MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Montgomery, Alabama
January 23, 1937

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the State Department of Education at 1:00 P. M. Saturday afternoon, January 23, 1937. The following members were present: C. W. Wells, Jr., President; William Crawford, Vice-President; Roger Nance, Secretary; Pete Turnham, Treasurer; Ronald Sellers, Reporter; R. E. Cammack, Adviser; H. F. Gibson, Assistant Adviser.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, they were approved.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

A thorough discussion was had of the chapter activity programs studied by the five members of the Executive Committee. On motion of William Crawford, seconded by Roger Nance and unanimously carried, Messrs. Kirtley Brown and H. F. Gibson were appointed as a committee to select the best activity program in the State for publication in the Alabama Future Farmer.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee went on record as approving a change in the national constitution to include the recognition of district organizations and the approval of the issuance of charters to them by state associations. On motion of Roger Nance, seconded by Pete Turnham and unanimously carried, the president was authorized to prepare a resolution to this effect and mail it to the national officer for the Southern Region to be presented to the Constitution Committee.

MUSIC FOR ANNUAL MEETING

On motion of Ronald Sellers, seconded by Pete Turnham and unanimously carried, it was decided to have both a string band and a brass band at the annual meeting. Mr. Cammack was authorized to proceed with plans to this end.

F.F.A. CAMP

The Committee went on record as not approving the establishment of a State F. F. A. Camp at this time. It was decided that educational tours would probably be of more value to F. F. A. members and that the State Association should encourage this activity among the chapters.

INITIATION CEREMONIES

On motion of Roger Nance, seconded by Ronald Sellers and unanimously carried, Messrs. G. T. Sargent, J. B. Deavours, and William Crawford were appointed as a committee to rework the Green Hand and Future Farmer initiation ceremonies. It was suggested that in doing this the initiations in the F. F. A. Manual be considered along with the state
initiations, and that the committee report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

CERTIFICATES FOR STATE FARMERS

Mr. H. F. Gibson reported on his findings as to the cost of State Farmer degree certificates. He stated that he had a quotation from Wm. Welch Manufacturing Company of $190 for 1000 certificates. On motion of William Crawford, seconded by Roger Nance and unanimously carried, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kirtley Brown, and Mr. G. T. Sargent were appointed as a committee to look further into this matter and report at the next meeting; also to make recommendations regarding the issuing of certificates to winners in all state contests, their investigation to include quotations from the Auburn Printing Company.

F. F. A. LIBRARY

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following were appointed as a committee to prepare a suggested F. F. A. library list to be mailed out to chapters about the time of the next annual meeting: S. L. Chesnutt, H. F. Gibson, Kirtley Brown, Pete Turnham, Roger Nance, and Ronald Sellers. This committee was requested to make a report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

VISITS TO DISTRICT MEETINGS

Mr. Gibson was requested to get a schedule of district meetings and make it available to the officers for their use in attending these meetings. It was suggested that during such visits each officer discuss with the district president the work of the Placement Committee for Vocational Agricultural Students, district presidents being members of this committee. It was also suggested that after districts are visited each officer write an article giving his impressions and send it to Mr. Gibson to be worked into the news letter. If possible, these visits and the subsequent reports of such visits should be made by April 1 and not later than April 15.

CONTESTS

In connection with contests, Mr. G. T. Sargent made the following announcements:

Essay writing contest - February 1 is closing date. A second letter has been mailed to local advisers calling this to their attention.

Public speaking contest - Five reports have been received to date. February 1 is closing date. Another notice is being mailed to local advisers.

Thrift contest - Reports are scattered but in some cases are very interesting. It is anticipated that fifty or sixty chapters will enter.
REPORTER TO HELP WITH NEWS LETTER

It was suggested that the reporter make three visits to Auburn for the purpose of helping with the next three issues of the news letter, Mr. Gibson to notify him when these trips should be made.

STATE FARMER AND AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES

It was suggested that the president write an article for the news letter and mail it to Mr. Gibson not later than February 15, calling attention to the fact that it is now time for plans to be made by F. F. A. members who desire to make application for the State Farmer or the American Farmer degree, and that each chapter will be supplied with State Farmer degree application blanks. Application blanks for the American Farmer degree will be mailed to chapters upon request of the state office.

APRIL DUES

The treasurer was requested to write a letter to the chapters not later than March 15 calling attention to the fact that April 1 is the date on which all chapters are to send in dues for those initiated since the November dues were submitted, and is also the date on which chapters are to submit the $2 convention fee.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO WILLIAM CRAWFORD

The president, O. W. Wells, Jr., presented William Crawford, State Vice-President, with an American Farmer degree certificate which was recently received from the national office. William was the only F. F. A. member in Alabama to receive this honor during 1936.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Mr. Cammack requested each officer to bring to the next meeting his suggestions for the program of the annual meeting.

SUGGESTED CHAPEL PROGRAM

On motion of Roger Nance, seconded by Pete Turnham and unanimously carried, the committee went on record as approving the idea of presenting chapel programs featuring cooperative effort between F. H. A.'s and F. F. A.'s in rural, farm and home life. Mr. Cammack was requested to write Mr. W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, and ask that a copy of the F. F. A. Service Letter giving an outline for a chapel program be mailed to each local adviser in the State.

MR. BROWN WELCOMED

Mr. Kirtley Brown was welcomed to the meeting and given a cordial invitation to attend all future meetings.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion seconded and unanimously carried, the Committee adjourned at 4:15 P. M. to meet again sometime between April 1 and April 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Approved:

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President

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Vice-President

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Treasurer

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Reporter

May 1, 1937