M I N U T E S

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, F.F.A.

AUBURN, ALABAMA, JANUARY 29, 30, 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 Friday night, January 29, 1943, at 7:30 P.M. The following members were present: Dan Easterling, President; Hilton Register, Vice-President; James Revis Hall, Secretary; John William Eddins, Jr., Treasurer; Hudson Calfee, Reporter; C. C. Scarborough, Assistant Adviser. Others present were: Mr. J. H. Camp and Mrs. Littleton.

The President called the meeting to order, and took up the business at hand.

I. National FFA Activities

A. National Constitution

Discussion of the changes in the National Constitution which conflict with State Constitution. It was decided that the State Constitution should, as nearly as possible, conform to the National Constitution, and that a committee be appointed to revise the State Constitution. (Such committees to be made up of 5 members as follows: A State officer as chairman, his local adviser, a member of his local chapter, adviser and member of a neighboring chapter. It is expected that the District Supervisor will assist the President in naming such committees.) Dan Easterling was appointed chairman of the Constitution Committee. Information needed from local chapters to be gotten by committee. Report to be made at next Executive Committee meeting.

B. National Radio Program

Effort to be made to get chapters to listen to National Radio Program. If chapter as a whole could not arrange to hear these programs, one member of a chapter could be delegated to listen and report to chapter at next meeting.

The Committee resolved that Alabama should take an active part in broadcasting these programs, and that a spirit of competition among chapters would stimulate interest and bring about a more active participation all over the State.

II. State Activities

A. Alabama FFA Handbook

The Executive Committee feels that the Handbook should be continued and used more. The Committee discussed revisions needed to make the book more valuable.to FFA chapters. John Eddins Jr. was appointed chairman of the committee to develop suggestions for revising the Alabama FFA Handbook.

B. The Alabama Future Farmer

Mr. Scarborough explained the general setup of The Alabama Future Farmer. Following discussion of ways to improve the paper, these points were brought out: To imporve the Newsletter from the publisher's end, articles should be shorter and more to the point; should feature the most outstanding chapter of the month and honorable mention for the next two chapters with greatest accomplishment for the month; that different type headlines be used to attract attention; and that the monthly quiz be continued.

To improve the use of The Alabama Future Farmer by chapters, a letter is to go out from the State Secretary the second week in February, suggesting that Chapter Secretaries get papers from Adviser and write each member's name on his copy before distributing, and other ways of making Newsletter mean more to members; also stress importance of chapters getting in more news.

C. State Convention

It was unanimously agreed that if at all possible, there should be at least a one-day Convention to attend to State Business, keep interest up, and give chapters something to work toward. The possibility of holding the Convention nearer the center of the State was considered. Further discussion to be taken up at Saturday session.

D. Accomplishments of State Program to date

Mr. Scarborough reported on progress of Public Speaking and Chapter Contests. The Committee decided that one item of business of next meeting would be to find ways and means of avoiding delay in entering contests so that a greater percentage of the chapters would enter contests.

Each officer reported on his activities to date. The following additional assignments were made:

Vice President--

1. An article on "Leadership" is to be sent in during month of February to be used in March issue of The Alabama Future Farmer.

Secretary--

1. A letter to the President of each chapter on "Active Membership", to be sent to Auburn office during February.
2. Article on "Leadership" to be combined with Vice President's article for March issue.
3. Also the letter to Secretaries of chapters in February on better use of The Alabama Future Farmer.

Other activities of State Association were reviewed. It was decided that all mimeograph material going out over the State concerning FFA be sent officers, and also five copies of each issue of The Alabama Future Farmer.

A questionnaire is to go out to chapters during February requesting a record summary of each chapter's war-time activities. This could also be used as material for speeches to be made by officers over the State.

E. Membership Cards

Officers reported that membership cards had been distributed over the State upon receipt of dues, and were being used by members.

F. Due to radio broadcast scheduled for Saturday, the officers ended the meeting with a discussion of possible procedure in answering questions during the interview.

The meeting adjourned to convene on Saturday morning, January 30th, at 8:30 o'clock.

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The President called the meeting to order. Those present were: Dan Easterling, President; Hilton Register, Vice President; Revis Hall, Secretary; John Eddins, Jr., Treasurer; Hudson Calfee, Reporter; R. E. Cammack, Adviser; C. C. Scarborough, Assistant Adviser. Others present were: J. H. Camp, R. J. Chandler, Chapter Advisers; Professors R. W. Montgomery and S. L. Chesnutt; L. L. Sellers, J. C. Cannon, H. F. Gibson, T. L. Faulkner, Assistant Supervisors; and Mrs. Littleton.

II. State Activities (Continued)

A. State Forestry Program

Mr. Sellers reported on Tree Farms Program to date, asking officers to urge FFA members who had not ordered trees to get orders in as soon as possible--before the season for planting was over and while trees were still available; also to stress fire prevention as protection against loss of trees. He stated that to date the State Chamber of Commerce has had 160 applications requesting 155,500 trees.

B. Delinquent Chapters

Mr. Cammack presented a list of delinquent chapters in the State Association. Each case was discussed and an effort made to discover possible reasons for delinquency. A letter from President Easterling to go out first week in February to chapter advisers, or principals where chapters had no adviser, requesting the name of the local president; then write local president stressing importance of having chapters reinstated. The following chapters were listed as delinquent January 29, 1943:

Eclectic	Camden	Lyeffion
Columbia	Abbeville	Newville
Scottsboro	Bakerhill	Orrville
Grand Bay	Eva	Red Level
Brundidge	Kennedy	Wadley

C. State FFA Convention

With further reference to the Convention, it was decided that the Convention would be held unless the Government instructed otherwise. Definite plans to be made at next Executive Committee meeting.

D. Alabama FFA Day

Mr. Cammack stated that plans for Alabama FFA Day would have to be delayed until a more convenient time to contact the Governor.

E. Officer's Visits over State

Regular procedure for visiting chapters to be followed would include accepting invitations to as many as six visits for the President all over the State; other officers to accept invitations for three to five visits in territory near their own chapters. The following suggestions in preparation for visits were made:

1. Letter should go out to president and adviser of each chapter stating that the State President is available all over the State and that other officers in general vicinity of their chapters. In case the State President gets invitations he cannot accept, he should refer the chapter to the officer nearest that chapter. Distance traveled should be considered along with time it would take.

2. Character of talk should be based on type of meeting--whether a chapter meeting or banquet, as to appropriate items to be discussed. Get information about chapter to be visited; be prepared to tell what your chapter is doing along these lines.

Expense accounts for these trips can be turned in at anytime for reimbursement through the State Office.

F. Next Executive Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the next Executive Committee Meeting would be held on April 16, 17, 1943, at Auburn.

The meeting adjourned for the Radio Broadcast over WJHO at 11:15 A.M. Business to be resumed at 1:30 P.M. Saturday afternoon.

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II. State Activities (Continued)

Officer's Visits over State

Discussion was held concerning subject matter for talks and general procedure to be followed. A general outline was set up for each officer to follow in developing his talk. Any officer desiring further assistance or suggestions concerning his talk, getting it typed, or any other help, is to write to Mr. Scarborough at Auburn, Alabama.

Visit to Printing Office

Officers went through, step by step, the procedure in printing of the Alabama Future Farmer, and discussed ways and means of improving the publication.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Approved:

Dan Easterling
President

J. Hilton Register
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James Nevin Hall
Secretary

John W. Eddins, Jr.
Treasurer

Hudson Calfee
Reporter

May 1, 1943