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MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FFA
AUBURN, ALABAMA – DECEMBER 2-3, 1943

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the Agricultural Education Department, Auburn, Alabama, on Thursday night, December 2, 1943 at 7:30 o'clock. Those present were: Thomas Nevin, president; Rex Locklar, vice-president; Paul Wilson, secretary; Elson Powell, treasurer; Hansell Groom, reporter; C. C. Scarborough, assistant state adviser, and Mrs. Littleton.

The president called the meeting to order and outlined the program, calling attention to items of business to be taken up during the meeting. He asked for any additional items that the officers might want discussed in order to include them in the program.

President Nevin stated that Miss Teresa Pullen, clerical secretary for the FFA at Montgomery, was in the hospital and suggested that the Association send her flowers. On motion by Elson Powell, seconded by Paul Wilson and approved by the committee, it was decided that Mrs. Littleton should order flowers to be sent as soon as possible.

REPORT ON OFFICERS' VISITS

The first item of business taken up was a report from each officer on visits made in his district since the last Executive Committee meeting. Oral reports were given by Elson Powell, Rex Locklar and Thomas Nevin; these reports are incorporated in a full report of State officer activities through December 3rd.

Elson Powell presented and discussed the idea of each officer giving a report of his year's activities at the convention. It was decided that this report would be included in the officers' retiring addresses.

Mr. Scarborough read Mr. Tenney's letter inquiring about officers' visits and his interest in learning methods used in this State.

JEEP CAMPAIGN

Mr. Scarborough reported on Jeep Campaign, stating that in addition to aiding in the war bond drive, the campaign did two things for the FFA: (1) got the FFA official credit for work done, and (2) made more boys conscious of war bonds where they had not been before. Total purchase price of bonds bought and sold during the Alabama FFA Jeep Campaign, September 15-October 15th, was $1,054,725.10.

The meeting closed at 9:45 P.M. to convene at 8:30 Friday morning, December 3rd.
Friday Morning - December 3, 1943

The president called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M., Friday, December 3rd.

PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Professor Chesnutt reported that there was just one week between quarters, according to college authorities, and there might be certain classes on the campus then, but this should not interfere with the convention. The only week available is from Monday, May 29th to Saturday, June 3rd. One problem in connection with the convention would be housing. The college cannot guarantee that a house would be vacant at that time, but if a dormitory could be secured it would simplify the housing problem. It was decided that a tentative date, Tuesday night May 30th, and Wednesday, May 31st, would be set and definite plans made as to whether a one- or two-day session could be arranged nearer the time for the convention. Professor Chesnutt asked the officers to acquaint the different chapters with the trouble had on the campus getting rooms for convention delegates due to careless conduct of some delegates a few years back, and ask their cooperation in taking care of property and behaving properly while on the campus.

Discussion was held on length of convention program, type of program, time to open and close in order for delegates to get back home, etc. The committee decided that some type convention should be held. Paul Wilson moved that a night session be held if possible, continuing the convention program the following day. This plan was seconded by Rex Locklar and approved by all officers.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STATE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The committee discussed the topics of the activity program in order. Officers' assignments already accomplished were checked off and note made of assignments needing attention in the near future. Attention was called to the section on membership, and it was noted that chapters had reported 5,946 members to date, just 54 short of the goal of 6000.

FORESTRY PROGRAM

Mr. Scarborough reported that Mr. Sellers had seen the Forestry officials and found that there would be as many trees available as last year and no limit to the number of trees any one boy could order. It was noted that last year 86 chapters, 350 boys, planted 353,000 pines. Committee decided that they should stress participation by more chapters. This should be done at every opportunity on chapter visits, by post cards, letters by the officers, especially in their respective districts. It was decided that February would be designated as Tree Planting month, and that from now to the middle of March would be the time to stress the Forestry Program, with emphasis on February 1st. Rex Locklar suggested articles in local papers; Elson Powell suggested advancing idea at district programs and by chapter demonstrations. It was suggested that the demonstration plots be set in January followed by chapter members planting in February.

At this time Mr. Cammack joined the committee and Mr. Scarborough reviewed information relating to the Forestry Program. The president asked Rex Locklar, vice-president, to review the discussion of the State Convention for Mr. Cammack.
Mr. Cammack asked the officers to check on the forestry bulletin, "The Green Gold of Alabama Forests", to determine the extent to which it is used in the schools, and also recommend its use to chapters, and in some way let the State Chamber of Commerce and Forestry Department know of some definite examples of how the book is being used and the results being realized from the book. The committee also planned to check on the livability of trees planted last year, at the same time stressing better use of the forestry bulletin.

The president asked if the committee would accept all suggestions for increasing participation in the Forestry Program by chapters and members. On motion by Elson Powell, seconded by Rex Locklar, these suggestions were approved by the committee.

CARDBOARD PLAN FOR ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Mr. Scarborough presented the cardboard plan for activity program and quoted the price as being $29.50 for 3000. After discussion of possibilities for using this as a means of acquainting the public with activities and accomplishments of the FFA, the committee approved the plan and asked that it be printed and ready for distribution in January. It was suggested that FFA be made more prominent on the cardboard page, and that the print be larger to make it more readable through store windows.

FFA CALENDAR

The question of a FFA Calendar was raised and the committee decided to abandon the plan for this year as the price was too high.

FARM VICTORY PROGRAM

President, to acquaint members with facts concerning the Farm Victory Program, reported that Mr. Keller of Alabama Chain Stores Council at Abbeville presented to Mr. Cammack, and later to the group at Auburn, a cooperative effort for FFA and the Alabama Chain Stores Council to produce more food. The plan used by the Mississippi Association FFA was shown the committee and the president called for a discussion.

Mr. Cammack suggested that the committee consider the 6000 FFA members who would participate in this plan and what advantages it would offer. Mr. Scarborough discussed previous policies adopted by the FFA Executive Committees concerning such matters. It was pointed out that in view of past experiences that there were many advantages to the FFA sponsoring and paying for its own contests. After full discussion, Paul Wilson motioned that the committee not adopt the plan; it was seconded by Hansell Groom and approved by the committee.

It was decided that the Executive Committee in session should write a formal memorandum to Mr. Cammack advising him of their rejection of this plan.

HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREES

The president explained that several teachers who had earned State Farmer degrees when in vocational agriculture in high school had done excellent work as teachers of vocational agriculture and considered in line for Honorary State Farmer degrees.
It was decided that these men should be recognized by awarding them a
certificate since they would not want another key. Further action to be
taken in March at the Executive Committee meeting.

FPA EQUIPMENT

Mr. Cammack told the committee of the intention of the Alabama Association
to purchase some additional camera equipment at reasonable price, and that
he wanted their approval before purchasing the equipment. On motion by Paul
Wilson, seconded by Elson Powell, the committee approved the purchase of this
equipment.

QUARTET CONTEST

Mr. Scarborough told the committee of the idea of having a quartet contest
sponsored by the State Association to run simultaneously with the Speaking
Contest, to encourage the development of musical talent in FFA chapters.
This contest would not involve any additional travel and would settle the
music entertainment problem at contests, and at the same time be an asset
to school and community. It was recommended that this new contest be dis-
cussed with chapters during visits and brought up at next meeting of Executive
Committee.

AMERICAN FARM YOUTH CERTIFICATE

The American Farm Youth certificate would be awarded to chapters with 100%
of members taking the American Farm Youth magazine. The committee decided
not to recommend this offer since chapter members would get as much good
from three or four subscriptions, and there would be no improvement for chapters
just by every member taking this magazine. On motion of Paul Wilson, seconded
by Elson Powell, the committee voted to reject this offer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M. Members of the Executive Committee to
meet at 1:00 P.M. to visit the Bulletin Printing office, and resume their
business session at 2:00 P.M.

DELIQUENT CHAPTERS

In checking the record of chapters having sent in their activity program
together with a list of members and dues, it was found that there were four
chapters delinquent not having advisers, and twenty-two chapters delinquent
having advisers. It was agreed that the president should write a letter to
each chapter president to be mailed along with the letter to the adviser—in
the case of no adviser, ask the supervisors to give the name of some
individual who would take the responsibility of turning over the letter to
the president. Chapters with advisers would be given until January 1st, those
without advisers until February 1st, to turn in program of work plus list of
members and dues. If these chapters have not met all requirements by these dead-
lines, the committee would take action against such chapters at their March
meeting.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Paul Wilson, secretary, told of the highlights of their visit to Kansas City,
their visit to stock yards and other entertainments while at the convention.
Elson Powell reported on business taken up at the convention, including changes in constitution. The president asked for discussion of affect these changes would have on the State constitution, after which discussion the committee voted that the State Association operate under these changes in the National Constitution until the State Constitution can be officially amended.

In Mr. Scarborough's comments on the national convention, he said that the Alabama delegates made every meeting and did not miss a roll call.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The president appointed the following committees:

**Activity Program**

Voted to authorize Mr. Cannon to select a committee since this year the activity program committee should come from his district.

**Convention**

Paul Wilson, chairman  
H. F. Gibson  
C. C. Scarborough  
S. L. Chesnutt  
Thomas Nevin

**Forestry Program**

Rex Locklar, chairman  
L. L. Sellers  
C. C. Scarborough

**Handbook**

Paul Wilson, chairman  
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers from Paul's district, to be selected by Paul.

**Alabama Future Farmer**

Rex Locklar, chairman  
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers from Rex's district, to be selected by Rex.

**Public Speaking Contest**

Hansell Groom, chairman  
Others to be selected by Hansell.
Chapter Contest
Elson Powell, chairman.
Others to be selected by Elson.

Annual Chapter Report
Hansell Groom, co-chairman, each
Elson Powell to select his own
Thomas Nevin committee.

NEXT MEETING
It was decided that the next meeting would be held in Auburn, Alabama, Thursday night and Friday, March 9th and 10th. Items to be carried over for consideration by the committee are:

1. State Convention - Final plans.
2. Quartet contest - Recommendations.
3. Delinquent chapters - Final action.
4. Report of committees appointed at December meeting.
5. State Officer visits.

Other items of business to be brought up include:

1. Contest awards.
2. Checking State Farmer Degree applications.
3. State officer nominations.
5. Alabama FFA Handbook 1944-45 - "
6. Public Speaking Contest 1944-45 - "
7. Better Chapter Contest 1944-45 - "
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The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M. Officers to meet at 7:00 P.M.
Friday Night - December 3, 1943

The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock. The night session was spent writing news articles and letters, and working on officers' duties and assignments for the next three months. The State Association as a whole, and particularly the officers in their respective FFA areas, will work to accomplish the three major objectives, which are:

1. Public Speaking Contest in January.
3. State Farmer applications in February. One or more from each chapter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
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

March 10, 1943