The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the Agricultural Education Department, Auburn, Alabama, on Tuesday, August 24, 1943, at 1:00 P.M.

Those present were: Thomas Hevin, President; Rex Locklar, Vice President; Paul Wilson, Secretary; Elson Powell, Treasurer; R. E. Cammaack, State Adviser; C. C. Scarborough, Assistant State Adviser, and Mrs. Littleton.

The president called the meeting to order and stated that the main item of business to come before the committee was ways and means of carrying out the Activity Program to get the most participation by all chapters over the State. The president explained methods used by previous Executive Committees which included assigning sections of the program to each officer. The officers contacted chapters through mimeographed letters and articles in The Alabama Future Farmer. Discussion was held as to the other possible ways of reaching the chapters.

The discussion of officers' visits to chapters brought another means of contacting chapters and members. It was decided that each officer be assigned a FFA district, chapters located throughout his district to be visited as a regular part of his program. Each officer should contact the president of each chapter in his district and make arrangements for visits through them. It was decided that contact with chapters might be made through (1) Committees made up of delegates of several chapters, (2) Meeting with district, (3) Meeting with chapter officers; in each case presenting ideas and success stories of other chapters, and also getting ideas from these meetings to be passed on to other chapters. Elson Powell suggested that letters be sent out to all chapters announcing visits from officers.

On motion of Rex Locklar, seconded by Elson Powell and unanimously approved, the committee agreed to use visiting as another means of reaching chapters and carrying out the State Activity Program, and to continue the use of mimeograph letters and articles in The Alabama Future Farmer.

Officer's districts include the following counties:

President - Hale, Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Sumter, Marengo, Perry.

Vice Pres. - Pike, Coffee, Dale, Barbour, Crenshaw, Montgomery.

Secretary - Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison, Lawrence, Colbert, Franklin.
Treasurer - Gullman, Morgan, Blount, Winston, Walker.

Reporter - Chilton, Bibb, Shelby, Talladega, Coosa, Elmore, Autauga.

It was decided that each officer should study the best way to promote
his part of the Activity Program and say how he would go about it,
whether by visits, mimeographed letters, or articles in The Alabama
Future Farmer.

STATE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Assignments

President

It will be the duty of the president to encourage and assist the other
officers in carrying out the goals of the State Activity Program.
(Letter for September issue of The Alabama Future Farmer outlining major
activities of State Association for the year to be sent to C. C. Scarborough,
Auburn, Ala., by September 1st.)

Vice President

A. Leadership Activities

100% chapters enter Better Chapter Contest
6,000 active members by November 1, 1943
100% chapters draw up program of work by October 1, 1943
(Article in September issue of Alabama Future Farmer
calling attention to the above goals, to be sent
C. C. Scarborough, Auburn, Ala. not later than Sept. 1st.)

Conduct State Public Speaking Contest
(Article in December issue of Alabama Future Farmer,
to be sent C. C. Scarborough, Auburn, Ala. not later
than December 1st.)

Letter on general leadership activities (to be mailed
out in early fall, to be sent to C. C. Scarborough,
Auburn, Ala., for mimeographing.)

Secretary

A. Conduct of Meetings

100% chapters using official Secretary's and Treasurer's
book.
(Included in letter to secretaries to be mimeographed
and sent out from Auburn office. Written during
Officers' Training School.)
Conduct of Meetings (Continued)

100% chapters hold regular meetings, using official ceremony and correct parliamentary procedure.
100% chapter officers have copy of revised Official Manual.
(Article for Alabama Future Farmer November issue to be sent C. C. Scarborough not later than Nov. 1st.)

B. Recreation

100% chapters postpone out-of-state tours for duration.
100% chapters sponsor athletic program.
100% chapter participation in singing and playing.
(Article for Alabama Future Farmer April issue, to be sent C. C. Scarborough not later than April 1st.)

Treasurer

A. Community Service

100% chapter members cooperate in conservation of natural resources.
100% chapters cooperate in progress and achievement surveys.
100% chapters participate in farm labor.
(Articles in September and February issues to be sent C. C. Scarborough not later than September and February 1st, respectively.)

B. Earnings and Savings

100% chapters operate on budget
(Included in letter to treasurers to be mimeographed and sent out from Auburn office. Written during Officers' Training School)

100% chapters buy war bonds and stamps
(Included in "Jeep Campaign".)

C. Scholarship

100% chapters set up plan for scholarship improvement.
100% members know place of scholarship in qualifying for higher degrees.
(Article in December issue Alabama Future Farmer to be sent C. C. Scarborough, Auburn, Ala., not later than December 1st.)
Reporter

A. Supervised Practice

100% chapters participate in food and feed program.
100% chapters cooperate in farm equipment repair.
100% chapters conduct project tours.
(Articles in November and February issues of Alabama Future Farmer to be sent C. C. Scarborough, Auburn, Ala., not later than November and February 1st, respectively.)

B. Cooperative Activities

100% chapters cooperate with other groups in wartime efforts.
100% cooperation of chapters in conservation of war materials.
90% chapters cooperate with tree farm system.
100% chapters have one or more cooperative activities in buying, selling and trading.
(Article for December issue Alabama Future Farmer to be sent C. C. Scarborough, Auburn, Ala., not later than December 1st.)

All Officers

100% chapters have most active year in history of F.F.A.
(To be stressed in letters to chapter officers written during Officers' Training School.)

OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Each officer to make up monthly itinerary and send to Mr. Scarborough including proposed trips and places to be visited. Each officer is to write in detail results gotten from visit—what he took up, reaction of chapter, and what he thinks will come of his visit. Accurate record should be kept of expenditures and expense accounts turned in at intervals for reimbursement through State Office. Expense account blanks were explained in detail.

TREE FARMING PROGRAM

Mr. Scarborough announced that last year the Alabama Association sponsored the Tree Farming Program in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and Forestry Department. Mr. Sellers was in charge of the Future Farmer phase of this program and will be again this year. It was suggested that State Officers look into the matter of use of the bulletin published on this Tree Farming Program and see to what extent this bulletin is distributed and used over the State. Last year 375,000 trees were planted by FFA boys, but too few chapters put on demonstration plantings. It was decided that if each chapter would plant one acre of trees and erect a sign with Future Farmer Tree Plant-
ing Program as a demonstration, this could be marked up as a FFA activity or could be used as an improvement project.

On motion by Elson Powell, seconded by Paul Wilson, the committee voted to carry out the plans which are set out above for this year's Tree Planting Program. They are to write to counties and chapters where successful tree planting programs were carried out last year and get suggestions to carry other chapters over the State.

CHAPTERS WITHOUT ADVISERS

The president read the portion of the Manual concerning chapters without advisers. Mr. Cammack explained these provisions and advised that the officers take inventory of schools over the State October 1st, and if vacancies have not been filled, then take up with the District Supervisors and let them, on Committee's request, work out with the principal concerned and members of the faculty to continue for definite period until July 1944. Then if the chapter still has no adviser, it should surrender its charter. If these arrangements cannot be worked out satisfactorily, ask chapter to submit its charter.

JEEP CAMPAIGN

The president outlined the proposed "Jeep Campaign" for the State Association's participation in buying bonds for the next year. The campaign is to be set for a certain month and given good publicity. The goal is for each chapter in the State to buy and sell enough bonds to purchase a jeep ($1165.00). The campaign would consist of a three-point program which would include:

(1) Bonds bought by chapter
(2) Bonds bought by individual members
(3) Bonds sold by chapter members.

It was suggested that every chapter close out the campaign with a bond supper.

On motion by Paul Wilson, seconded by Elson Powell, and approved by the committee, it was decided to back the Jeep Campaign.

DElegates to CONVENTION

Mr. Scarborough explained that the State Association elected its officers to perform leadership responsibilities for the State Association, and that the president of the association was automatically a delegate to the National Convention by reason of the fact that with him rested the greatest responsibility of the association. The second delegate is always chosen from the other four members of the Executive Committee. By a method of elimination, Elson Powell was designated to be the second delegate to the National convention. Arrangements for the trip were discussed and details are to be worked out by Mr. Scarborough and Elson Powell.
Mr. Scarborough made a report on the proposed FFA calendar, saying that it would be too expensive unless some plan for financing it could be worked out. It was decided that this should be taken up at the next Executive Committee meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The second Executive Committee meeting is to be held the third week in November, possibly Thursday night and Friday, November 18th and 19th. Items of business to be taken up at this meeting are:

1. Check dues and delinquent chapters.
2. Check visits to chapters by officers.
3. Outline work of committee for next two or three months.
4. Check chapters with no vocational teacher.
5. Report on State Activity Program.
7. Discuss State Officer Nomination with chapters.
8. FFA Calendar to be published.
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M. Officers to meet at 7:30 P.M. to begin Officers' Training Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Wilson
Secretary

Approved:

Thomas Nelsen
President

Ray Solomon
Vice President

Paul Wilson
Secretary

Elmer Conwell
Treasurer

Hansell Grooms
Reporter

December 3, 1943