MINUTES
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, F. F. A.
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, JANUARY 25, 1941

The Executive Committee met in the offices of the State Department of Education on Saturday, January 25, 1941, at 1:00 P. M. The following members were present: L. C. Fitzpatrick, President; A. F. Calay, Jr., Vice-President; Martin Ables, Secretary; Leon Estes, Treasurer; Page Kelly, Reporter; R. E. Cammack, Adviser; A. L. Morrison, Assistant Adviser.

The meeting was called to order by the president. On motion of Leon Estes, seconded by Page Kelly and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

STATE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The State Activity Program assignments made at the last meeting were reviewed and it was found that each member of the Committee had carried out the assignments to date.

Regarding item A-b-1-2 under the president's assignments, he was requested to write to the district supervisors requesting information as to the extent to which this objective has been met. The following questions were suggested: (1) How many district organizations in the territory of each district supervisor? (2) Have there been any combination of districts, or two districts formed where there was only one last year? This information is necessary in connection with visits to district FFA meetings by members of the Executive Committee.

On item A-c-1, each member of the Committee made a report on his work in his own district in encouraging the appointment of committees to carry out each item of district and local activity programs. Each stated that much interest had been aroused and good results secured. Mr. Cammack commended the members of the Committee on the success of their efforts in this connection.

TRIPS BY STATE OFFICERS TO CHAPTER AND DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Committee was authorized to visit chapter and district meetings as follows:

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<td>L. C. Fitzpatrick</td>
<td>In any district in the State (a maximum of six visits).</td>
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<td>A. F. Calay, Jr.</td>
<td>In Marengo, Hale, Perry, Chilton, Autauga, Dallas, and Wilcox counties.</td>
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<td>Leon Estes</td>
<td>In Lamar, Fayette, Marion, Winston, Walker, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa counties.</td>
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<td>Martin Ables</td>
<td>In Morgan, Jackson, Marshall, DeKalb, Cherokee, and Etowah counties.</td>
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Travel by bus or train was approved for the president. In the case of the other members of the committee, since they will travel shorter distances, travel by automobile at the rate of five cents a mile was approved.

The president was requested to write to each district president in the territory outlined above, giving the name and address of the state officer who is available, on invitation, to visit a meeting of his district organization and appear on the program. If such service is desired, the district president should mail an invitation directly to the state officer who is available to his district. The other members of the Committee were requested to be responsible for securing an invitation for the president to appear on a district program, preferably in their own districts. It was suggested that the president might also visit the Mobile and Muscle Shoals districts.

Each member was requested to prepare a fifteen minute talk to be delivered at district meetings, and to take it to his local adviser for criticism. After it is rewritten, it should be mailed to Mr. A. L. Morrison, not later than February 15, who will return it with any suggestions he may have. It was suggested that remarks might be included in the speech regarding the following: purpose of FFA; facts about FFA; activity program; possibilities of FFA, what it can do for the individual; what it has done for the individual; the State FFA business. It was also suggested that at least one or two appropriate jokes be included.

Mr. Morrison was requested to mail a list of district officers to each member of the committee.

STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATION BLANK

On motion of Martin Ables, seconded by Leon Estes and unanimously carried, the revised State Farmer Degree Application Blank was approved. (See copy attached)

It was decided that these blanks would be mailed to chapters on April 1, to be returned to the State Office by May 1. On May 15, they will be mailed to the State Officers for approval or disapproval in the following order: (1) L. C. Fitzpatrick, (2) Martin Ables, (3) Leon Estes, (4) A. F. Caley, Jr., (5) Page Kelly, (6) R.H.Cammack. Each officer will keep the applications not more than three days. They should be returned to the State Office by June 10. For the convenience of the committee, Miss Pullen was requested to include in the package of applications a label addressed to each State Officer.

CONTESTS

Mr. Morrison stated that satisfactory progress is being made in both the chapter contest and the public speaking contest; that 87 chapters had entered the public speaking contest; and that 42 chapters had entered the chapter contest. The chapter contest entries increased about 30 over the entries of last year. The public speaking contest entries decreased four chapters. There are 1200 boys represented in the public speaking contest.

Mr. Morrison also stated that the chapter contest had progressed to the point where the state could participate in the National Chapter Contest. He suggested that the state winner each year might be encouraged to enter the National Contest the following year. On motion of A. F. Caley, Jr., seconded by Page Kelly and unanimously carried, this plan was accepted.
Martin Ables was requested to visit the Fort Payne Chapter, winner of last year's state contest, and interest them in sending in program of work to Washington. Mr. Morrison was requested to send an entry blank to the Fort Payne Chapter.

**HANDBOOK**

Mr. Morrison reported that work is progressing on the FFA Handbook and that it would be ready by the time of the next annual meeting.

**AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS**

The president was requested to write to Mr. Ross, making inquiry regarding the revised American Farmer Degree Application Blank. Mr. Morrison stated that 21 boys from 15 chapters have intimated their desire to apply for the degree.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

It was decided that the annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 9, 10, and 11. The Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8.

**NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 17, 1941, was set as the date for the next Executive Committee meeting. Each member was requested to study the program of last year's annual meeting and be ready to make suggestions for this year's program.

**REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF ASSOCIATE CHAPTER**

Mr. Morrison transmitted to the Executive Committee a request from a group of FFA members who are attending Jacksonville State Teachers College that they be permitted to form an Associate Chapter under the guidance of Mr. L. F. Ingram, Local Adviser to the Jacksonville Chapter.

On motion of Martin Ables, seconded by Leon Estes and unanimously carried, the Jacksonville Associate Chapter was recognized with the following understanding: that only boys who are bona fide members of an FFA chapter will be admitted to membership; that no charter will be issued at the present time to such Associate Chapter due to the lack of authority on the part of the State Association; that no member of this Associate Chapter is eligible for holding a state office. It was further agreed that any similar request in the future would be considered on its individual merits.

The president was requested to write to the national organization, making inquiry regarding associate chapters.

Martin Ables was requested to write Mr. L. F. Ingram, Jacksonville, Alabama, sending him a copy of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee.
ACTIVITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Scarborough and Mr. Morrison were requested to designate, for appointment by the president, boys from the southwest Alabama supervisory district to serve on the Activity Program Committee for this year. The president will then notify them officially that they have been appointed and that they will be responsible for preparing an Activity Program to be presented to the House of Delegates for approval during the next annual convention. He will send each member a copy of the Activity Program for this year.

The president expressed the appreciation of Martin Ables and himself for the opportunity of attending the National Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of A. F. Caley, Jr., seconded by Page Kelly and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Secretary

Approved:

[Signature] President
L. C. -.
[Signature] Vice-President
[Signature] Treasurer
[Signature] Reporter

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