MINUTES
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, F. F. A.
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 28, 1940

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 28, 1940, at 1:00 P. M. The following members were present: L. C. Fitzpatrick, President; A. F. Caley, Jr., Vice-President; Martin Abels, Secretary; Leon Estes, Treasurer; Page Kelly, Reporter; R. E. Cammack, Adviser; A. L. Morrison, Assistant Adviser. Others present were: Mrs. Mary McGehee Greene, Messrs. G. T. Sargent, S. L. Cheesnut, R. W. Montgomery, J. C. Cannon, H. F. Gibson, L. L. Sellers, C. C. Scarborough, J. D. Thorn, A. L. Smith, M. H. Moses, G. W. Holmes, and Miss Pullen.

The president called the meeting to order and then introduced each member of the committee.

STATE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The Activity Program was thoroughly discussed and, on motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following assignments were made:

President
A. Organization.
   a. State.
      1. To increase active membership in State Association to 6,000.
         (Letter to chapters to be mailed to Montgomery office by October 1.
         In this letter a statement is to be included regarding item A-c-3.)

      2. Continue to have committees handle business at the convention.
         (Committees to be appointed at proper time by president with suggestions
         from Mr. Cammack. The Activity Program Committee to be appointed at
         next Executive Committee meeting.)

      3. Hold State Convention annually, to be attended by delegates from each
         chapter.
         (Time of convention to be announced in February issue of newsletter;
         program and other details to be printed in June issue.)

b. District.
   (1. Each chapter affiliate with a district organization where possible.

   (2. District organized on a county basis if there are three or more
      chapters in the county.
      (Letter to district presidents on items 1 and 2 combined, to be mailed
      to Montgomery office by October 25. On motion of A. F. Caley, Jr.,
      seconded by Page Kelly and unanimously carried, the district super-
      visors were requested to secure the names of the district officers for
      their respective districts so that lists may be compiled at the
      earliest possible date. It was suggested that the letter mentioned
      above be sent only to those chapters that are not affiliated with
      districts and where it is advisable for them to affiliate.)
c. Chapter.

1. Each chapter set up an activity program and appoint a committee to carry out each activity.
   (Article in November issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison by November 1. It was suggested that each chapter be urged to appoint an activity program committee and then to appoint other committees to carry out each item of the program. In this way the chapters will function on the basis of the talents of all members. It has been found in chapters where this plan has been carried out that it stimulates interest not only among members but also among prospective members.)

Mr. Cammack requested each member of the committee to work on this item in his own district and come to the next Executive Committee meeting prepared to make a report on this work. At the next meeting plans will be made to extend this work into other chapters.

2. Each chapter set up a calendar of activities for the year.
   (Letter to chapter presidents to be mailed to Montgomery office by October 8. In this letter a statement is to be included regarding item A-c-7.)

3. Each chapter increase membership where advisable.
   (Statement regarding this item to be included in letter regarding A-c-1.)

4. Each chapter advance from one degree to another as rapidly as possible.

5. Each chapter follow the initiation ceremony in the FFA Manual.
   (Article in November newsletter regarding items 1, and 5, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than November 1.)

6. Each chapter encourage fathers and others interested in FFA to attend chapter meetings and where advisable elect three or more honorary members during the year.
   (Article in November issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than November 1.)

7. Each chapter have a well-planned program posted in advance of each regular meeting.
   (This item to be included in letter regarding item A-c-2.)

8. Each chapter strive to have two or more members eligible for State Farmer Degree.

9. Each chapter practice parliamentary procedure in meetings and encourage members to become familiar with parliamentary rules.
   (Article in December newsletter regarding items 8 and 9, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than December 1.)

Vice-President

E. Cooperation.

1. Each chapter cooperate in all activities for the betterment of agricultural conditions in the community.
   (Article in November newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not later than November 1. Point out the great obligations and opportunities the FFA has to promote and carry out all activities for the betterment of agriculture in rural communities. Emphasize the attitude of the FFA
about the matter of agriculture, what it is willing to do, and what it
can do to carry out a balanced program in agriculture. Use the FFA
Creed as a basis for the article, making application to Alabama's need
for a well-balanced agricultural program.

J. Education.
1. Each chapter plan educational tour when possible.
   (Letter to chapter presidents to be mailed to Montgomery office by
   March 1. In the letter emphasis should be placed on the necessity
   for planning tours in advance, and reference should be made to
   several chapters that have conducted successful tours.)

2. Each chapter encourage a live-at-home program.
   (Article in February issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison
   not later than February 1. It was suggested that this article feature
   some boy and his family who have carried out a worthwhile live-at-home
   program.)

3. Each chapter make a followup study of former students of vocational
   agriculture in their school in cooperation with the local adviser.
   (Article in November issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison
   not later than November 1. It was suggested that the members of the
   Executive Committee work on this item with chapters in their districts
   and with other chapters that they might visit during the year.

Reporter

C. Publicity.
1. Publication of "Alabama Future Farmer" in printed form seven times
   yearly.
   (Article in November issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison
   not later than November 1. Item C-3 to be included in this article also.)

2. Each chapter strive in all activities to promote vocational agriculture
   and FFA organization.
   (Article in March issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not
   later than March 1.)

3. Monthly FFA reports to be submitted on time for the "Alabama Future
   Farmer."
   (Statement regarding this item to be included in article regarding C-1.)

4. Each chapter reporter submit regular articles to local newspapers.
   (Letter to chapter reporters, to be mailed to Montgomery office not later
   than November 8.)

5. Plan other activities as a part of the publicity program, such as: radio
   programs, chapel programs, bulletin boards, exhibits, etc.
   (News item for February issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison
   not later than February 1.)

Secretary

D. Contests.
1. Each chapter enter contests sponsored by the State Association.
   (Letter to chapter presidents to be mailed to Montgomery office by
   October 15.)
G. Library.
1. Each chapter add new books to library and sponsor a wide use of the library.
   (Letter to chapter presidents to be mailed to Montgomery office by Dec. 1.
   The letter should encourage chapters to give more thought to the whole matter
   of FFA library, its location, the addition of books from year to year, care
   of books, and circulation of books.)

H. Music.
1. Each chapter encourage and develop musical talent.
   (Article for February issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison by
   February 1. It was suggested that in this article emphasis be placed on
   the advantages of chapters organizing quartets.)

Treasurer

I. Recreation.
1. Each chapter sponsor "Father-Son" or "Father-Son, Mother-Daughter" program
   or banquet.
   (Letter to chapter presidents, to be mailed to Montgomery office not later
   than January 15.)

2. Encourage recreational activities.
   (Article in February issue of newsletter, to be mailed to Mr. Morrison not
   later than February 1. It was suggested that the treasurer include in this
   article a story regarding a recreational project successfully sponsored by
   some chapter, such as, basketball, baseball, soft ball, picnics, etc.,
   using pictures to illustrate the article.)

F. Joint program.
1. Promote joint activities between FFA and FFA organizations.
   (Letter to FFA and FFA presidents regarding cooperation between the two
   organizations, to be mailed to Montgomery office not later than December 1.)

I. Finance.
   (1. State, district, and chapter operate on a budget for financing the
      activities of the organization.
   (2. Each chapter appoint a finance committee.
      (Letter to district and chapter treasurers to be mailed to Montgomery office
      not later than November 15. The necessity for each chapter's fulfilling
      its responsibility to the state organization by paying dues on time should
      be brought out in this letter.)

COMMITTEE ON CONTESTS

On motion seconded and unanimously carried, a Committee on Contests was appointed
as follows: Mr. Morrison, Chairman; Mr. Scarborough, representing district super-
visors; Mr. H. W. Green, representing teachers of agriculture; and Martin Abels,
representing the Executive Committee. It was suggested that this committee hold
its meetings on Saturdays, if possible, so that Martin Abels will not miss too much
time from school. It was agreed that the Association would bear the expense of
those attending the meetings.

LIST OF DELINQUENT CHAPTERS

Mr. Cammack was requested to supply the president, after November 15, with a list
of chapters delinquent in paying state and national dues.
Mr. Cammack was requested to mail a letter to local advisers during the week of September 30, requesting the names and addresses of chapter officers. He was requested to include in this letter also a request that he be notified of any boys who were planning to attend the national convention.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Cammack stated that since the State Association had experienced so much difficulty in getting applications approved for the American Farmer Degree, he thought it advisable to appoint a committee to analyze the problems and work out instructions and suggestions for the use of applicants in submitting the required material. On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following committee was appointed: Mr. Morrison, Chairman; Mr. R. W. Montgomery, Assistant Teacher Trainer; Mr. D. M. Bottoms, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Lee County High School, Auburn; and L. C. Fitzpatrick, State President. Each year the president of the State Association will automatically become a member of this committee.

It was agreed that the State Association would bear the expense of those attending meetings of this committee, and that meetings would be held on Saturdays, if possible.

STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATION BLANK

The Executive Committee as a whole was appointed a committee to revise the State Farmer Degree Application Blank. Each member was requested to send his suggestions to the president, who will serve as chairman, before the next Executive Committee meeting. The president will then work out a blank incorporating the changes suggested, and mail it to the Montgomery office at least a week in advance of the next meeting, to be typed and made available for the consideration of the committee at its session.

FPA HANDBOOK

Mr. Morrison stated that there would be some delay in printing the FPA Handbook due to the fact that the FPA Manual is being revised at this time and a request has been made for permission to use in the Alabama Handbook certain materials carried in the Manual. Mr. Cammack expressed the hope that the Handbook would be ready for distribution at the next annual convention.

Mr. Morrison requested that a committee be appointed to assist him in preparing the handbook. On motion seconded and unanimously carried, the following committee was appointed: Mr. Morrison, Chairman; Mr. Chesnutt, Mr. A. L. Smith, A. T. Galey, Jr.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mr. Cammack moved that the President of the organization be delegated to head the Alabama delegation to the national meeting and serve as head delegate at Kansas City. This motion was seconded by Martin Abels and unanimously carried.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, Martin Abels was selected as the second delegate, and Page Kelly was selected first alternate and Leon Estes second alternate.
It was agreed that a check for $60, payable to each official delegate, would be mailed to his adviser at least a week in advance of the time he leaves for the national convention, to be used in defraying expenses to the convention. The check which will be handed to the head delegate by the National Organization at Kansas City will be mailed to Mr. Cammack for deposit as a partial refund on expenses advanced to the delegates.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held either January 11 or January 18, and that, in addition to the Executive Committee, consisting of officers and advisers, only Mrs. Greene and Miss Pullen would attend.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Leon Estes seconded by Page Kelly and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 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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Secretary

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Treasurer

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Reporter

Jan. 25, 1940