a study of the state activity program.

Letter to be mailed to chapters sometime between November 15 and December 1.

Item 24. Each chapter submit an annual report not later than May 15 to the State Secretary on the accomplishments of the year.

Letter with annual report form to be mailed to chapter presidents, copies to local advisers, by April 15, 1937.

Item 25. Each chapter set up an activity program in line with the state and national activity program and adapt it to the needs of the local community.

Letter to be mailed to chapters sometime between November 15 and December 1.

Treasurer

Item 6. Each chapter contribute $2 toward paying the expenses of the convention, this sum to be paid by April 1.

This item to be included in letter to chapters mailed March 1, 1937, regarding state and national dues for members initiated after November 1, 1936; also article for news letter to be mailed to Mr. H. F. Gibson not later than March 15.

Item 14. Each chapter organize a thrift bank and participate in thrift contest.

Letter to be written to chapters not later than November 5, copy of letter to be mailed to Mr. C. W. Whitehead, 407 Protective Life Building, Birmingham.

Item 23. Each chapter be encouraged to advance members from one degree to the other as rapidly as possible under the provisions of the constitution.

Letter to be mailed to chapters not later than November 5.
Treasurer (Cont'd)

Item 26. Increase active membership in State Association to 3,750.

Letter to presidents of chapters urging them to increase their membership; membership by chapters to be published in news letter. It was decided that beginning with the December issue, the news letter would be sent only to chapters that have submitted dues.

Reporter

Item 3. Each chapter using national F.F.A. emblem or other creditable marker on all demonstrations.

Letter to all chapter presidents on or before March 15, calling attention to this objective and asking them to carry it out as nearly one hundred per cent as possible.

Item 4. Each chapter affiliated with a district organization, and presenting well planned radio programs regularly, where possible.

Secure from Mr. H. F. Gibson, Auburn, a list of district officers together with the chapters constituting each district. Letter to be written to all chapters not affiliated with a district. Letter to district presidents requesting that they mail to State Reporter copies of radio broadcast programs for publication in news letter.

Item 10/ Publish state F.F.A. news letter in printed form seven times yearly.

Make trip to Auburn with local adviser sometime before Christmas and go over with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hirtley Brown the entire setup for collecting news, editing it, printing, etc.

Item 17. Each chapter assume definite responsibility for informing the public on the various phases of the conservation program.

Article for news letter to be written and mailed to Mr. Gibson not later than December 15.


Article to be written for news letter and mailed to Mr. H. F. Gibson by November 15, urging all chapters to secure the emblem for newspaper publicity and giving the address of the company from which the emblem may be purchased.

State Adviser

Item 13. Each chapter assist the state director, supervisor, and assistant supervisors in every way possible in locating and installing new departments of vocational agriculture.

It was agreed that the Vice-President and State Adviser would work out a suitable cooperative program.
State Adviser (Cont'd)

Item 20. Each chapter encourage and develop musical talent.

Article for news letter to be mailed to Mr. Gibson not later than December 15. Also letter to chapter presidents and advisors making suggestions regarding string band contest.

Assistant Adviser

Item 15. One hundred chapters adding books to library.

Article in news letter - December 15.
Rework list of books and mail copy to each chapter - January 1. It was suggested that before reworking the list, the Assistant Adviser communicate with Mr. F. M. Barnett, Camden, who has the most outstanding F. F. A. library in Alabama.

Item 21. State F. F. A. Association encourage chapters to take educational tours.

Article in April news letter, giving examples of how money can be raised and how to economize while traveling, and making suggestions regarding suitable trips to be taken.

SUGGESTED STATEMENT BY ADVISER

Mr. Gamack suggested that each state officer visit the chapters in his district and take part on their programs. He stated that on January 1 he would notify the officers whether the State Association would be in position to pay expenses for each officer, not to exceed $10, in attending these meetings.

STATE ASSOCIATION RADIO BROADCASTS

Mr. G. T. Sargent presented an invitation from the Protective Life Insurance Company to the State Association to sponsor two radio broadcasts, one in November or December, the other sometime during the spring. It was suggested that John Calhoun, state and tri-state winner in the public speaking contest, appear on the program sometime during November or December, and that sometime during the spring the State Association conduct another fifteen minute broadcast dealing with the thrift program. On motion of Roger Nance, seconded by William Crawford and unanimously carried, it was decided that the State Association would sponsor these broadcasts, the dates to be set by the State Adviser.

AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY CONTEST

A thorough discussion was had by the Committee on a proposed contest sponsored by the American Cyanamid Company of New York. On motion of William Crawford, seconded by Pete Turnham and unanimously carried, it was deemed inadvisable for the State Association to enter this contest under the present proposed plan for the following reasons:

1. The contest is planned for individual rather than chapter prizes.
2. Contestants are called on to furnish too much fertilizer (1400 lbs.) to get a representative entry.

3. The requirements as to land, soil, etc., are too hard for boys to qualify in any great number.

4. The Alabama Experiment Station only recommends Cyanamid on certain soil classes, which would make this a regional rather than a state contest.

5. The Experiment Station is the proper source for experimentation, and the FFA only a demonstrating agency.

6. The FFA has never checked one fertilizer against another and prefer not to do this.

7. The practice of bedding on Cyanamid is dangerous unless detailed instructions are followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Committee adjourned at 1:30 P.M., to meet again early in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger [Signature]
Secretary

Approved:

C.W. Wells, Jr.
President

W. Crawford
Vice-President

Pete [Signature]
Treasurer

Roy J. Sellers
Reporter

Jan. 23, 1937