MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, MAY 11, 1940

The Executive Committee met in the offices of the State Department of Education on Saturday, May 11, 1940, 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; E. E. Cammack, Adviser.

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

STATE CAMP

The President made a report on the study being made by the Executive Committee regarding the establishment of a state F. F. A. camp. He stated that the Committee is unanimous in its opinion that it is not feasible to establish a camp in Alabama for the following reasons: (1) there is no central location available, (2) the cost of establishing a camp would be too great, (3) a camp would be used only a few months in the year, therefore the cost of upkeep would be prohibitive, (4) chapters would benefit more from educational tours than from visiting a camp.

Mr. Cammack recommended that, since the question of establishing a state camp has come up from year to year and there is still some interest in it, the President's report to the House of Delegates during the annual convention carry a complete analysis of the Committee's findings and the reasons why it is recommended that the State Association not establish a camp. This is advisable in order that the report may become a permanent part of the records and may be referred to in the future should the question of establishing a state camp be raised. The report should call attention to the facilities that are now available at Auburn for holding the state convention, and make a comparison of the present facilities with the cost that would be involved in establishing a camp. The report should also call attention to the expenditures that would be necessary over a period of years in setting up a camp as compared with the cost of taking educational tours and the value of such tours to individual members.

The following committee was appointed to prepare this report for presentation to the House of Delegates: Joe Bill Knowles, Chairman; Roy T. Fuller, A. L. Morrison, S. L. Chesnutt.

COOPERATIVE SAVINGS AND LOANS

The treasurer made a brief report on his study of F. F. A. cooperative savings and loan departments. He stated that he would continue his study and make a report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR STATE OFFICERS

It was suggested that a training school for state officers might be held for a day and a half prior to the first executive committee meeting of the year; that the officers might go to Auburn on Thursday night prior to the meeting on Saturday, remain there during Friday and Saturday morning for intensive training, and come to Montgomery for the meeting on Saturday afternoon. The state officers,
were requested to make suggestions regarding a program of training. A short meeting of the next Executive Committee following the close of the convention should be held and some decision reached at that time relative to the day and a half training school.

**TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CHAPTER AND DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Mr. Cammack stated that there is a greater need for training chapter and district officers than for training state officers, and that, through the interest and activity of the State Association as a whole, a program of training might be inaugurated. Mr. Chesnutt suggested that a plan be worked out through district organizations. On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the committee went on record as approving a training program for chapter and district officers.

The president was requested to think the matter through, correspond with Mr. Cammack and Mr. Morrison; then draw up a plan for training state officers, district officers, and chapter officers, and mail it to the members of the Executive Committee for criticism and recommendation. The plan will then be reworked for final approval. It was suggested that the president write to several state associations regarding plans they are using, suggestions they would make for changing their plans, etc.

**F. F. A. HANDBOOK**

Since Mr. Morrison was unable to attend the meeting, it was decided to postpone the discussion of an F.F.A. Handbook until the next meeting.

**CONTESTS**

Mr. Cammack stated that Mr. Morrison had requested him to say to the group that the contests are progressing according to schedule; that they had moved off smoothly; and that there had been quite a bit of interest in them.

**APPLICATIONS FOR STATE FARMER DEGREE**

The plan used last year in mailing applications from one officer to another was explained. The same plan was adopted for this year, and it was suggested that the applications be sent by express. In conferring the degree during the convention, the official ceremony will be used. Each officer was requested to learn his part.

**LETTER CALLING CONVENTION**

The president was requested to write Dr. Duncan at the earliest possible date asking permission to hold the state convention at Auburn. Just as soon as the dates for the convention are determined, the president will issue a letter to the chapters calling the convention.

**COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS**

Mr. Chesnutt was requested to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the annual convention, and was delegated the authority to appoint the members of his committee.
STUNT NIGHT

It was decided that Tuesday night of the convention would be designated "Stunt Night." Each district supervisor will arrange for one stunt. The time allowed for the putting on of each stunt will be fifteen minutes.

MUSIC

Mr. Morrison was requested to take charge of the music for the convention, with the district supervisors assisting him. It was suggested that he look into the possibilities of securing a quartet, a sextet, a pianist or someone to play any particular instrument, as well as one string band.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The president was requested to write to Mr. Cammack, listing the committees to be appointed at the convention. He will pass this to the district supervisors, who in turn will make arrangements for the membership on each committee.

SOFTBALL

Mr. Sargent was given authority to purchase the necessary balls and bats for the games. It was decided that the first 32 boys who register will be given an opportunity to play. However, a rotating plan will be carried out by which those applying this year and not playing will be given an opportunity to play next year.

Mr. Sargent made the suggestion that Mr. Montgomery be made responsible for working out the softball playing program. Mr. Montgomery indicated that he would be glad to work with Mr. Sargent in the discharge of this responsibility, and the Executive Committee accepted his offer to serve on the committee with Mr. Sargent as chairman.

SPEAKER FOR CONVENTION

Mr. Cammack and the president were delegated the responsibility of selecting a speaker for the convention. It was suggested that either Dr. Hudson Strode, of the University of Alabama, or Editor Hall of The Montgomery Advertiser, might be secured. As heretofore, Dr. Hobdy will be requested to introduce the speaker.

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT ITEM ON PROGRAM

For the Chapter Achievement item on the program, Mr. Morrison was requested to select subjects from four winning chapter reports and notify the chapters that they are to appear on the program for the purpose of giving the convention the benefit of the way in which these objectives were accomplished, using approximately ten minutes for each report.
On motion of Hollis Smith, seconded by Roy T. Fuller, the following program was adopted for the annual convention:

Monday, August 10, 1940

A. M.
8:00-12:00 - Registration - Headquarters Building.
8:30 - 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.
1:55-2:00 - Music.
2:00-2:15 - Welcome Address - Dr. L. M. Duncan, President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.
2:15-2:30 - Response to welcome address - Hollis Smith, Vice-President.
2:20-2:30 - Committee assignments - Joe Bill Knowles, State President.
2:30-3:00 - Report of Activity Program Committee.
3:00-3:10 - Arrangement of softball tournament.
3:10-3:40 - Group picture and music - Amphitheater.
3:40-6:30 - Softball games.
7:30-8:00 - Music.
8:00-8:45 - Address - Introduction by Dr. J. E. Hobdy, State Director of Vocational Education.
8:45 - Announcements - closing ceremony.

Tuesday, August 20

A. M.
8:00-8:30 - Opening ceremony. Music.
8:30-8:45 - Election of State Farmers.
8:45-10:00 - Training Program for Officers.
10:00-12:00 - Elimination games in softball tournament.
Tuesday, August 20 (Cont'd)

P. M.
1:00-1:30 - Music.
1:30-1:45 - Explanation of Chapter Contest - State President.
1:45-2:15 - Chapter Achievements.
2:15-3:30 - Elimination games in softball tournament.
3:30-4:30 - Ice Cream Eating - Roy T. Fuller, State Secretary, in charge.
4:30-5:00 - Final games in softball tournament.
7:30-7:45 - Music.
7:45-8:00 - Address - Joe Bill Knowles, State President.
8:00-9:00 - Stunts.
- Closing ceremony.
9:00-10:00 - Picture show - The Greenhand.

Wednesday, August 21

A. M.
8:00-8:30 - Opening ceremony. Music.
8:30-9:30 - Conferring of State Farmer Degrees.
9:30-9:45 - Awards in Chapter and Public Speaking Contests - State President.
9:45-10:30 - Reports of Committees.
10:30 - Installation of officers.
Unfinished business.
Closing ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Albert Delgan Ash, seconded by L. C. Fitzpatrick, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Roy T. Fuller, Secretary

Approved:

Joe Bill Knowles, President
Hollis Smith, Vice-President
Albert Delgan Ash, Treasurer
L. C. Fitzpatrick, Reporter

August 20, 1940