MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 30, 1939

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the State Department of Education on Saturday, September 30, at 1:00 P. M. The following members were present: Joe Bill Knowles, President; Hollis Smith, Vice-President; Roy T. Fuller, Secretary; Albert Delgan Ash, Treasurer; L. C. Fitzpatrick, Reporter; R. E. Cammock, State Adviser; A. L. Morrison, Assistant State Adviser.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the new members of the Executive Committee were presented to the group.

STRING BAND FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

The possibility of sending a string band from Alabama to the National Convention was thoroughly discussed. Because of the many problems incident to such an undertaking, the matter was indefinitely postponed.

F.F.A. HANDBOOK

Mr. Cammack explained the purposes of an F.F.A. handbook which the State Association might prepare and have printed for distribution to chapters. He suggested that a committee be appointed to study the feasibility of such an undertaking, to prepare an outline of what a handbook should contain, and to present it at the next meeting of the Executive Committee as an item of unfinished business. The Committee endorsed the idea of a handbook for Alabama chapters, and the President appointed the Executive Committee as a whole to investigate the matter and make a report at the next meeting. Mr. Morrison was requested to assist the committee in an advisory capacity. Mr. Chesnutt suggested that letters be written to other states asking what has been done along this line.

PRINTING STATE CONSTITUTION

Since it may be decided to include the State Constitution in the handbook already referred to, the printing of the Constitution was deferred until definite action is taken on the printing of a handbook.

TIME FOR NEXT CONVENTION

On motion of Hollis Smith, seconded by Roy T. Fuller and unanimously carried, it was decided to hold the next annual convention at the same time the convention was held this year, that is, the first week after the last summer school.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

On motion of L. C. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Albert Delgan Ash and unanimously carried, Joe Bill Knowles and Roy T. Fuller were selected to serve as delegates to the national convention to be held in Kansas City, October 16-20. Albert Delgan Ash and Hollis Smith were selected as alternate delegates.
CHAPTER CONTEST

Mr. Cammack moved that the Executive Committee go on record as recommending that the State Association substitute a chapter contest for the essay contest; that the Executive Committee draw up rules and regulations for the carrying on of a chapter contest in the State; and that exhibits of chapter winners be displayed at the next state convention. The motion was seconded by Roy T. Fuller and unanimously carried. It was decided that the State Association would not participate in the National Chapter Contest this year.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Mr. Morrison stated that the rules and regulations for the public speaking contest had been worked out and gone over by members of the staff. He was given authority to act in this connection with Mr. Sellers assisting him from the field standpoint and Roy T. Fuller from the standpoint of the Executive Committee.

STATE CAMP

In discussing Item 30 of the State Activity Program, which has to do with the following item of the National Program, "Encourage establishing and maintaining State Camp and Leadership Training Schools held in connection with these camps," the Committee decided to recommend to chapters and districts that they look into the possibilities of using publicly-owned meeting places for chapter and district meetings and for the purpose of leadership training, but went on record as not approving the ownership of a state camp by the State Association. It was decided that in submitting the next annual report to the national organization an explanation should be made of the set-up in Alabama, the reason it is felt desirable to continue it, and the reason a state camp at this time is not feasible. In order that all members may understand that this national objective is being carried out, the President was requested to make this explanation at the next annual convention.

STATE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Each item of the State Activity Program was discussed and, on motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following assignments were made:

President

5. To continue to have committees handle business at the convention.

All committees, with the exception of the Activity Program Committee, to be appointed at spring meeting. Mr. Gibson was requested to furnish the President with names of suitable boys to serve on this committee, as soon possible. The President in turn will notify them and furnish each boy with a copy of this year's Activity Program.

6. Each chapter and district establish a calendar setting specific date to work on state, district, and chapter objectives.

News article to be written for the November issue of The Alabama Future Farmer, and to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than November 1. Each member was requested, in contacting chapters in his territory throughout the year, to assume responsibility for checking this item with the chapters.
President (Cont'd)

13. Each chapter strive in all activities to favorably advertise vocational agriculture.

Editorial for news letter to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than November 1.

16. Each chapter to conduct a nursery on a well-planned basis.

News article to be written for the February issue of the newsletter.

21. Each chapter and district become thoroughly familiar with National and State Activity Programs and incorporate these programs into their programs of work in a manner to fit their local situation.

Article for November issue of newsletter to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than November 1.


Letter to chapters encouraging them to carry on constructive activities of benefit to boys and girls and men and women in the community and mentioning things that have been done in the past with success and benefit to school and community and individuals participating. The letter should also contain a suggestion that a permanent joint committee of the F.F.A. and F.H.A. chapters be appointed with responsibility for working out a relationship program for the two chapters.

29. Each chapter to encourage fathers to attend chapter meetings and where possible elect three or more honorary members during year.

Editorial for March issue of the newsletter. Encourage boys to have at least one dads' night to which all fathers are invited, and for which a special program is planned.

Boys should be encouraged to elect three honorary members each year, these persons to be adults in the community who have shown interest in chapter and who will in the future attend chapter meetings and foster the growth of the chapter.

30. That the State Executive Committee compose a group to investigate the possibilities of carrying out item 15 of the 1938-39 National Program, which reads as follows: "Encourage establishing and maintaining State Camp and Leadership Training Schools held in connection with these camps."

It was suggested that the President counsel with members of the committee as he sees fit to gain their reaction on this item, think the matter through, set up questions, and at the next committee meeting bring up any questions as a part of the program. At the next annual convention the President will give a full explanation to the delegates on the matter of state camp.
Vice-President

1. One hundred per cent of chapters in the State to enter all contests sponsored by the State Association.

   Article in November issue of newsletter, listing contests, outlining how they are to be conducted, and urging participation on part of chapters. Article to be prepared in cooperation with Mr. Sargent and Mr. Morrison.

4. Each chapter and/or district present well-planned radio program regularly, where possible.

   Letter to chapters calling attention to the fact that material on radio programs was mailed to chapters last year and is now available upon request of Mr. Morrison. Letter to advisers asking for schedule of radio programs. Mr. Morrison will assist the Vice-President with this assignment and the correspondence will be mailed out from the Auburn office.

8. Each chapter to study the guide for National Chapter Contest and to follow guide in entering contest.

   A paragraph regarding the National Chapter Contest to be included in article referred to under Activity No. 1 above.

17. One hundred per cent of chapters to cooperate with national agricultural program.

   Letter to district and chapter presidents, to be mailed to the Montgomery office by December 15.

19. Each chapter and district to encourage and develop musical talent.

   Editorial in February issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than February 1.

28. Each chapter to sponsor conservation program for wild life including birds, fish, and any other wild life of local importance.

   Article in February issue of newsletter. Secure pictures to illustrate article if possible.

Secretary

2. Each chapter to affiliate with a district organization where possible.

   Original letter to chapters not affiliated with district organization. Letter to be mailed to the Montgomery office not later than October 15. Copies to be sent to district supervisors and to secretary. The matter to be followed up by supervisors in visiting chapters.

3. District organized on county basis where there are three or more chapters in one county.

   District supervisors will work this out with teachers of vocational agriculture.
15. One hundred per cent of chapters add at least ten new books to library and sponsor a wide use of the library.

Article in newsletter, stating that a copy of book list was mailed to each chapter last year by Mr. Morrison and that copies are now available upon request. Letter to chapters asking that they write giving types of libraries they have, how many books, etc. Information to be used in building a news article. Letter to be issued from Auburn and Secretary to go to Auburn on October 9 to work with Mr. Morrison.

16. Each chapter to sponsor a "Father-Son" or "Father-Son-Mother-Daughter" program or banquet.

Letter to chapters giving types of desirable programs and emphasizing the importance of having legislators attend these programs. Suggest arrangement of program to bring out connection between school and F.F.A. Program should be built around the welfare of community. Confer degrees during banquets on those who deserve to be honored with honorary membership.

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

Annual report forms to be mailed to chapters from Montgomery office by May 1.

9. Each chapter to sponsor cooperative buying and selling organization for vocational students and to encourage cooperative effort among adults.

Article in December issue of newsletter suggesting the type of cooperative efforts to be sponsored. District supervisors to assist in giving illustrations. Article to be mailed to Mr. Morrison by November 15.


Editorial in December issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison by November 15. Request chapters to submit reports on time and to give constructive criticisms as to how to improve the paper.


A short article in newsletter (any issue) telling where the cut may be secured and suggesting that chapters secure one if they think it can be used to advantage.

12. Each chapter to have a Green Hand initiation team; and each chapter or district team, whichever is more feasible, to raise Future Farmers.

Letter to chapters encouraging them to establish initiation teams, to be mailed to the Montgomery office by October 15. Article for November newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison by October 15.
22. Each member advance from one degree to the other as rapidly as possible.

Paragraph regarding this item to be included in letter referred to under Item 12.

24. To increase active membership in State Association to 5,500.

Letter to chapters with small percentage of vocational agricultural enrollment in F.F.A., encouraging them to have at least 75 to 85 per cent of boys taking vocational agriculture in F.F.A. chapters. Another letter to all chapters regarding increase in membership, suggesting ways in which membership might be increased, for example, encouraging boys who have finished three years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture, and those who have finished high school, to remain in F.F.A. These letters to be mailed to the Montgomery office by January 15.

27. Each chapter have half as many manuals as their membership and each member and prospective member be familiar with contents of manual.

Letter to presidents giving the place of purchase and price of manuals and suggesting that presidents encourage members to become familiar with contents of manual.

Treasurer

7. State, district, and chapter operate on budget for financing the activities of organization.

Letter to chapter treasurers pointing out the advantages of operating on a budget and suggesting that each chapter set up a budget. To be mailed to Montgomery office by December 1.

14. Each chapter to organize a cooperative savings and loan department.

Since efforts along this line have not been successful, it was decided that the Executive Committee should study what is feasible for chapters to do in this connection and make report to the next State Activity Program Committee. Find out what other states are doing. Preliminary report to be made at January meeting. Mr. Cammack will work with treasurer on this item.

20. Each chapter plan educational tour where possible.

Letter to chapter presidents suggesting types of tours that might be made. To be mailed to Montgomery office by April 1.

25. Each chapter to encourage rural electrification and live-at-home program.

Editorial for newsletter built around a human interest story, with pictures showing homes that have been electrified and showing what is meant by live-at-home program. To be mailed to Mr. Morrison by November 15.
TIME FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in January, the date to be agreed upon by Mr. Cammack and the President.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of L. C. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hollis Smith and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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