MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, MAY 20, 1939

The Executive Committee met in the offices of the State Department of Education at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, May 20, with the following members present: Dolphus Price, President; John E. Richardson, Vice-President; Joe Bill Knowles, Secretary; Hulen Tew, Treasurer; Archer Gilmore, Reporter; R. E. Cammack, State Adviser; A. L. Morrison, Assistant Adviser.

The meeting was called to order by the President. On motion of Joe Bill Knowles, seconded by Hulen Tew and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The purpose of the meeting, to plan the program for the 1939 Convention, was stated by the President. The main points discussed during the planning of the program are given below.

CONVENTION DATE

Mr. Morrison explained that the reason for holding the 1939 Convention in August is to facilitate the placing of delegates. The opening date of the Convention will be Monday, August 21, and the closing date Wednesday, August 23. Mr. Cammack added that since some chapters will have to leave on Sunday in order to reach Auburn in time for the first meeting and that accommodations will have to be made for Sunday night, the President should mention this in his letter calling the Convention, in order that these chapters may request reservations for that night.

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

On motion of John E. Richardson, seconded by Archer Gilmore and unanimously carried, Mr. Chesnut was appointed Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Convention, with authority to appoint sub-committees and assistants.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS

Mr. Cammack announced that an invitation extended by the Alabama F.F.A. Association to Mr. D. M. Clements to bring the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest to Auburn this year would probably be accepted. The Executive Committee decided that such an invitation should be given and that plans for the Convention should be made on the assumption that the invitation would be accepted and that the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest would be held in Auburn on Tuesday night, August 22.

Mr. Morrison suggested that since there is a possibility that the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest, as well as the State Public Speaking Contest, will be held in Auburn, it would be a good idea to have the Tri-State Contest sponsored by the Auburn Summer School, these contests to be held prior to the Convention in order to make way for the Southern Regional Contest. The Executive Committee decided that the President should preside at the State and Southern Regional contests, and the Vice-President at the Tri-State Contest. On motion of Mr. Cammack, seconded by Hulen Tew and unanimously carried, Mr. Morrison was delegated the responsibility for arranging for the contests, all details being left to his discretion.
CONVENTION MUSIC

John E. Richardson suggested that one FFA string band and one brass band be brought to the Convention. This suggestion was vetoed after a discussion which brought out the expense of assembling a brass band and the impossibility of securing one composed entirely of FFA members. It was agreed that two string bands composed wholly of FFA talent should be asked to furnish music for the Convention. The President appointed Mr. Morrison to be responsible for Convention music and asked him to consider the possibility of adding singers, piano players, and other musical features to the program. At Mr. Cannon's suggestion, it was decided that Mr. Morrison should contact district, rather than chapter, bands.

CONVENTION SPEAKER

Following a discussion by the Executive Committee on the selection of a speaker to deliver the first-night address, Mr. Cammack advanced the opinion that the organization is entitled to the publicity that will come with having an outstanding person appear on the program during the Convention and that it would be a mistake to plan a program that did not include such an address. Eminent men suggested as possible speakers were William Bankhead, Donald Comer, Hugo Black, Edward A. O'Neil, John Temple Graves, and Grover Hall. The President suggested that the organization should adopt a policy of selecting speakers from various fields, rather than having a politician to deliver the address each year. On motion of Eulon Tew, seconded by Joe Bill Knowles and unanimously carried, John Temple Graves was selected as the person to whom the invitation should be sent. The Executive Committee approved the suggestion of Mr. Gibson that, in the event John Temple Graves cannot attend, Mr. Cammack and the President will select the speaker.

ATTENDANCE

It was decided to limit the attendance at the Convention to five members from each chapter. These five representatives should consist of two delegates (preferably chapter officers) and candidates for the State Farmer and American Farmer Degree. In his letter to the chapters, the President should emphasize the importance of selecting delegates on the basis of chapter leadership.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

The Executive Committee decided that the President should write:
1. A letter to Dr. Duncan asking for an invitation to hold the Convention at Auburn.
2. An invitation to Dr. Duncan to deliver the welcome address.
3. A letter to F.F.A. chapters calling the Convention.
4. An invitation to John Temple Graves to deliver the principal address.
5. An invitation to Dr. Nobdy to present the principal speaker.
6. An invitation to Bradley Twitty to deliver address at Convention.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

The customary procedure for handling State Farmer Degree applications will be followed, the applications to be mailed to each State officer for consideration. The Executive Committee agreed that five copies of the list of candidates should be included with the applications and that each officer should check one list and return it to the State Department before sending the applications on to the next officer, this for the purpose of securing a secret ballot. The final vote on State Farmers will be made at a meeting of the Executive Committee in Auburn.
ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS

Mr. Morrison was delegated to work with the district supervisors on formulating a plan for nominating officers. It was decided that the practice of having candidates interviewed by the Nominating Committee should be continued. Mr. Morrison will work with the Nominating Committee in this connection.

DEPARTMENT OF F.F.A. BOYS AT CONVENTION

Since the Executive Committee is responsible for the conduct of F.F.A. boys while at the Convention, the President was requested to stress in his initial speech at the Convention the importance of each member's reflecting credit on the organization through his gentlemanly conduct.

ACTIVITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee agreed that the practice of holding one district responsible for the Activity Program Committee should be continued, with Mr. Cannon's district to be responsible this year. Mr. Cannon, after seeing that the Committee is selected, will notify the President, who will then furnish each member of the Committee a copy of the National Activity Program and this year's State Activity Program with any suggestions he may have as to formulating the program to be submitted to the Convention.

F.F.A. CAPS

After a discussion of whether caps should or should not be sold during the Convention, the decision was reached that 1,000 caps should be ordered.

REFRESHMENTS

Because of the fact that the Convention will be held at a time when it is difficult to get good watermelons, it was decided that an "Ice Cream Eating" should replace the usual watermelon cutting. All details of this part of the program will be handled by the committee at Auburn with the State Secretary in charge.

JOINT PROGRAM

Details of the Joint Program feature of the Convention will be arranged by the President and district supervisors.

SONGS

The Executive Committee appointed Mr. Morrison to consider replacing some of the songs now on the program with more suitable ones.

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

On motion of Hulan Tew, seconded by John B. Richardson and unanimously carried, the following program was approved for the annual convention:
PROGRAM
TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Monday, August 21, 1939

A. M.
3:00-12:00 - Registration - Headquarters Building.
3:30 - Executive Committee meeting - Agricultural Classroom,
      Lee County High School.

F. M.
1:00-1:30 - Seating House of Delegates.
1:30-1:50 - Opening ceremony and music.
1:50-1:55 - Invocation - (To be supplied)
1:55-2:00 - Music.
2:00-2:15 - Welcome address - Dr. L. N. Duncan, President, Alabama
      Polytechnic Institute.
2:15-2:20 - Response to welcome address - John B. Richardson, Vice-President.
2:20-2:30 - Committee assignments - Dolphus Price, State President.
2:30-3:00 - Report of Activity Program Committee.
3:00-3:10 - Arrangement of softball tournament - G. T. Sargent.
3:10-3:40 - Group picture and songs - Amphitheater.
3:40-6:00 - Softball games.
7:30-8:00 - Music.
8:00-8:40 - Address - John Temple Graves.
      Introduction by Dr. J. E. Hobdy, State Director of
      Vocational Education.
8:40 - Announcements.
9:00 - Picture show.
Tuesday, August 22

A. M.

7:30-8:30  - Training Program for Officers.
8:30-9:00  - Opening ceremony and music.
9:00-9:15  - Election of State Farmers.
10:55-12:15 - Elimination games in softball tournament.

P. M.

1:30-1:45  - Music.
1:45-3:00  - Tour of College.
3:00-5:00  - Elimination games in softball tournament.
5:00      - Ice Cream Eating - Joe Bill Knowles, State Secretary, in charge.
6:45-7:00 - Music.
7:00-7:15  - Address - Dolphus Price, State President.
7:15-7:30  - Address - Bradley Twitty, 2nd Vice-President, National F.F.A.
7:30-7:40  - Music.
7:40-9:10  - Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest.

Music - Closing Ceremony.

Wednesday, August 23

A. M.

7:30-9:00  - Final games of softball tournament.
9:00-9:30  - Opening ceremony and music.
9:30-9:45  - Conferring of State Farmer Degrees.
9:45-10:00 - Report of Nominating Committee.
10:00-10:30 - Reports of Committees.
10:30      - Installation of officers.

Unfinished business.

Closing ceremony.
ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Joe Bill Knowles, seconded by Hulon Tew and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Bill Knowles

Secretary.

Approved:

Dolphus Price
President

John B. Richardson
Vice-President

Hulon Tew
Treasurer

Archel Gilmore
Reporter

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