

M I N U T E S

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, F.F.A.

AUBURN, ALABAMA, January 24, 1942

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the Agricultural Education Office on Saturday, January 24, 1942, at 1 P. M. The following members were present: Francis Nicholas, President; Lloyd Burns, Vice President; David Crawford, Secretary; William Edwards, Jr., Treasurer; Ralph Parker, Reporter; and A. L. Morrison, Assistant Adviser.

The president called the meeting to order at 1 P. M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and discussed. The items that had been accomplished were checked off, and consideration was given to reassigning items that had not been accomplished. The following assignments were made.

President

II. Cooperative Activities

100% chapters cooperate with S.C.S., A.A.A., Productive Credit, F.S.A., and other farm organizations in carrying out sound farm practices.

100% chapters cooperate with fish and game officials.

100% chapters cooperate with forestry service and other in improving forestry.

(The president reported that he had written all the above agencies, and had heard from Mr. Brooks Toler of the Forestry Service, advising him that they had two sound trucks scheduled over the State showing pictures on Forestry. Mr. Toler stated that if he would provide them with a list of vocational teachers in the State they would be glad to notify the teachers of their schedule in advance. The president is to get all the information he has on the forestry service as well as on the other services, and make an appointment with Mr. R. E. Cammack in Montgomery to discuss them. After talking to Mr. Cammack, he is to contact Mr. Toler and the other agencies and give them the information that he and Mr. Cammack agree on.)

VIII. General

State Association to be represented at the National Convention
(News article to be mailed to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama, by April 1.)

Investigate the possibility of having an official Alabama FFA Day.
(This was discussed and on motion of William Edwards, Jr., seconded by David Crawford, and unanimously carried, the president and Mr. R. E. Cammack are to investigate the possibilities of having an official Alabama FFA Day and report on it at a later date, or do whatever they think necessary.)

Vice President

V. Conduct of Meeting

(Letter to chapters and an article for the Alabama Future Farmer to be mailed to Mr. A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama, February 4th, stressing the importance of a well-planned meeting. The following points are to be brought out: The business is to be planned in advance, parliamentary procedure is to be followed, and all letters sent out in regard to F.F.A are to be read and discussed in the chapter meetings and posted on the bulletin board.)

Secretary

III. Leadership

100% chapters improving FFA Library.

(An article for the February issue of the Alabama Future Farmer should be sent to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama, by February 1. In this letter several good books should be suggested.)

100% chapters send delegates to State Convention.

(A letter to chapters should be mailed to the Montgomery office by April 1, and an article for the June issue of the Alabama Future Farmer should be mailed to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama, by June 1.)

State Officers to visit district and chapter meetings.

(Letter to chapters in selected areas, notifying them that the officers will be available, to be sent out by Mr. R. E. Cammack, State FFA Adviser.)

Treasurer

IV. Earnings and Savings

100% chapters encourage members to practice thrift.

(Article for February issue of the Alabama Future Farmer should be sent to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama, by February 1.)

VII. Recreation

75% of chapters make summer educational tours.

(The treasurer is to write a letter to chapters on February 10th, pointing out the fact that as one means of doing their patriotic duty as Americans and in view of the rubber shortage, the best thing the chapters could do would be to take the money they have saved for a summer tour and buy Defense Bonds, and asking the chapter presidents to bring this before their respective chapters for an immediate vote.)

VIII. General

100% chapters increase membership by 10%

(The treasurer is to send an article for the March issue of the Alabama Future Farmer to A. L. Morrison by March 1.)

Reporter

VI. Scholarship

100% chapters improve scholarship

(Article for the February issue of the Alabama Future Farmer should be sent to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama, by February 1.)

VII. Recreation

100% chapters make an effort to develop musical talent.

(Article for the March issue of the Alabama Future Farmer should be sent to A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Alabama by March 1.)

VIII. General

100% chapters make plans for publicity.

(The reporter is to come to Auburn on Friday, January 30th to spend two days in helping set up the FFA News Letter. After this he will get out a letter to chapters and an article for the Alabama Future Farmer.)

Ralph Parker reported that he had completed the first of a series of timely articles relating the activities of an imaginary character representing a typical Future Farmer. These articles are to be in the form of letters written to the editor and signed by F. F. Greenhand.

PLANS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Mr. S. L. Chesnutt and Francis Nicholas made the following report on their conference with Mr. R. B. Draughon, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, in regard to housing facilities for the 1942 FFA Convention. Mr. Draughon stated that he saw no opportunity of promising housing facilities except during the week of June 1-6. That date is between graduation and the opening of the first summer school on June 8th. In considering these dates, Mr. Chesnutt pointed out that it is to be remembered that most of the FFA members are farm boys, and their work would probably interfere with their coming at that time. There is also a possibility of taking care of the boys between the last summer school and opening of the fall term, which would mean the last of August. Mr. Chesnutt suggested that this would not be a feasible time to hold the convention due to the fact that a large number of schools would have already opened at that time.

This report was discussed and the motion was made by Lloyd Burns and seconded by William Edwards, Jr., and unanimously carried that the president appoint a committee on which he is to serve himself to investigate the time and place for holding the convention. The committee appointed by the president was Francis Nicholas, Mr. R. E. Cammack, and Mr. S. L. Chesnutt. It will be the responsibility of this committee to decide when the convention is to be held, where it is to be held, and the number who will be able to attend.

The motion was made by David Crawford, seconded by Ralph Parker and unanimously carried that the president should appoint a committee to work on the program for the State Convention. The president appointed Lloyd Burns, Mr. A. L. Morrison, and Mr. C. C. Scarborough to serve on this committee.

MATERIAL FOR STATE OFFICERS

It was agreed that a copy of the names of all the FFA chapters in the State and their presidents is to be sent to the State officers. The State officers are also to receive a copy of all letters sent out to the chapters by the State Officers.

DEFENSE BONDS

The possibility of the State Association purchasing defense bonds was discussed. On motion of Lloyd Burns, seconded by David Crawford, and unanimously carried, Mr. R. E. Cammack and William Edwards, Jr. were authorized to purchase the amount and kind of Defense Bonds immediately that the organization could reasonably afford.

SCRAP IRON CAMPAIGN

The advisability of chapters collecting scrap iron to sell for the purpose of raising money to buy defense bonds was discussed. It was decided that William Edwards, Jr. should write a letter to the chapters in February urging them to collect scrap iron for this purpose. On motion of William Edwards, seconded by Ralph Parker, and unanimously carried Mr. A. L. Morrison is to see Mr. R. E. Cammack and work out some plan for the chapters to follow in sponsoring this scrap iron campaign. Mr. Cammack will be asked to write a letter to the teachers of vocational agriculture in regard to this matter. This letter is to go out with William Edward's letter to the chapters.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Francis Nicholas is to write the Director of Civilian Defense, expressing the desire of the Future Farmers of Alabama to cooperate with them, offering the services of the boys as civilian spotters or in any other capacity where they could render service. This letter and its reply are to be published in the FFA News Letter and in the papers throughout the State.

HOME GARDENS

The necessity of 100% of FFA members taking home gardens as an improvement project was discussed. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have every vocational agriculture student include a home garden in his program of work. Mr. R. E. Cammack is to write a letter about this matter to the chapter advisers as soon as a plan can be agreed upon.

DEVOTIONAL

Lloyd Burns suggested that a devotional be included in the opening ceremony of chapter meetings. After discussion, it was decided that it should not be in the ceremony, but as a part of the program. Lloyd is to write a letter to the chapters in February, suggesting that a short devotional be given as a part of each program.

VISITS OF STATE OFFICERS

The State officers are to visit chapter and district meetings over the State, using automobiles only for short trips when train or bus connections are impossible or impractical. Francis Nicholas is to make ten trips out in the State. He is to visit as many different parts of the state as possible. The other officers will each make six trips out in the State.

Francis Nicholas

Francis Nicholas will be available to any county in the State. His visits should be made whenever possible, to district meetings.

Lloyd Burns

Lloyd Burns will be available to the following counties:

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| 1. Limestone | 3. Cullman | 5. Montgomery |
| 2. Madison | 4. Elmore | |

David Crawford

David Crawford will be available to the following counties:

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| 1. Pickens | 4. Marengo | 7. Tuscaloosa |
| 2. Sumter | 5. Bibb | |
| 3. Hale | 6. Chilton | |

William Edwards, Jr.

William Edwards will be available to the following Counties:

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| 1. Butler | 4. Pike | 7. Henry |
| 2. Crenshaw | 5. Dale | 8. Houston |
| 3. Covington | 6. Geneva | |

Ralph Parker

Ralph Parker will be available to the following counties:

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| 1. Cleburne | 4. Randolph | 7. Chambers |
| 2. Talladega | 5. Coosa | |
| 3. Clay | 6. Tallapoosa | |

Mr. A. L. Morrison advised the boys to learn something of the county or school to which they are going before making the trip. This will permit them to localize their speeches by bringing something of local interest into their opening words.

After discussion by the group, it was decided that the officers would stress in their speeches the part that the FFA can play in the present emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of David Crawford; seconded by Ralph Parker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

The State officers came to Auburn one-half day in advance of the business session for FFA work in general. They discussed the set-up in the office, the State set-up and the national set-up. Each boy brought to Auburn a list of questions about FFA work which they wanted discussed. The FFA News Letter was discussed.

Saturday afternoon they went into their regular business session. That evening they came back to work on their speeches.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Approved:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Reporter

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