The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the home economics class room of the Lee County High School on March 12, 1938, at 9:00 A. M. The following members were present: O'Neill Sewell, President; Marvin Smith, Vice-President; Bradley Twitty, Secretary; Pete Turnham, Treasurer; Maxwell Lewis, Reporter; R. E. Cammack, Adviser; H. F. Gibson, Assistant Adviser.

The meeting was called to order by the President. The minutes of the last meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF CHAPTERS

Monthly reports from chapters for the Alabama Future Farmers were discussed. The President stated that a letter had been sent to the chapters giving the status of reports for the first six months, and that this matter was discussed with the teachers during the recent group meetings held by the district supervisors.

It was suggested that Mr. Gibson and Mr. Brown, together with the reporter, prepare a report giving a record of chapter monthly reports for presentation at the annual meeting; the record also to be posted on the bulletin board at the summer school of instruction.

It was agreed that the present Executive Committee would recommend to the House of Delegates and to the incoming Executive Committee next summer that in the future no honorary State Farmer Degree be conferred upon any local adviser whose chapter was delinquent in making monthly reports.

STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Cammack stated that application blanks for the State Farmer Degree would be mailed to presidents of chapters during the last week of March and that copies of the letter would be sent to local advisers. The method of handling the application follows: Soon after May 2, the last date for submitting applications, Mr. Cammack will prepare a schedule for mailing the forms from one officer to the other, attach it to all applications that have been received, and mail to the President. The President will either approve or disapprove the blanks and mail them on the date indicated on the schedule to the next officer listed. Each officer will follow this procedure, the last officer to receive them mailing them back to Mr. Cammack.

TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR OFFICERS

It was agreed that the Executive Committee would recommend to the House of Delegates training programs for chapter officers on a district and chapter basis, plans for such programs to be drawn up during the annual meeting.
The assignments made to each officer at the October meeting were reviewed and the following suggestions made regarding items that had not received attention:

President

Item 3. State organization strive toward a student placement division.

A state committee composed of district presidents to be appointed and notified to that effect. Each district president will set up a similar organization composed of members from chapters in his district. A letter to be mailed by the President to all chapters giving the plan of work for the committee and listing the members of the state committee. The president was requested to suggest to the chapters that, in setting up district committees, consideration be given to appointing as a member of the committee some interested lay person who might have contacts in the community that the adviser might not have and who would be interested in serving as a member.

Item 4. Continue to have committees handle business at convention.

This item to be taken up at the next executive committee meeting.

Item 15. Let one hundred per cent of chapters cooperate with national agricultural program.

Mr. Gibson and president to work out suggestions regarding how chapters may function in an educational way in the 1935 farm program for publication in the next newsletter.

Item 16. State F. F. A. Association encourage chapters to take educational tours.

The President to write an article making suggestions to chapters regarding tours - places to go, average cost, etc. It was suggested that before this article is written for the newsletter, the President write a letter to the chapters seeking information relative to successful tours that have been made.

Item 25. The President appoint a special committee to work out new initiations for Greenhand and Future Farmer degrees and report back to the 1936 convention.

The President reported that a committee had been appointed and had met and decided to discard the initiations worked up several years ago, the initiations given in the manual to be used instead.

It was suggested that a Greenhand initiation, according to the manual, be put on before the House of Delegates during the annual meeting. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Morrison were requested to make available the Greenhands to be initiated at that time. Representatives of the Millport Chapter were suggested as a suitable team to put on the initiation. Mr. Sargent was requested to contact the adviser of the chapter and ask that he bring a team to Auburn for this purpose.
Item 29. Each chapter sponsor conservation program for wild life (including birds, fish, and any other wild life of local interest), this activity to be carried out in cooperation with the Commissioner of Game and Fisheries.

The President reported that he had received no definite information from the Commissioner of Game and Fisheries. He was requested to continue work on this item.

Vice-President

Item 14. Each chapter conduct a nursery.

A letter to be mailed to chapters by March 25.

Secretary

Item 21. Each chapter submit to the State Secretary by May 15 an annual report on the accomplishments of the year.

The Secretary to prepare a letter to the chapters and mail it to the state office by April 15.

Item 26. Each chapter encourage rural electrification.

It was suggested that the Secretary write the T. V. A. representative for his district and request that he come to Cherokee and assist him in working out an article on rural electrification for the news letter.

Item 27. Promote joint activities between FFA and FHA organizations.

Bradley Twitty read a list of proposed joint activities for the FFA and FHA organizations which was sent to him by the State President of the Future Homemakers. It was suggested that Bradley forward this to Mr. Gibson for publication in the next issue of the Alabama Future Farmer.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported that all items on his list had been attended to.

Reporter


It was suggested that the Secretary spend a week in Auburn in June to assist with the news letter, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Brown to notify him when to report for work.

NATIONAL F. F. A. WEEK

Bradley Twitty was requested to write to Mr. W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, and ask the opinion of the National Board of Trustees regarding a national F. F. A. week.
The following committee was appointed to study the new national constitution and to make any revisions necessary in the state constitution: Pete Turnham, Chairman, and three members from the Auburn district to be selected by Mr. Gibson and Mr. Morrison, who will sit with the committee in an advisory capacity. The President is to write and appoint the committee. Pete Turnham, Chairman, will communicate with Mr. Gibson regarding a suitable date for a meeting of the committee.

Mr. Gibson was requested to prepare an article for the newsletter regarding the contemplated revision of the state constitution and to state in the article that any suggestions for changes should be mailed to Pete Turnham.

MUSIC FOR ANNUAL MEETING

On motion of Pete Turnham, seconded by Bradley Twitty and unanimously carried, it was decided that a brass band would not be secured for the annual meeting this summer. Mr. Gibson was authorized to proceed with making arrangements for two string bands and two quartets; $150 was the amount set to cover the expenses in this connection.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Maxwell Lewis, seconded by Marvin Smith and unanimously carried, the committee adjourned at 12:30 P.M. to meet again in the offices of the State Department of Education on Saturday, May 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Twitty
Secretary

Approved:

O'Neill Lewis
President

Maxwell Lewis
Vice-President

Pete Turnham
Treasurer

Maxwell Lewis
Reporter

May 7, 1938